

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 begins with Jesus misunderstood by his loved ones, who think he is out of his mind and want to take him home quietly. Then a group of scribes appear and charge that because he casts out devils he must be in league with devils. Jesus responds with three short parables that underscore the absurdity of the divided kingdom or household of Satan allowing internal division, and concludes with the crux of the argument: Jesus is the stronger one, who by his exorcisms has entered Satan's house and burgled it.

Jesus then utters the ominous statement about the unforgiveable sin. All sins even blasphemy will be forgiven, but not blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. "Anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, he is guilty of an eternal sin." This sin has evoked a mountain of interpretation and application down the ages. Augustine described it as final impenitence and resistance to God's grace. Mark however sees it as a deliberate choice to interpret the presence of goodness and divine action as evil. This is the sin committed by those who demonise and kill those who truly speak God's will to the world, for, as Jesus says, "Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



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

Come to Eucharistic Adoration

Last Sunday was the Feast of Corpus Christi and on Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This reminds us of God's unconditional love for each one of us.

Please come and show your love for HIM by giving HIM a little of your time in Adoration on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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.



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 9 – 3rd June

1 st Prize	£25	No. 73	M. Braden
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 32	Mrs Cowell
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 81	P. Ryan

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

New members are always very welcome to join.



Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 20.55kgs and OLSJ 11.72kgs.

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.

Bishop Pastoral Visit – 16th & 17th June 2018

The Bishop will be visiting both parishes on a Pastoral Visit the weekend of 16th & 17th June. The Bishop will be at all weekend Masses at both Holy Family (apart from Sunday evening Mass) and Our Lady and St. John.

THANK YOU: Thank you all for supporting me in my fundraising for my trip to Lourdes. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and have now raised enough to go! I look forward to telling you all about it and again can't thank you enough, from Lucy.

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.

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.



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.

☞ 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	03.06.2018	£574.08
HF	03.06.2018	£585.65
Assam	03.06.2018	£153.72



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.

Photographs from Uganda: This is an appeal for anyone who ordered photographs from Joshua Campbell at the Ladymount School Fair, from his trip to Uganda last year. He has had trouble accessing his list of contacts and would not like the people who had bought a photo, to miss out. If you have ordered a photo, could you contact Monica Campbell on 342 9626 or 07814337674. Thank you.

Stewards 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.

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Congress 2018



Would all those who have expressed a wish to go to the Eucharistic Congress, please return their forms and cheques. There is a box in the porch for this purpose. If there is anyone who now feels they would like to go or to know more before booking, please speak to Ann Parsons ASAP 342-7229.

Confirmation Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for all the children making their confirmation at 6pm this **Sunday 17th June** at Our Lady and St. John. Confirmations will be taking place at Our Lady & St John on **Wednesday 20th June** at 7pm.

First Holy Communion Mass of Thanksgiving

Children taking their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th June at both Holy Family Our Lady and St. John are invited to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 23rd June** at 10am in their communion clothes, at Holy Family church. Details will be discussed at the rehearsal on **Thursday 14th June** at Our Lady and St. John's church.

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.
Mon 11 th June	St Barnabus	9:00 am	Mass – Carmel & Michael Delamere
		1:00 pm	Peter Curtis Funeral Mass
Tues 12 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Brownrigg Family
Wed 13 th June	St Anthony of Padua	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 14 th June	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass – Vic Morely
Fri 15 th June	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)
Sat 16 th June	Ferial	11:30 am	First Communion Mass
		6:00 pm	Mass – Kevin O’Hare R.I.P.
Sun 17 th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:15 am	Mass – Parishioners

OUR LADY & ST. JOHN

HOLY FAMILY	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)
	Mon 11 th June	St Barnabus		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Tues 12 th June	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Wed 13 th June	St Anthony of Padua	9:00 am	Mass – Barbara Hughes
	Thurs 14 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 15 th June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Colette & Murphy Family Intentions
	Sat 16 th June	Ferial	10:00 am	First Communion Mass <i>(NO CONFESSIONS OR ADORATION TODAY)</i>
Sun 17 th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Mass – Mary Otty R.I.P (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	Mass – Parishioners of Our Lady & St John	

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 - 8pm after morning Mass.
Sick: 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, Father Peter Kelly, Ken Davies and Mary Brownrigg. *Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*