

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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2nd April 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

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

Mon: 3rd April

St Saviour's 10.30am Requiem Mass for Derek Burns
Our Lady's 9.15am Kathleen Emmett

Tues: 4th April

St Mary's 9.15am In Church – Clark & Litten Fam.
Our Lady's 12.noon Philip Rignall
7.00pm Deanery Penance Service

Wed: 5th April

St Saviour's 7.00pm Seamus O'Rourke
Our Lady's 9.30am Funeral Service for
Carol Lightfoot
12.noon Mrs Kopanski

Thurs 6th April

St Saviour's 9.30am (In Prim Sch) Fr Louis Intention
Our Lady's 9.15am Don O'Sullivan

Fri: 7th April

St Saviour's 1.45pm Requiem Mass for
Joseph Vickers
Our Lady's 9.15am Elisa Contilli
1.45pm Funeral Mass for
Norah Fleming

Sat 8th April

St Mary's 10.30am Stations of the Cross
11.00am Cath Howgate
Our Lady's 12.noon Oliver Joel Davey Intention

Sat: Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joan Flood
Our Lady's 6.30pm John & Kath Edwards Intention

Sun: 9th Apr Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Special Int. – Kemp Family
St Bernard's 9.00am John Millington (A)
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 Joey Lowe and Lydia Peters 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, Norah Fleming, Lindsey Lowry, Joyce Riley, Joseph Vickers, James Kenyon, John Brennan, Derek Burns, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace

For details of Hall Bookings or Piety Stall information please contact the LPA Office

All Parish Counters: *Your help would be greatly be appreciated in responding to a request from the Bank via the Diocese. As you may be aware, new £1 coins are being introduced later this month, and there will follow a 6 month period when the current £1 coin and the new £1 coin are both in circulation. Lloyds have asked that when monies are being counted/prepared for banking, the current £1 coins and the new £1 coins are placed in separate plastic coinage bags.*

FUNERALS

Please see the front of the Newsletter for those in Church this week
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 this coming Tuesday 4th April.

Holy Week Celebrations:

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Diocese of Shrewsbury Chrism Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch, Wednesday 12th April 7.00pm: Please note that due to building delays, the Chrism Mass this year will not now be celebrated in Shrewsbury Cathedral as planned but will be held instead at **St Michael & All Angels, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE.** Please contact the LPA Office if you would like to attend.

Holy Thursday: 13th April 2017

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Mary's: 7.00pm with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm

Our Lady's: 7.30pm with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday: 14th April 2017

Services will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm

St. Mary's: Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.00am, Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm

Our Lady's: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm, Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm

Also on Good Friday the 'Christians Together in the Port' Walk of Witness takes place, starting with a Service at 10.30am at the 'Christchurch Oasis

Church' by Worcester Street, Ellesmere Port and then going on to the Port Arcades.

Holy Saturday: 15th April 2017

The Easter Vigil Mass will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: 8.00pm

Our Lady's: 8.30pm

Easter Sunday: 16th April 2017

Easter Day Masses will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: 11.00am

St. Mary's: 9.00am

Our Lady's: 11.00am

St. Bernard's: 9.00am

Also on Easter Sunday Morning the Ellesmere Port Churches Together Sunrise Service takes place, at 7.30am in front of Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port

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:

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.

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. This final film start at 7pm **Monday 3rd** April : Catholicism – Christ and the Church. All are welcome.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Healing Masses for all families that are affected by mental illness and those that work with them: A

Healing Masses will be held at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Edgeley, Stockport, SK3 8BQ on Wednesday, 5 April at 7pm. There will be an Anointing of the Sick during the Mass and an opportunity for socialising and meeting members of

the Diocesan Mental Health Action Group afterwards.

Hospital Mass: The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 6th April at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

Traidcraft Stall: The Traidcraft Stall will be open after Mass this weekend at St. Saviour's 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.

Spring Fashion Show Tuesday 25th April 7.30pm. 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.

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.

St Mary of the Angels Primary School Teaching Vacancy: Year 3 teacher required for September 2017.

Full time, permanent post (subject to satisfactory probation). For details, please see the school website

www.stmaryoftheangels.co.uk/information/vacancies.

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 Diocesan www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Lourdes : 27th July to 5th August 2018:

Places are available on the Youth & LPA Coach for this Diocesan Pilgrimage, cost £534 based on sharing. No overnight travel. If you are interested please contact the office at St Saviour's & St Mary's ASAP on 327 6158.

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.**

First Saturday Devotions for the Month of May:

Saturday 6th May, transport leaving St Mary's at 12.30pm and St Saviour's at 12.45pm. We will go to All Saints Franciscan Church for Rosary, Benediction & Holy Mass. This will be followed by the opportunity to have a meal in the Trafford Centre. As this is Our Blessed Lady's month of May and the centenary of Fatima, it would be good to take a large coach group on this trip. **To make this possible, if you are interested**

please contact the office at St Saviour's & St Mary's ASAP on 327 6158.

PARISH NEWS

Mass & Services in Primary

Schools: St Mary's Primary Schools has now started its Easter Holiday and we wish them every blessing. On Thursday at 9.30am Holy Mass will be celebrated in St Saviour's Primary School and all are welcome to attend.

Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross & Breakfast Gathering:

will take place at St Mary of the Angels, gathering at 9.30am for a light breakfast followed by Stations of the Cross. There will then be refreshments (Hot Cross Buns) and an opportunity to spend some time together.

Junior Youth Club: will meet again *at St Mary of the Angels* on Thursday 27th April from 6pm 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

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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 the other week available with some thoughts on this matter. **There is a Parish Meeting this Wednesday, 5th April, 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.** Do please try to come if you can.

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

Winners:
26th March:
1st Prize, £50-00 No. 71 K. Biddle
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 179 M. Hennesey
Awaiting Collection:
No. No. 98 A. O'Driscoll
No. No. 117 M. Roberts