

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

## Reflection on Today's Gospel

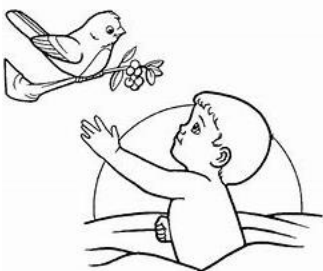
by Father Stephen

Following the close parallel that St Luke establishes between Jesus and John the Baptist in his infancy narrative, the liturgy also celebrates two births, the birth of the Messiah at the winter solstice and the birth of the Precursor at the summer solstice. John is clearly important.

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When Elizabeth gives birth relatives and neighbours share her joy and expect Zechariah and Elizabeth to call their son after his father. But they call him John, as commanded by the angel of the Lord, a name which means 'God's gracious gift.' It is already the good news and Zechariah gives thanks to God for it. John has a strange destiny. On the one hand a saintly intolerance of the things of this earth. "He shall drink neither wine, nor any strong drink." Yet also an intense spiritual joy, shown when he leaps in his mother's womb and when as an adult he points out the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John preaches a baptism of repentance to bring people back to God and put their relationships in order,

foreshadowing the reconciliation Christ will achieve. He turns hearts towards Jesus and then goes quietly away.



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June**. You can either hand it back to the person that handed it out or put it in the collection plate/bag.

## St Anselm's College Open Evening for Year 4 & 5 Students

Join us on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018** from 5-8pm. For more information please visit us online at [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com).

The Entrance Examination for the September 2019 intake will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 from 9:30am-1:00pm. Please register online at [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com)

## 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.

**Book Group – Rediscover Jesus:** We continue to read and discuss the book Rediscover Jesus. If you are free on any Tuesday evenings, please come and join us from **7pm-8pm** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John's.



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

## The Eucharistic

**God's Mercy**  
**Mankind's Lifeline**  
**Come Worship Him**



### Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 28.10kgs and OLSJ 18.55kgs.

### Café Jam

**“Spread some song across your heart”** on **Sunday 1st July 6pm at Heswall URC.**

Would you like to learn some new songs, and revisit some not so new, in a relaxed and informal setting? Lots of drinks and cakes. Meet friends and make new friends. All those who love to sing, of ANY ability, are invited and welcomed to join in this enjoyable event - or just come to listen! Everyone welcome! Free Entry.

**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.

### 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.

**Over 55's Afternoon Tea:** The next afternoon tea will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. Do come and enjoy a nice cup of tea, cakes and friendly conversation. Everyone welcome.



### OLSJ Parish Support Group

invite all parishioners to a

### Parish Open Meeting

On

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** in the Meeting Room at 7pm. Come along and find out who we are and what we do!

Everyone welcome.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 10

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 36	L. Barsby
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 167	S. Hillyard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 47	P. Pritchard

#### Week 11

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 169	V. Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 46	L. Herbert
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 130	C. Moore

## Confirmations 2018

Congratulations to all the children from our LPA who were confirmed on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Our Lady and St John's Church.

All our **thanks** to all the catechists from both parishes, who help to prepare the candidates for Confirmation.

### Names of Candidates

- Meleri Bateman
- Amber Bathily
- Anais Bathily
- Gregory Beedles
- Emma Camenzuli
- Mary Cotton
- Jonathan Dessington
- Tom Dessington
- Oscar Dhillon
- George Everett
- Lynsey Halligan
- Molly Hamilton
- Arthur Hanlon
- Rosie Harle
- Grace Herd
- Alinor Herzberg
- Tyra Kiama

- Aisling Morgan
- Charles O'Connor
- Daniel Poole
- Sam Reardon
- Bethany Richardson
- Ellie Roddick
- Chloe Saunders
- Laura Whitehead
- Beth Wilkinson



Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Peter Curtis R.I.P.	<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The Nativity of John the Baptist (Psalter Week IV)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Parishioners	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Julia Macaulay Anniversary	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Betty Murphy R.I.P.	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word &amp; Communion</b>	
		9:00 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	St Irenaeus	<b>9:00 am</b>	Mass – Jen Burke	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ss Peter & Paul <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	7:00 pm	Mass – Josephine Burbridge R.I.P.	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Ted Fleming Anniversary	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Peter Monkhouse R.I.P.	

<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Ferial	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>First Communion Mass of Thanksgiving</b> <i>(NO 12 Noon Mass, Confessions or Adoration)</i>
	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The Nativity of John the Baptist (Psalter Week IV)</b>	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Sheila & Bill Rowe
			5:00 pm	Mass – Ann Flanagan Special Intention
	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial		<b>No Mass (Mass at Our Lady &amp; St John at 9am)</b>
	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial		<b>No Mass (Mass at Our Lady &amp; St John at 9am)</b>
	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Ferial		<b>No Mass</b>
	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	St Irenaeus	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b>
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ss Peter & Paul <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Ann & Tony
	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	BVM	12 noon	Mass – Intentions of Betty Murphy's Family
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	Mass – Mary McGuire R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	Mass – Tom McNamara R.I.P. & Betty Travers R.I.P.	

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*