

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS, ST SAVIOUR'S  
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA & ST BERNARD'S.**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr A**

**Sat: (Sunday Vigil Mass)**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bridget & Thomas Harris  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Parishioners

**Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

St Mary's 9.00am Kate Elias  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Edwards/Beaumont Families  
St Bernard's 9.00am Andrew Burrows

**Mon: 19<sup>th</sup> December**

St Saviour's 9.15am Barry O'Brien  
Our Lady's 11.30am Funeral Service for  
Ellia Arathoon

**Tues: 20<sup>th</sup> December**

St Mary's 9.15am The Stanley Family  
Our Lady's 12 noon The Grady Family

**Wed: 21<sup>st</sup> December**

EPCHS 10.00am Walter Byron  
Our Lady's 12 noon Kathleen Emmett

**Thurs: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

St Saviour's 9.30am In Primary Sch. – Private Int.  
Our Lady's 1.00pm Funeral Mass for  
Norah Watson

**Fri: 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

St Mary's 9.15am Clark & Litten Family  
Our Lady's 12 noon Giuseppe Contilli (A)

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Lady's 12 noon Patrick & Margaret Sixsmith

**Sat: Vigil Mass of The Nativity of the Lord**

St Saviour's 4.30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass  
5.00pm John McCaffey  
St Mary's 8.30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass  
9.00pm Parishioners  
Our Lady's 6.00pm Lisa Miley  
9.00pm Philip & Margaret Shannon  
Denis & Joy Harrison

*No Midnight Mass*

**Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

St Mary's 9.00am Paul & Barbara Grant  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Our Lady's Saturday 11.15am – 11.45am*  
*St Saviour's on request after any Mass*  
*St Mary's Please see under the Parish Section*  
*of the Newsletter*  
*And on request at any Parish*



**EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**

*St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to*  
*9.15am weekday Masses*  
*Our Lady's 11.00am to 11.45am Fridays*  
*(Except when there is a Funeral that day)*



**ROSARY & NOVENA**

*St Saviour's Wednesday 7.00pm*

**BAPTISM**

Please pray for Isla Forbes Baptised at St Mary's last week and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.



**WEDDING**

We pray for all newly married couples, especially married at Our Lady's and for all couples who are celebrating anniversaries at this time. May their lives continue to be filled with love and many blessings.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

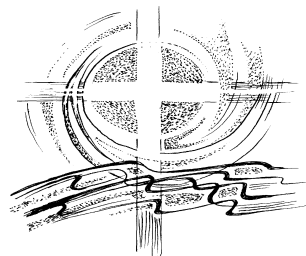
**We pray for the sick:**

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes, and for those named in the Book of the Sick at St. Bernard's, the Book of the Sick at St. Saviour's, the Sick List in Our Lady's, and the Sick List in St Mary's. Please pray also for those in hospital, the housebound and their families.

**PLEASE DO LET THE PRIESTS KNOW IF SOMEONE IS SERIOUSLY ILL OR WISHES COMMUNION**

We remember in our prayers all who have died recently especially Frances Bjork, Norah Watson, Gloria Stebbing, Josephine Hall, Mary Williams, Ellia Arathoon, Paul Woodhouse, James Dowling and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*May they rest in peace*



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### Newsletter Items

Contact Deacon Paul at the LPA Office

### LPA 10 Website

[www.rcchep.co.uk](http://www.rcchep.co.uk)

Parish details and details from the newsletter are to be found on the site.

### Parish Centre Bookings

**LPA Office Tel: 355 5877 for Our Lady's  
Parish Centre and St Mary's – Stanley  
Hall.**

**For St Saviour's Parish Centre please  
ring direct: 339 2861**

### Piety Stalls

#### St Mary's

Jean & John Bowles Tel: 201 3703

#### St Saviour's

#### Our Lady's

Barbara Lancelott Tel: 538 0528

#### St Bernard's

Vicky Linford Tel: 512 2529

**SVP Depot 355 0689 furniture enquiries**



### Christmas Times of Mass

#### Christmas 2016: Mass

#### Times:

#### St Saviour & St Mary's Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

St Saviour's: Carols from  
4.30pm and Family Vigil Mass  
at 5.00pm

St Mary of the Angels: Carols  
from 8.30pm and Vigil Mass at  
9.00pm

*A parish celebration will take  
place in Stanley Hall following  
the 9pm Vigil Mass. All are  
welcome*

#### Christmas Day

St Mary's: Mass at 9.00am  
St Saviour's: Mass at 11.00am

#### Our Lady & St Bernard's

#### All Masses at Our Lady's Church

#### Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas at  
6.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas at  
9.00pm

(No Mass at 12.midnight)

#### Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass at 11.00am



**Advent Holy Hours:** The last Advent Themed Holy Hour for the Sundays of Advent, will be this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in Our Lady's Church. Confessions will also be available after these times of Prayer.

#### **Ellesmere Port & Hooton Justice & Peace Group:**

Meeting with Katie Kurilecz of the International Refugee Trust. Last Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Katie Kurilecz was our guest speaker. Katie works for the International Refugee Trust which provides essential medical support for refugees in a number of countries. Katie told us about the work of the Dominican Sisters who provide medical care for refugees in two hospitals in Jordan (in Karak and the capital Amman). Katie showed us some of the photos she has

taken of that work and of the essential medical help provided for so many desperate people. Jordan is a small and impoverished country and yet is providing sanctuary to 1.4 million Syrian refugees. The Dominican Sisters in Jordan provide care and ministry to refugees of all religions races and creeds. They are a beacon of light, hope and tolerance in that troubled part of the world and depend on the support that we in the west can provide. Following Katie's talk the J&P group gave a donation to help the sisters in their vital relief work. Anyone who would like to contribute to that work could see one of the J&P group members or go to their web site; [www.irt.org.uk](http://www.irt.org.uk)

#### **Krakow Pilgrimage: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017- A Few Places still**

**Available:** This will include return flights from Manchester, hotel transfer, four nights half-board in a city centre hotel (The Classic Hotel- Old Town Krakow), daily excursions, a tour guide and 1 traditional lunch in Krakow. The cost is £665.00 per person based on a twin room (We are hoping to reduce this cost but the euro exchange rate is not to our favour at present). Deposits of £300 will be due ASAP to secure flights etc., so it is important that you book a place with us ASAP in order that we can confirm the pilgrimage. **Booking Forms Are Available, If you wish to join us please call St Mary's Parish office on 0151 327 6158 ASAP**

**Christmas Day Dinner:** Our traditional meal will take place at 2.30pm on Christmas Day at St Mary of the Angels. If you wish to join us or know of anyone who would enjoy a good meal and some fellowship on this Holy Day please contact our LPA Office (355-5877) or St Saviour & St Mary's Office (327-6158). All welcome.

**Yemen Crisis Appeal:** CAFOD have spoken to us about the major humanitarian Crisis in Yemen. We will follow this up after Christmas, but if anyone wishes to contribute now, please go to: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

#### **Ellesmere Port and Neston Association of Voluntary and Community**

**Organisations:** As you may be aware every council in the country has agreed to take some refugees from Syria, this includes Cheshire West and Chester. The first group of refugees have now arrived and they are in desperate need of warm clothes and footwear. We are not asking

for donations of clothes however but of cash donations so that clothing can be bought for them. I know this is a difficult time of year to be asking for money but if you could dig deep and pass on this request to your contacts we would be very grateful. Any donation no matter how small would be helpful, you can either drop off cash at the Community Hub, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, or we can pick up donations, or you can request our bank details and make a direct donation. Time is of the essence as the weather is set to turn cold, we really need to get them some warm clothing. Thank you

**EPCHS Governor Vacancies:** There are vacancies for two Foundation Governors following recent governor retirements. Anyone interested in applying to be a Foundation Governor should contact the Diocese of Shrewsbury on

0151 652 9855 or email [education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Informal enquires are welcome to the School (please ask to speak to Mrs Ball, Clerk to Governors on telephone number 0151 355 2373).

## ST SAVIOUR & ST MARY'S

**Parish Pastoral Team:** Kath Heron from our 'Parish Formation Team' has very kindly agreed to support & lead this ministry. If you feel called to join this team please speak to Kath or the clergy team. **Please note that a meeting for the team will take place at 7.00pm Thursday 19th January 2017.** Thanks to those who have volunteered so far.

**Primary Schools:** This Thursday morning at 9.30am Holy Mass will be held in St Saviour's Primary School for the whole school community. All are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday morning our 9.15am Mass will be in St Mary's Church as the school hall is in use for the Junior carol Service.

On Wednesday evening in St Saviour's church we are delighted to welcome our school family from St Saviour's Primary as the children present a Christmas Drama for their families. During the approaching Christmas Season.

Please keep the staff, governors, children and families from our schools in your prayers.

**Thanks to Mr Gary Hughes & Welcome to Mrs Sarah Kane:** As a parish & School Family we send our thanks and prayers for Mr Gary Hughes, Y3 teacher at St Mary's who is leaving after 16 years' devoted service. We

warmly welcome Mrs Sarah Kane, whose family live in our parish; another excellent Catholic teacher for our outstanding school.

**Updated Readers Rotas:** Are available for collection at the rear of both Churches. The Eucharistic Ministers list for St Saviour's Church is also available.

**Gloria Stebbing RIP:** The funeral service for Gloria will take place at 2pm this Thursday at Landican Crematorium. Please keep Gloria and her family in your prayers.

**Christmas Decorations:** Gifts of greenery & Christmas plants will be very welcome. We invite helpers to decorate St Saviour's Church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1.00pm onwards; many thanks.

**Scouts Carol Service:** The annual carol service for the local Scouts Group took place in St Mary's church last Tuesday evening. The church was packed and a wonderful celebration of prayer, scripture and carols took place. We wish our local Cub & Scout Groups every blessing as the movement celebrates its centenary.

**Christmas Eve Social Celebrations:** A parish social gathering will take place in both of our churches immediately after our Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve. Please feel free to bring some food for sharing. All are welcome.

**Money Raised for SVP- Thanks:** A big thank you to the Wednesday Afternoon 'Needlework & Social Group' that meets each week at St Mary's. For the past few weeks at both churches, they have been selling the craft items that they have been so busy making and have **raised the fantastic total of £701 in support of the work of our parish SVP.** This money will be put to good use over Christmas in support of local families in need. If anyone wishes to join this social and supportive group they meet in Stanley Hall, Wednesdays 1 to 4pm.

## OUR LADY & ST BERNARD'S

**Later Vigil Mass at Our Lady's:** As was the case last year, there will a later Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 9.00pm and **no Mass at 12.midnight.** There will be no 'Carol Service' as such beforehand, though Carols will be played as people are coming in. If you

are planning to come to this 9.00pm Vigil Mass do please be careful. As we have said before, without being over alarmist, the Centre of Ellesmere Port is not the same place at night as during the day; this will be especially so on Christmas Eve/Christmas Morning. Please be extra cautious and stay with others in well-lit areas. We'll try and keep the Church Car Park as well-lit as possible. Please note that on Christmas Morning there will be no 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's as we will have joined together for the Christmas Masses. There will be a 9.00am at St Bernard's as usual on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Confessions at Our Lady's:** In addition to the regular Confessions on Saturday there will also be Confessions from 11.15am to 11.45am this Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December before the 12.noon Masses those days.

**Paired Mass Intentions:** A lot of people do request particular dates for Mass Intentions to be celebrated at this time of year. To try and fit these in we are pairing some intentions into one. You might see the name you requested beside another; this is to try and help accommodate as many people as possible at this time when they want loved ones remembered. The name of those for whom Masses are requested will be mentioned in the prayers.

**Our Lady & St Bernard's 2017 Diaries:** These are available free at the back of both our Churches.

**Upcoming Funerals:** The Funeral Service for Frances Bjork will take place on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 11.00am at Our Lady's Church. Please keep Frances and her family in your prayers.

**Paul Woodhouse 48 years R.I.P:** Paul was suddenly called to the Lord last Monday, please pray for Paul and his family at this difficult time.

**Piety Stall:** the Piety Stall at Our Lady's now has Christmas Items available. A variety of Christmas cards and other Christmas goods; please come and have a browse.

**Eucharistic Ministers' Rotas:** The new Eucharistic Ministers' Rotas will be available in the Pigeon Holes at Our Lady's Church.

**Parish Tote Winners:**

**11<sup>th</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50-00 No. 191 M. Sharp

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30-00 No. 115 Mrs Newsome

**Awaiting Collection:**

No. 02 D. Winstanley