

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

by Father Stephen

Today's gospel recounts the return of the disciples from their missionary journey and Jesus invites them to come away by boat to a lonely place to rest for a while. This proves to be short-lived as crowds see where they are going and hurry to the place on foot and arrive before them. Jesus takes pity on them, because they are like sheep without a shepherd and sets himself to teach them at some length. Like the people of Israel, the crowds are in the desert where they will receive not only miraculous food but guidance and instruction, just as the Law was given in the desert of Sinai.

Jesus is the good shepherd promised by Jeremiah who will look after the sheep and take away terror and fear. He will also be a king like David who will practise honesty and integrity in the land. In the Church "pastoring", "shepherding" has always been an important image for leadership and care. Pastoring is not just for the ordained. All of us must be people of compassion, who feel deeply the sufferings of others and understand their fear and terror, who guide people in the right paths and are concerned about what is right and just.



Baptisms

We warmly welcome the following children, who will be baptised this Sunday in our Parish:

- Harrison Bluett (OLSJ)
- Grace McManamon (OLSJ)
- Alfie Potter (HF)
- Polly & Daisy Adamson (HF)

Canon Stephen Coonan's Ruby Anniversary 1978 – 2018



Celebration Mass on Sunday 29th July
at 11:15am at Our Lady & St. John

Everyone Welcome

**Please note that on that day there will be no
5pm Mass at Holy Family.**



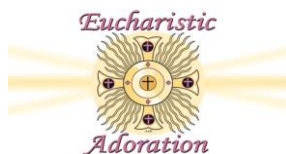
Weddings

Congratulations to Rachael Hurworth and Steve Hancock who were married at Holy Family on Saturday 21st July. May the Lord Bless them and their families as they begin their new life together.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Peter Kelly** who recently died.

May his soul Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for his family at this difficult time.



Wednesday 9:30am-8:30pm at OLSJ
&
Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family

The Eucharist

God's Mercy

Mankind's Lifeline

Come Worship Him

Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady and St John: Following distribution of the Eucharist could ministers please return the Pyx to the Sacristy for further use. Thank you.

Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows:

- Holy Family 22.28 kgs
- OLSJ 9.34 kgs.



Deadline for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress, Adoremus, 7 – 9 September 2018:

Bookings to hear the inspirational Bishop Robert Barron (www.wordonfire.org)

from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on Saturday (08/9) and for the 9:30 am

Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday (09/9) will be taken until **Tuesday 31 July**. Please book and pay for your Congress tickets through your parish. Sunday Mass tickets can be booked online at www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018. Tickets and delegate packs will be posted to delegates in mid-August.

All details: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org – follow the Adoremus link.



AN INVITATION: Friendly weekly coffee mornings take place each Monday following the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady and St John in the Parish Meeting Room. Why not drop in for a coffee and a chat any time up to 11:30 am?



Harvington Hall

LPA pilgrimage: Harvington Hall: September

The three parishes in our LPA (St Winefride's, Holy Family and OLSJ) propose a day trip visit to Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, which contains a number of priest holes from the Reformation (see www.harvingtonhall.com). The trip is planned for the week commencing 17th September and will cost £10-£15 depending on numbers. This will cover entrance to the Hall and Afternoon Tea. The cost of the coach will be subsidised by the three parishes. The trip will only run if we get sufficient numbers so please indicate your interest as soon as possible to: Jean Jenkins (HF) 648-0988; Derek Pover (St W's) 336-8426; Bernard Larkin (OLSJ) 342-5517.



S.V.P.

We need your help! We rely on members of the parish to let us know of anyone who would like a visit. Maybe they are in a home or at home and are lonely and would like a bit of company. Please do let us know. Contact Peter Ryan on 648-6704.

OLSJ Flower Group: Please meet at 2pm on Friday 27th July to do the flower arrangements for Fr Stephen's Jubilee. Please bring any suitable greenery.

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who supported the Strawberry Tea Afternoon. The weather was kind to us and we raised £180 but more importantly it was a chance for people to get together and socialise with friends old and new. It was lovely to see some new faces this year and we look forward to seeing you all again at our next event. Thanks to the team for their hard work on the day.



Mary Holgate and Margaret Stanley from Our Lady and St. John invite you to come and join them **every Saturday morning at 9:30am** at Our Lady and St John, to say the Rosary and pray for parishioner, Mary Brownrigg who is very poorly at the moment.

“For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20



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
- ❖ Carol Saunders
- ❖ Gerry Smith
- ❖ Joe Lucas
- ❖ Leonora Reilly
- ❖ Iris Christian
- ❖ John Moroney
- ❖ Ken Davies
- ❖ Mary Brownrigg
- ❖ Madge McGrath



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

Crafty Kids: Once again, over the summer holidays Laura (from OLSJ Children’s Liturgy) will be running some arts and crafts activities for children in our local libraries. For more information please email craftykidswirral@hotmail.com



SYMT Lifeteen Summer Camp: Join the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team at the summer event of the year at Alton Castle, Staffordshire, **5th-9th August 2018**. Open to all 11-18 year olds of the Shrewsbury Diocese. To book your place go to www.symt.org.uk or email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Refreshments After Sunday Masses



Don't Forget that tea and coffee are served after both 9:30 am Mass and 11:15 am Mass each Sunday.

Shrewsbury Cursillo in Christianity: Have their Ultreya at St Catherine's, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake CH47 5AF on **28th July** in the Lounge (through the blue gates to the right of the church.) **Never heard of us?** Now is your chance to find out what and who we are.



Help Needed to Raise Funds for CHRI

Lydia Nsutebu and her daughters Emma and Sidi will be looking for sponsorship at the end of 11:15am Mass this Sunday for a charity called **Cameroon Humanitarian Relief Initiatives (CHRI)**. Their home country of Cameroon is at the brink of a civil war. There has been political instability leading to massive killings, burning down of villages, and unlawful detention of people. Cameroon unfortunately now has refugees in neighbouring countries like Nigeria and they are in desperate need of basic care. Lydia, Emma and Sidi, are doing a walk/jog/run of 200, 50 and 100 miles respectively from 1st - 31st July to raise funds for the charity and would really appreciate any support and sponsorship of the parish to raise vital funds.

Visit www.chrelief.org/ for more information.

News from Assam

Fr Cyprian has written to thank us for the latest donation of 1000 pounds for the Education Project. He confirms that the 7 boys who took the Matriculation Exam have all passed. Copies of the results can be found on the parish website. Four of the boys have gone on to the seminary. The sad news is that Fr Cyprian is leaving his current job and going on to be the Parish Priest in a different part of the Dibrugarh Diocese. His parting words are to thank us *‘for the love you have for the Adivasi children of the diocese. I just praise God for you and ask God to grant you blessings’*. Fr Andreas has also been transferred- back to Bishop’s House. So, it is probable that we shall be liaising with him again in the future. Watch this space.

Sat 21 st July	BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Fr. James McCaffrey R.I.P.	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 22 nd July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	11:15 am	Mass – Laurie Fagan R.I.P.	
Mon 23 rd July	St. Bridget	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Molly Burke	
Tues 24 th July	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Mary Brownrigg	
Wed 25 th July	St. James	9:00 am	Celebration of Word and Communion	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 26 th July	Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	7:00 pm	Mass – Sheila & Luke Beecher R.I.P.	
Fri 27 th July	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 28 th July	BVM	1:30 pm	Ashley Austin & Sophie Neill Wedding Service	
		6:00 pm	Mass – Kay Gibbings R.I.P.	
Sun 29 th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Ruby Jubilee Mass – Relatives, Friends & Parishioners of Father Stephen.	

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 22 nd July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Mass - Brian & Lil Skinner Intentions
			5:00 pm	Mass – Patricia Kilburn R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Mon 23 rd July	St. Bridget		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Tues 24 th July	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Wed 25 th July	St. James	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of the Barrie Family
	Thurs 26 th July	Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 27 th July	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Betty Murphy's Family
	Sat 28 th July	BVM	12 noon	Mass – Mary Clark R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Sun 29 th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass - Canon Stephen's Intentions
			No 5pm Mass Today	

Legion of Mary Meetings

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

Mothers' Prayers

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

Confessions

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

Adoration

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