

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

by Father Stephen

Two themes echo through today's readings: covenant and sacrifice. Exodus recounts the ratification of the Sinai covenant by a sacrificial ritual in which the people affirm the whole content of Exodus 19-24: "We will observe all the commands that he Lord has decreed." The Letter to the Hebrews presents a Christian interpretation of the ritual for the Day of Atonement, stressing that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant. The gospel roots this in the final Passover meal of Jesus with his disciples, in which Jesus offers his body and "my blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many."

Covenant has its root in the agreements made between peoples that created peace through the exchange of promises of shared obligations and respect. The Sinai covenant recalls God's rescue of his people from slavery and the people commit themselves to God's way of acting as a grateful and liberated people. God's gift precedes God's commands. Jesus becomes both the one who enacts the new covenant and the one who offers his whole life (body and blood) as a covenant meal. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ is a commitment to be nurtured by the kind and quality of life embodied by Jesus.



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

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Would you consider covering for the Regular People whilst they go for doctor's appointments or holidays? This would involve **one hour on a Wednesday** on an OCCASIONAL BASIS. Please be generous with your time.

"It is the LORD"

If the answer is "Yes" please speak to Ann Parsons at Church or on phone number 342 7229.

You are all invited to join in the celebration of
**Canon Stephen Coonan's
Ruby Anniversary 1978 - 2018**

Father Stephen invites you to celebrate his Ruby Anniversary with a special Mass on **Sunday 29th July at 11.15am** at Our Lady and St John's Church, followed by lunch in the Parish Room.

To assist with catering please ensure that you complete one of the invite slips handed out at the beginning of Mass, indicating how many adults and children will be attending. Please ensure that you **return it to church by 30th June**. You can either hand it back to the person that handed it out or put it in the collection plate/bag.

Help Required! The Children's Liturgy Team at Our Lady and St John are looking for new volunteers to help out at Children's Liturgy at 11:15am Mass on Sundays. No experience necessary, training and resources will be provided. Please contact Monica Campbell if you are able to join the team.

Urgent Readers Needed at OLSJ: We need more volunteers to read on Saturday Evenings. Please consider making this small but important contribution to our vigil masses. You can contact me on 342 3338 or speak to me in person on a Saturday evening. Thank you. Jill McKenzie.

Caritas (formerly Catholic Children Society): Would all box holders in Holy Family Parish Church bring them to church for emptying/counting? Boxes can be handed to Mary/John Wrigley or left in the sacristy. Donations also gratefully accepted.



Ian Butler will be taking part in the **Wirral Coastal Sponsored Walk on 24th June** on behalf of the CAFOD Syria, Yemen and Rohingya Appeals. Sponsor forms can be found at the back of Church. Thank you.

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 8 – 27th May

1 st Prize	£25	No. 50	M. Robinson
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 16	D. Johnston
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 83	C. Keenan

Many thanks to all who have paid their subs for this session

New members are always very welcome to join.



OLSJ Piety Stall: There is a large selection of Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts available at the Piety Stall at the back of Our Lady and St John's Church.



Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 29.12kgs and OLSJ 20.69kgs.

The Food Bank are quite short of several items in their warehouse at present and have requested donations of the following items in particular:

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Washing-up Liquid
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Instant Mash
- Packet Soup
- Sponge Puddings
- Hot Chocolate
- Washing Powder Tablets
- Cereal (small if possible)
- Tinned Fruit

We have plenty of BEANS & PASTA thank you. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

VISIT TO THE SEAFARERS CENTRE



As you know each year we send various items to the Seafarers Centre in Crosby for which they are very thankful as are all the Seafarers who visit during their stay in Liverpool. John Wilson from the centre has given us the opportunity to pay a visit to the centre and see for ourselves what happens there.

This will take place on **Thursday 21st June 2018**. The evening will begin at 7.00pm in Crosby and light refreshments will be served during our visit. We will leave from Our Lady and St John in cars (car share) at 6.00pm.

If you are interested, please call Joan Larkin - 0151 342 5517 on or before **Thursday 31st May 2018**.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Curtis** who has died recently.

Peter's Funeral Service takes place on **Monday 11th June at 1:00 pm** at Our Lady and St. John's Church.

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

Collection Amounts

OLSJ	13.05.2018	£560.62
OLSJ	20.05.2018	£529.63
OLSJ	27.05.2018	£574.08
HF	13.05.2018	£585.65
HF	20.05.2018	£528.87
HF	27.05.2018	£522.94



Assam Collection: Please note that the next Assam collection will take place **THIS Sunday 3rd June.**



Plea for Help

The Scout Group are having a big clean and fix from **9am on Saturday 23rd June.** This will involve painting, gardening, cleaning, repairs and a big tidy up. If anyone is available to help even for an hour or so we would be very grateful. Help us get prepared for the next year of adventure. Speak to Jean (07966295388) or sign up at the Box Office. Thank you.



S.P.U.C. MID-SUMMER CONCERT with the West Wirral Musical Society, will be singing songs from the shows and Gilbert and Sullivan, on **Friday 15th June at 7:30pm** in St Winefrides School Hall, Mellock Lane, Neston. Tickets only £5 which includes a light supper. Bring your own drink and glass and there will be a raffle and Irish Bingo. For Tickets Please contact Rowena Wright on 336 2684 or Margaret Unsworth on 336 2050.

Ministry Rotas at Holy Family: The new ministry rotas for the coming 6 months are now ready. Please access them in the usual way. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week: My thanks to everyone who gave during Christian Aid week. We raised £320.84 at Holy Family and £401.18 at OLSJ. If you have still got an envelope, please do bring it into church or drop it off at my house, 134 Kylemore Drive, Pensby. I will let you know the final figure once all the Holy Family street collections are counted. Thanks again, Suzy Smallwood.



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on

Saturday 12th June @ 8:30am

in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. No need to book, just turn up.

Everyone welcome.



Baptisms

We warmly welcome the following children, who were recently baptised in our Parishes.

Aaliyah Rose Barns	OLSJ	29 th April 2018
Alba Maria Hurst	OLSJ	6 th May 2018
Grace Halligan	OLSJ	20 th May 2018
Sophia Woods	OLSJ	27 th May 2018
Sophie Dawson	Holy Family	2 nd June 2018

Marshals Needed!

Following a review of Health and Safety in both parishes, it has been identified that we need to have designated persons able to make decisions and control movement in situations where we have large congregations. As we have a number of popular events in the near future, we need to seek volunteers from both parishes. Please contact Roger Wastnedge (OLSJ) 348-4152 or Brian Sharp (HF) 342-8519 if you can help. Training will be provided.

Sat 2 nd June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	6:00 pm	Mass – Bernard Wright Anniversary	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 3 rd June	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	11:15 am	Mass – Special Intention for Mary Brownrigg	
Mon 4 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Josephine Burbridge	
Tues 5 th June	St. Boniface	9:00 am	Mass – John Campbell 2 nd Anniversary	
Wed 6 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
		9:00 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 7 th June	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass – The gift of William David Max Burnet-Merlin	
Fri 8 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 9 th June	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:00 pm	Mass – Kay Gibbings	
Sun 10 th June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:15 am	Mass – Dorri Druett R.I.P.	

HOLY FAMILY	Sat 2 nd June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	12 noon	Mass - Anne & Jeff's Intentions <i>(No Adoration or Holy Hour today- Baptism of Sophie Dawson)</i>
	Sun 3 rd June	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9:30 am	Mass - Michael Thompson R.I.P (Anniversary)
			5:00 pm	Mass – Holy Souls
	Mon 4 th June	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Tues 5 th June	St. Boniface		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Wed 6 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Ann Newell R.I.P.
	Thurs 7 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 8 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Holy Family Parishioners
	Sat 9 th June	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	Mass – Peter Curtis R.I.P.
	Sun 10 th June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Mass – Graham Dawber R.I.P (Lately Dead)
5:00 pm			Mass – Jack Heery R.I.P (Birthday Remembrance)	

Confessions – Saturdays 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm at OLSJ Saturdays 11:30 am -11:50 am at Holy Family

Legion of Mary Meetings: Every Monday morning at 10:45 am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Mother's Prayers: Every Monday morning at 9:30 am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

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

Sick: Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including Catherine Maschke, Peter Curtis, Carol Saunders, Gerry Smith, Joe Lucas, Leonora Reilly, Iris Christian, John Moroney, Father Peter Kelly, Ken Davies and Mary Brownrigg. *Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*