

# News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall

## Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

The crucifixion is the last extract for Year C from Luke. It summarises many of the themes from his gospel. Announced to the shepherds as saviour, he saves us from the throne of the cross. The good thief calls him simply Jesus, a gesture of intimacy but also the name given him by the angel at his conception as one who will rule over the house of David forever. The thief asks to be remembered by Jesus in his kingdom but receives much more –intimacy with him in paradise. Jesus who took on the mantle of Isaiah to proclaim salvation to the poor and marginalized and who came to seek out and save what was lost, promises salvation to one like himself marginalized and rejected. Luke's Jesus preaches reconciliation and love of enemies, and, as he is led to execution, he heals the ear of the hostile high priest's servant, breaks down the hatred between Pilate and Herod and dies with a prayer to his Father for the forgiveness of his executioners.

Jesus' rule as king is to look for the lost, offer salvation to those who call out to him and make friends of enemies. Today Jesus' rule is our task. Let us pray for the wisdom and courage we need.

## Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Catherine Maschke  
Gerry Smith  
Joe Lucas  
John Moroney  
Ken Davies  
Mary Brownrigg  
Madge McGrath  
David Gorman  
Norman Corish  
Carol Ross  
Jillie Huntingford  
Maureen McNutt  
Imelda Atherton  
Eileen Millard  
Pauline Pritchard  
Deacon Philip White



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

## Message from

### Gianni & Victoria Interi

*Thank you all for the enthusiastic and prayerful support expressed after 11:15 mass last Sunday following our announcement. We were overwhelmed by the community as a whole and many individuals assuring us of their prayers for the new journey we have just embarked on. This journey started with the beginning of a training program leading to Gianni's discernment and possible ordination in a few years as a Deacon serving our parish communities.*



*Please keep in your prayers us and all men (and their wives) who started the same journey with us two weeks ago.*

Please join us on **Saturday mornings** to pray the rosary for parishioner, Mary Brownrigg and for all in the parish who are sick and all who need prayers. **All are welcome to join us each Saturday at 9.30am.**



## S.P.U.C. Rosary for the Unborn



S.P.U.C. is privileged to be partnering with the Knights of St Columba in their 50th anniversary year. In OLSJ we are marking this special year by saying the Rosary for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament **on the last Wednesday**

**of each month** at the beginning of Exposition (about 9:30am). There will be special prayer cards at the back of church and also in Holy Family where Exposition is after 12 noon Mass on Saturdays.

### ♥♥ New Defibrillator (AED) @ Holy Family ♥♥

Our training and familiarisation sessions have now been completed. If you missed out then don't worry, we will be arranging a "Catch up", probably early in the New Year. Thank you to all who attended these enjoyable and informative evenings and who hopefully feel a little more confident now. Fr Stephen & Rev. Jeff

**New Ministry Rotas at Holy Family.** The New Ministry Rotas for the coming 6 months have been completed, and are now available in the usual places (Website, Email receipt, notice boards and a few extra hard copies). May I please once again remind you that it is your responsibility to find cover if you are unable to fulfil your ministry. On a few occasions this hasn't been happening. Thank you, Rev Jeff

### \*\*\* Don't forget \*\*\*

The monthly **Assam** collection will take place after all Masses **next Sunday, 1st December** at Holy Family.



### Help Needed - Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Fundraising Initiative:

The Chernobyl Children's Lifeline charity have been presented with a fantastic fundraising opportunity. Morrisons, who are very generous in their support of the charity, have agreed to us "bag packing" with collection boxes at their New Brighton Store between **10am & 5pm on Thursday 5th December**. If you are able to give up a couple of hours to help can you please contact her on 07769 656271 or [jayne.pattullo@yahoo.com](mailto:jayne.pattullo@yahoo.com)

### ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Mary Collins** who has recently died.  
May her soul Rest in Peace.

Evelyn Mary Collins' Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 am on **Tuesday 26th November** at OLSJ.



Don't Forget that in the meeting room at Our Lady & St John, **each Monday morning** following the 9am Mass, coffee and teas are served until 10:45am. Do call in, you are most welcome to join us.

**Churches Together in Heswall** present a talk by local author - Peter Lupson on **Wednesday 27th November at 7pm** (doors open at 6:30pm) at the Church of the Good Shepherd. **Free event.**

Peter will be talking about his new book, '*In God's Company*' which 'tells the remarkable stories of seven exceptional entrepreneurs who founded huge business empires...these brilliant businessmen publicly acknowledged that they drew their courage strength and wisdom...from their Christian faith. It inspired their business ethics and practice and earned them a reputation for integrity, quality and outstanding care for their customers and employees.' Peter is an entertaining and passionate speaker.

**OLSJ Piety Stall:** Do come and have a look at the lovely selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars, diaries, candles and other gifts for sale at the back of Church. All items individually priced. Please put money for any Piety Stall items, in the wall box by the defibrillator.



**St Peter's Singers accompanied by the Summerstrand Ensemble**, are performing Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm on **Saturday 30th November** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall. Tickets £12 are available from Lingham's Booksellers, Heswall. Wine & soft drinks will also be available to purchase in the interval.



### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 6

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 130	C. Moore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 22	F. Ford
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 30	J. Brent

#### Week 7

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 80	T. Otto
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 4	K. Teague
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 85	M. Moorhead



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will be on

**Saturday 14th  
December at 8:30am**



in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. This month it will be hosted by the parishioners of the Quakers. No need to book, just turn up, everyone welcome.

**November is the Month of The Holy Souls**

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches.

- **At Holy Family**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the Sacred Heart Statue.
- **At OLSJ**, please place your completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church.
- **Alternatively**, you can post the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls" or "November List". Please rest assured however, that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.

**Calling all users of the Meeting Room Kitchen at OLSJ:** Just to remind all users that the cupboard in the corner of the kitchen is a communal cupboard and it is assumed that any teas, coffees or biscuits left in there are for everyone to use, unless they have been clearly labelled otherwise. Thank you.

**Religious Postage Stamps:** If parishioners prefer to send religious Stamps this year, Madonna and Child stamps can be obtained from Royal Mail Online Shop: <https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/christmas-2019>

**Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas**

**Dates for the Diary - December 2019**

- ★ **1st December, Sunday** - Holy Family Christmas Bazaar after 9:30am Mass
- ★ **10th December, Tuesday** - Legion of Mary Mass at 7pm at OLSJ, starting with the Rosary at 6:40pm
- ★ **14th December, Saturday** - Churches Together Prayer Breakfast at 8:30am at OLSJ
- ★ **16th December, Monday** - Ladymount School Carol Concert at 7pm at OLSJ
- ★ **22nd December, Sunday** - Carols by Candlelight at 6pm at OLSJ

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are a number of items that have been found either in the Meeting Room or the Church at Our Lady and St John that are waiting to be reunited with their owners! All the items are on the table at the back of the Church. Please do take a look. Thank you.

**Holy Family Christmas Bazar** will take place on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December after 9.30 Mass**. We would like donations of wine, toiletries, new fancy goods, Christmas gifts and cakes on the day. Please look through your cupboards for any unused items that you could donate. Thanks.

**First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion**

**2020:** If you have a child who will be 8 years old in this Academic Year, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2020. Children in Year 3 at our parish school Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools there will be a Parish Programme of Preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email

[father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk).

There will be an information evening for parents on **Wednesday 11th December at 6pm** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ, please let Father know if you are able to attend.

**Ladies and Gents Over 55's  
Afternoon Tea - Christmas Special**

There will be a Christmas Special Afternoon Tea on

**Tuesday 26th November 2-4pm**

in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. There will be sandwiches, cake, crackers and a raffle. If you would like to come along, please either email [contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk) or sign up using the sign up sheet at the back of church. Open to non-parishioners too, so bring a friend along. Cost will be £5 a head. If you are able to give a lift to anyone unable to make their way to this event, please let Joan Larkin know 342 5517.

**Confessions**

**Our Lady & St John**  
Saturday 5:15pm – 5:45pm  
**Holy Family**  
Saturday 11:30am -11:50am

**Mothers' Prayers**

Every Monday morning at 9:30am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

**Legion of Mary Meetings**

Every Monday morning at 10:45am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Sat 23rd November	B.V.M.	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan R.I.P.	<b>O U R  L A D Y  &amp;  S T  J O H N</b>
Sun 24th November	<b>Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II) Day of Special Prayer for Young People</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> - Rona Mills Anniversary	
Mon 25th November	St. Catherine of Alexandria	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Matt O'Keeffe (Birthday)	
Tues 26th November	Ferial	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Evelyn Mary Collins Funeral Mass</b>	
Wed 27th November	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word and Communion</b>	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 28th November	Ferial	7:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Hazel Campbell (Anniversary)	
Fri 29th November	Ferial		<b>Mass at Holy Family at 9am</b>	
Sat 30th November	St. Andrew	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - November List	
Sun 1st December	<b>1st Sunday of Advent Year A (Psalter Week I)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> - Kearon Worthington R.I.P.	

<b>H O L Y  F A M I L Y</b>	Sun 24th November	<b>Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II) Day of Special Prayer for Young People</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Eddie Smith R.I.P.
			5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - The Durkin Family
	Mon 25th November	St. Catherine of Alexandria		<b>(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
	Tues 26th November	Ferial		<b>(No Mass at OLSJ)</b>
	Wed 27th November	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Josephine Power
	Thurs 28th November	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word &amp; Sacrament</b>
	Fri 29th November	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Jean & Russell Herbert R.I.P.
	Sat 30th November	St. Andrew	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Fr James Moore (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Sun 1st December	<b>1st Sunday of Advent Year A (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - John Pritchard R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Fr Pat O'Brien R.I.P. (Anniversary)	

### Adoration

**Holy Family:** Every Saturday after 12 noon Mass. On 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month, Divine Mercy devotions, prayers are included. **Our Lady & St John:** Every Wednesday 9:30am – 8:30pm after morning Mass.