

**Ellesmere Port & Hooton Local Pastoral Area (LPA 10),
Parishes of**

St. Saviour & St Mary of the Angels and Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Bernard of Clairvaux

“Working Towards Building Missionary Parishes for the future”

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26th March 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

Sat: Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Tom Lilley
Our Lady's 6.30pm Stella Arathoon

Sun: 26th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Margaret Gilleece
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Vera Parker

Mon: 27th March

St Saviour's 9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 7.00pm John & Caroline Tobin
50th Wedding Intention

Tues: 28th March

St Mary's 9.15am In Church – John McCaffrey
9.15am In Primary-Stations of the Cross
EPCHS 8.45am School Intention

Wed: 29th March

St Saviour's 7.00pm Holy Hour – Consecration of
Parish to Sacred Heart

Thurs 30th March

St Mary's 9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Word & Communion Service

Fri: 31st March

Pantasaph 11.15am Kathleen Furlong
(with Our Lady's Primary Sch)
Our Lady's 12.noon Funeral Mass for James Kenyon

Sat 1st April

St Mary's 10.00am Holy Hour/
First Saturday Devotion
11.00am The Stanley Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Kath Howgate

Sat: Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bridie Frawley
Our Lady's 6.30pm Diocesan Clergy Intention

Sun: 2nd April Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Mary Rose Duffy
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am David Manning

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 Adele Idowu & Elizabeth Wall Baptised at
Our Lady's and all the newly baptised as they begin their
journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for all newly married couples 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 Carol Lightfoot, Nacoma Grimes, Norah
Fleming, Lindsey Lowry, Joyce Riley, James Kenyon,
John Brennan, Derek Burns, Denis O'Leary, Terence
Flannery and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.

Trial Newsletter Format: As we mentioned before, we are trying a new way of presenting the Newsletter. For details of Hall Bookings or Piety Stall information please contact the LPA Office.

FUNERALS

See the front of the Newsletter for those in Church this week, and:

John Brennan - Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel, 3.20pm on Tuesday 28th March.

Derek Burns - Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's Church, 10.30am on Monday 3rd April

Carol Lightfoot - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's Church, 9.30am on Wednesday 5th April

Norah Fleming - Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's Church, 1.45pm on Friday 7th April

Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this time

LENT 2017

Penance Service: The next of our Deanery Penance Services, with the Opportunity for Individual Confessions, will be at Our Lady's Church, 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4th April.

LPA Parishes Website: As we are now entering the Season of Lent details will be available on our LPA Parishes Website of Special Events during Lent and Eastertide. Please pay a visit on: www.rcchep.co.uk - This information will be updated during Lent & Eastertide.

Lenten Lunches A41 Churches:

31st March - St George's URC 12.noon to 1.30pm

7th April - Combined churches (in St Mary's Church hall) 12.noon to 1.30pm

Each church in their own church hall and this year churches are choosing which charity they will donate their funds towards. Small sales of craft or other items may take place during or after each lunch.

A41 Churches Together Prayer

Breakfast: This will take place next Saturday, 1st April from 9.00am at Little Sutton Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Lenten Film Nights & RCIA at Stanley Hall (St Mary of the Angels):

These films and sessions will also form part of the RCIA programme for those interested in becoming a catholic.

We encourage anyone interested in learning about the faith to come along. Or come as part of your Lenten journey.

All films start at 7.00pm and details are as follows:

Monday 27th March: The pivotal players: St Thomas Aquinas

Monday 3rd April: Catholicism – Christ and the Church All are welcome

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

What Can We Do? Some practical responses to the refugee crisis:

A free conference arranged by the J&P Group at St Agnes, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 SDU on **Saturday 25 March 2017 from 10 30 am to 2 pm.** For more information and to register: email: mgmaccocook@aol.com or Tel: 0151 625 6512.

Spring Fashion Show

Illustrated Talk, Sale of Products, and Refreshments in aid of Chifundo UK. At Heswall United Reform Church Telegraph Road CH60 7SE (next to Tesco). Tickets adults: £5 children: £2.50. Phone 342 8522 or

Email office.heswallurc@gmail.com

Or contact

Susan Flynn 01244 381490.

Traidcraft Stall:

The Traidcraft Stall will be open after Mass this weekend at St Bernard's Church with St. Saviour's on 1st/2nd April. Please give your support to this valuable way of helping farmers in the developing world to build better lives for themselves and their families. A visit to the Fairtrade website (fairtrade.org.uk) gives more information.

Catenian Association - Appeal for

Rosary Beads:

The Catenians have for many years distributed rosary beads to missions, schools & prisons across the world. In particular the local Province of Catenians is hoping that all the children in our local catholic schools will receive a child sized rosary & learn to say this prayer. This will be particularly significant during this centenary year of Our Lady of Fatima. Mary & Jim Shepherd from St Mary of the Angels Church will arrange collection of rosary beads from our LPA and can be contacted on 0151 339 3900.

SVP Holiday Home Support: The SVP Holiday Home in Talacre is a vital resource in providing a Holiday

to those who might not otherwise be able to afford or get a Holiday. The home may well have to be replaced in five or six years and the SVP are considering a long term plan to fund this. As part of their fundraising there will be a container at Our Lady's, St Bernard's, St Saviour's and St Mary's Churches for old Mobile Phones and Ink Cartridges which can be recycled to help raise funds for this project. Do please support this initiative if you can.

S.V.P. Youth Easter Egg Raffle:

The Youth S.V.P. Conference, dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham, will be raffling 4 Easter Eggs, one for each of our Churches, which have been donated to them. This raffle will be in aid of their Charity this year to help raise funds for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. These Fairtrade Easter Eggs, called 'The Real Easter Egg' contain, with the Easter Egg, a Fairly Traded Orange Chocolate Bar & a simple guide to the Christian Easter Story. Do please support them & the draw will take place on Palm Sunday.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Please see the Leaflets and Posters in our Churches regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 23rd to 30th October 2017, and also the 'Youth Pilgrimage' to the Holy Land that will accompany it. Full details are available on our Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Possible Local Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – February 2018:

Fr Louis & Deacon Tony hope to join up with Fr Paul Standish (St Wilfrid's Northwich) and lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Proposed dates are from 1st February 2018 for seven days. We will stay in hotels in Bethlehem & Jerusalem visiting many of the holy sites. The price will be in the region of £975.00 including flights, half-board accommodation and excursions. If you are interested please contact the office at St Saviour's & St Mary's on 327-6158 or speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony.

Day Trip to York:

Tuesday 18th April 2017. Departing 9am from St Mary's and 9.15am from St Saviour's. Leaving York at about 5.30pm to return home. Cost for coach is £15 for adults and £5 for children. To book a place please contact the LPA Office on 355 5877 at Our Lady's. **Payment at time of booking**

would be appreciated and needs to be received prior to the day of the trip

Luncheon Club at Our Lady's Parish Centre: The Tuesday Luncheon Club at Our Lady's Parish Centre will not be meeting this week. The Friday Luncheon Club is still meeting. If anyone would like to help with these Clubs do please contact the Luncheon Club on Friday Lunchtime on: 0151 355 4777

PARISH NEWS

First Sacrament Programme St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels: Last Wednesday evening the children from St Mary's Primary School came to church & received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A wonderful celebration with staff, children & their families. Please keep our schools family in your prayers.

History Evening & Parish Social: 7pm on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at St Saviour's Church. Fr Peter Phillips will give a talk about St John Plessington and displays of photographs and memorabilia will be in place. The event coordinators are: Catherine Jones from St Mary's and Eileen Brennan from St Saviour's. If you have any items or stories of interest please let us know.

Parish History St Saviour & St Mary's: Eileen Brennan & Catherine Jones would like to borrow photos or memorabilia relating to the history of the parish. If you can help please leave items at the sacristy marked with your name so that we can return them. Any written memories also very welcome including recent years.

School Retreat Day & Mass at Pantasaph Friary: On Friday 31st March Fr Louis & Deacon Tony will be leading a Retreat Day at Pantasaph Friary for a group of pupils from Our Lady's Primary School. Holy Mass will be celebrated in St David's church (Pantasaph) at 11.15am parishioners are welcome to join us for the Mass.

Our Lady of Fatima 1917 – 2017: With great support from a parishioner with knowledge and contacts in this area, we have now obtained a beautiful marble statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Thanks to all who have contributed to and supported this project and we hope to have the statue in place at St Mary of the Angels by 13th May when we celebrate the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. More details will be available soon. A huge thanks also to the parishioners who have been working very hard all week in the groundwork aspect of this project. All

donations made in support of this project are greatly appreciated.

Mass & Services in St Saviour's & St Mary's Primary Schools: This coming week there will be no Masses celebrated in St Saviour's or St Mary's Primary Schools. On Tuesday 28th March at 9.15am there will be Stations of the Cross in St Mary's Primary School and all are welcome to attend.

Holy Hour Entrusting the Parish of St. Saviour & St Mary of the Angels to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary: This Holy Hour will take place in St Saviour's Church this coming Wednesday, 29th March at 7.00pm.

First Saturday Devotions at St Mary of the Angels to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: This Saturday in Church; 10.00am Holy Hour and 11.00am Mass. Please come along.

St Saviour & St Mary's Parish Formation Team Meeting: A meeting for the Team took place last Tuesday in Stanley Hall, St Mary of the Angels. This was a very fruitful meeting and thanks to all who are supporting this very important ministry. Minutes of the meeting will be made available in due course.

Pastoral Support Team, Lunch Club & Drop in at St Saviour's: The next drop in will be between 12 and 2.30pm on Thursday 6th April. Refreshments, conversation and support for anyone wishing to join us. The church will also be open for prayer and reflection during this time. Spread the word and come and join us. All are welcome.

St Mary's Eucharistic Ministers Rota: The new rota for Eucharistic Ministers is available for collection at the back of Church.

LPA Junior Youth Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 30th March from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. This is for children of Primary School age. Games, refreshments & activities provided. The last meeting was a great success with a good number of children attending.

St Saviour's Flower Arrangers: We urgently need volunteers to join our church flower arranger's rota. If you think you could help please ring Barbara Kehoe on: 339 3277 or speak to Fr. Louis or Deacon Tony. Thank you.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Meeting: Across our Diocese we are forming 'Missionary Parishes for the Future'. In this Local Pastoral Area, with our newly formed sister Parish of St Saviour & St Mary, we are mandated to work towards forming one Missionary Parish in Ellesmere Port & Hooton. This is building on many what we already share and work with together. Our sister Parish has now made a start in many areas, and it is time for us in Our Lady & St Bernard to take stock and discern the best way for us to play our part. There are still some sheets from last week available with some thoughts on this matter. Please keep the date of **Wednesday, 5th April, 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre** in your diaries for a Parish Meeting to reflect and consider options.

Our Lady's Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday Mornings: There is still a time of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Friday Morning (except when there is a Funeral), 11.00am to 11.45am in Our lady's. In this time of Lent it would be good to come and spend this quiet time with the Lord.

Gift Aid Our Lady & St Bernard: Have you made a gift aid for our parish? Has your tax status changed? If the answer is yes, can you please advise Brian/Jean on 355 4838 for Our Lady's or Steve/Pat at St. Bernard's otherwise we will assume we can make a claim.

Our Lady's Tea & Coffee after Sunday, 11.00am Mass: Just a reminder that Tea & Coffee are still available in the Parish Centre after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, do feel welcome to pop in for a brew and a chat.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Envelopes: The new Tote envelopes will be available in both our churches this weekend, the new Tote season starts this weekend. If any other parishioners would like to join the Tote, please either put your name and telephone number on the form at the back of church or contact John Rice on 339 3094.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners:

19th March:
1st Prize, £50-00 No. 117 M. Roberts
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 56 Chris Duke

Awaiting Collection:
No. No. 98 A. O'Driscoll
No. No. 121 K. Downey