

**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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23rd April 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Sat: Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joan Lynch
Our Lady's 6.30pm Alison Edwards-Ribiero (A)

Sun: 23rd April Second Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am John Brennan
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Sabatino Spina

Mon: 24th April - St George

St Saviour's 10.30am Funeral Mass
for John McMullen
Our Lady's 9.15am Vincent Morgan

Tue: 25th April St Mark

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
Our Lady's 12.noon Nora Bather

Wed: 26th April

Our Lady's 8.30am Winnie Hogan

Thurs 27th April

Our Lady's 9.15am Canon Raymond Harkins

Fri: 28th April

Our Lady's 9.15am Francis Ryan

Sat: 29th April - St Catherine of Siena

Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention
2.00pm Wedding Service for
Emma McConnell &
Brian Aherne

Sat: Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Christopher Goodwin
Our Lady's 6.30pm Mike O'Sullivan

Sun: 30th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am George Bishop
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Eddie Lambe

During Easter we are asked to pray for New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work

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 Holly Mace, Gracie Eccleston & Olive Playford baptised at Our Lady's, Thomas Poland baptised at St Saviour'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 John McMullen, Bill Dobson, all who have died recently 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

FUNERALS

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

Bill Dobson - Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's Church, 10.30am on Thursday, 4th May

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

John McMullen & Bill Dobson: John & Bill are much loved and long serving members of St Saviour's Parish Family; they will be greatly missed and remain in our thoughts & prayers. May they rest peace.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Minsters 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 29th 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.

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 TODAY, 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!

Spring Fashion Show: This 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.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The next meeting of our LPA Youth SVP Conference, will be this coming Friday, 28th April 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. The Group meet every two weeks at 7.00pm on Friday evenings, in Our Lady's Parish Centre. New members from 10 years plus are always welcome; please call Chris Duke on: 0151 355 6954 for more information. Thank you all for your support of the Easter Egg Raffle just before Easter; so far over £250 has been raised towards Alder Hey Children's Hospital, with more to come in. We'll keep you posted!

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.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Krakow Pilgrimage: Please note that our coach departure time has been brought forward by one hour, we now depart this Tuesday, 6.00am from St Mary's and 6.15am from St Saviour's. Please DO NOT be late as we will not be able to delay our departure time to the airport! Fr Louis & Deacon Tony will be away this coming week with the group and

the intentions of all will be in our prayers.

Day of Recollection at Pantasaph Friary Wednesday 3rd May: This is organised by the Knights of St Columba and led by Canon Brendan Hoban. Coach will leave St Mary's at 10am. Tea Coffee on arrival Café open or bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. For booking please contact: Ben Tel: 339 5210 Email jbod@talktalk.net.

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 2017: 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*

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.**

Chester Walsingham Retreat: This Week. Mon 24th April coach leaves St Columba Upton Chester at 8.45am. If you wish to bring a packed lunch do so, the coach will be stopping along the way. A bus pass may be handy if you do not want to join the coach on the Wednesday and it has been suggested you bring a torch. Janette mobile number is 07986 862029.

PARISH NEWS

The Sacrament of Baptism, Ellesmere Port & Hooton Churches: If you are wishing to have a child Baptised, and it is your first child, or you have not attended a course it is a condition that you attend a preparation evening. The next course for those wishing to have children Baptised will be on Tuesday 16th May 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church. If you have not already applied to have your child Baptised please contact the LPA Office in order to book a place on the course.

'Our Mission Together' – Diocese wide Fund Raising Initiative: The 'Our Mission Together' project will commence at St Saviour & St Mary's next month when full details and objectives will be outlined.

'Friends of Little Bears' Project: Over the past twelve months staff at St Bernard's Little Bears Pre-School have been hard at work fundraising for their charity 'Friends of Little Bears'. At a recent meeting it was decided the money raised will be spent on improving the learning environment, focusing on the social area at the back of Church. The plan is to redecorate the space and in time refurbish and replace most of the furniture. Our aim is to have a brighter space for both the children, staff and parishioners of St Bernard's. But to achieve this we need help! On the first May bank holiday weekend we are planning to get stuck into this project and are hoping members of the community can lend a hand with anything they can - painting,

wallpapering, cleaning or even just making us a cup of tea! If you are able to help in any way speak to Andy Wells or Mandy Wilson. You can contact Mandy at the pre-school on 07508 312201 or pop in to visit during the week. In return we can offer refreshments including a burger from the BBQ!

Congratulations: Congratulations to the Children from St Saviour's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Saviour's Church on Palm Sunday for the first time. Our Children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 13th May at St Mary's and Sunday, 14th May at St Saviour's. Please keep our School Family in your prayers.

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.

Pastoral Support Team, Lunch Club & Drop in at St Saviour's: The next drop in will be between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Thursday 4th May. 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.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima 1917 – 2017: The new statue is now in place and we extend a sincere thanks to all who have contributed to and supported this project. A huge thanks also to the parishioners who have been working very hard during recent

weeks without whom this project would not have been possible. We pray that this beautiful shrine, through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, will bring many graces to our parish family during the years ahead. ***Bishop Mark has kindly agreed to join us on Tuesday 23rd May to bless the statue, 7pm Holy Mass at St Mary of the Angels followed by refreshments.***

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Discussions: This weekend we have available reflections from our meeting held on the 5th April Meeting. Just to get things rolling there is a request for Group Leaders to fill out contact details for your Group (even if you are an LPA Group) so that we can start to coordinate a little better as part of our call to Build Missionary Parishes for the Future'; and our response to Bishop Mark's wish that we build a Missionary Parish here in Ellesmere Port & Hooton. For now please note that **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 & 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's Tuesday Luncheon Club: The Tuesday Luncheon Club at Our Lady's Parish Centre will restart from Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

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:
16th April:
1st Prize, £50-00 No. 169 A. O'Driscoll
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 99 C. Dickens

Awaiting Collection:
No. No. 33 C. Bamber
No. 191 M. Sharp