

**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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9th April 2017 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

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

Mon: 10th April

St Saviour's 9.15am Joe Vickers
Our Lady's 9.15am Hughie Kerry (Int)

Tues: 11th April

St Mary's 9.15am (In Church) Rose Price
Our Lady's 12.noon Anne Reddy

Wed: 12th April

St Saviour's 7.00pm Ann Teresa Harris
Our Lady's 8.30am Priest Intention

Thurs 13th April Holy Thursday

St Mary's 7.00pm Paul & Helena Callaghan
Watching to 10.30pm
Our Lady's 7.30pm Father Andrew Campbell
Watching to 10.00pm

Fri: 14th April Good Friday

St Mary's 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
Presider – Father Louis
St Saviour's 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
Presider – Deacon Tony
Our Lady's 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 15th April Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass

St Saviour's 8.30pm Michael Pritchard
Our Lady's 8.30pm Parishioners

Sun: 16th April Easter Sunday

St Mary's 9.00am Hannah Davies
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Nora Grant Thanksgiving
Our Lady's 11.00am Joe & Winnie Carroll

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 Charlie Wallace, Mila & Eva Curlett & Joseph Kelly baptised at St Mary's and Isabella Speirs & Bobby Speirs 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, Joseph Vickers, 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.*

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, led by Deacon Tony

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

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: 8.30pm

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.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministers of The Word

Diocesan Formation Day: The Diocese would like to invite any EMHC and Ministers of the Word from parishes in the Deanery of Ellesmere Port and Chester who have **not** received a diocesan certificate from the previous Diocesan Formation Days, to take part in a morning formation session on **Saturday 29 April 2017 at Chester Catholic High School from 10 – 1pm** (registration from 9:30am). To attend it is essential due to health and safety reasons that you register with the LPA Office on Tel. 0151 355 5877. Any queries please contact Helen Jones helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or Tel: 0151 652 9855. The certificate will be valid for five years and will be sent directly to your respective parishes.

Northern Catholic Conference, 9th, 10th & 11th June 2017 at Liverpool

Hope University: Please see posters on church noticeboards. To register or for more information please contact Denise on tel: 07543 800812 or visit www.northerncatholic.co.uk

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: This raffle will take place on Palm Sunday & we will let the winners know soon. Thanks to everyone who has supported this raffle to help raise funds for Youth SVP's Charity this year for Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

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 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.

Local Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – February 2018:

Fr Louis & Deacon Tony intend to join up with Fr Paul Standish (St Wilfrid's Northwich) and lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. 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. *If you have taken a brochure, please complete it and return*

with deposit to 'Special Pilgrimages' ASAP

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

Additional Confessions at Our Lady's: In addition to the regular Confession Times, there will be extra opportunities for Confessions at Our Lady's Church on Tuesday, 11th April, from 11.15am to 11.45am prompt before the 12.00pm Mass and on Good Friday, 14th April from approximately 4.00pm (after the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm) until 5.00pm and then from 6.15pm to 6.45pm prompt before the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. Do please note that no Confessions take place on Holy Saturday.

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.

St Saviour's First Forgiveness: On Palm Sunday, today, children from St Saviour's Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Saviour's Church at 2.00pm for the first time. Please keep our School Family in your prayers.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary's: Since the Year 2000, the Universal Church has marked the Second Sunday of Easter as 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' - Pope St John Paul II designated this day as the

Feast of Divine Mercy when he canonized Sister Faustina. - The devotions on this special day, regards God's ultimate mercy! The Divine Mercy devotions, will take place on Sunday 23rd April 2017, at St Mary's Church, starting in Stanley Hall. - The day commences at 1.30pm and concludes at about 5.30pm; it will include a film, the blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, a Holy Hour, Confessions & Holy Mass. - All are welcome to attend! **If you are going to pray the Divine Mercy Novena, it starts on Good Friday!**

The 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 20th 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: Thanks to all who have contributed to and supported this project which is now well under way. The statue will certainly be 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. **Bishop Mark has kindly agreed to join us in May to bless the statue, further details will be made available ASAP.**

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 APF-Mill Hill (Red Box) Collection 2016: Thank you for the magnificent sum of £2,198.02 and for Funny Money and used postage stamps which help to boost funds for Missionary Support throughout the world. Please see posters on Church noticeboards.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Meeting last week: Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parish meeting last week; it was encouraging that folk took a real interest and are seeking ways to build up the life of this parish as part of our call to build a Missionary Parish here in Ellesmere Port & Hooton. We will have a summary of this meeting soon and some thoughts to take things forward. **The next Parish Meeting to build on this project will be on Wednesday, 10th May, 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.**

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. 30 Katie & Joe
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 191 M. Sharp

Awaiting Collection:
No. 179 M. Hennesey