

**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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7th May 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Sat: Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm George Downey
Our Lady's 6.30pm Lisa Miley

Sun: 7th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Margaret McCormick
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Elisa Contilli

Mon 8th May

St Saviour's 9.15am John Herbert (RIP)
Our Lady's 9.15am Ernest Horton

Tue: 9th May

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am (In Prim Sch) Lorna Welsh
Our Lady's 12.noon Margaret Griffiths

Wed 10th May

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 7.00pm Kath Furlong

Thurs 11th May

St Saviour's 9.30am (In Prim Sch) Len Wilson
Our Lady's 9.15am Fahy Family Intention

Fri: 12th May

St Mary's 9.15am Gerry Curtin
Our Lady's 12.noon Ganty's Intention

Sat: 13th May

St Mary's 10.00am First Holy Communion Mass
Our Lady's 12.noon First Holy Communion Mass

Sat: Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Ann Redwood
Our Lady's 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun: 14th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
St Bernard's 9.00am Joe Dean (Birthday Rem.)
Our Lady's 11.00am Giuseppina Cimerilli

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 Sun 8.30 -8.50am
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 & Max Donnellan, Henry Bowers, Branden McGrath, & Elissa Fraser baptised at St Mary's and Joseph Shepherd baptised at Our Lady's and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for Brian Aherne & Emma McConnell married at Our Lady's and 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 Margaret Stoneley, 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

Margaret Stoneley: Funeral Mass at St Saviour's; 12.30pm Monday 15th May 2017. May she rest in peace.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

100th Anniversary of the Fatima

Apparitions: Please join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions on Sunday 14th May at Ss. Peter, Paul & Philomena's church, 7 Atherton Street, New Brighton, CH45 9LT. The celebration will start at 10.30am with Sung Mass followed by a procession and crowning of the Statue. At 1pm there will be a free buffet lunch, a concert at 2pm followed by Rosary and Benediction. For further details and directions, please contact Rachel on 07770266679 or rachelbuckley8@gmail.com

Cheese and Wine Evening: The Catenians will be holding a Cheese and Wine evening with light entertainment in St Columba's Parish Hall, Chester on 19th May 2017. Cost is £7.50 and money is being raised to support the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Group. Please ring 0151 627 6158 for more information.

Singing the Mass: A workshop for anyone who sings or plays an instrument in church. It will be led by Frances Novillo, Music Director for the Parish of Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great, High Barnet. Saturday 24th June 10am – 3pm St Winefride's Church, Burton Road, Neston CH64 9RF
Cost £10 including lunch. For further details contact Louise Wilkinson music@stwinefridesneston.org.uk
To reserve a place please download a booking form from:
www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music

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.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference:

The next meeting of our LPA Youth SVP Conference, will be this coming Friday, 12th May 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.

Deputy Headteacher Vacancy Holy Cross Primary School

Required for September 2017
Group 2 ISR L5 –L9
(£43,023 - £47,492)
Number on roll 170.

Closing date for applications:
12 noon on Friday 12th May 2017

Date of interview:
Friday 26th May 2017

Applications and supporting letters must be submitted using the CES application form on the CES website or by contacting the school directly. All online applications and supporting statements must be followed up by posting signed paper copies to Miss Jane Bradley, Headteacher at the above address.
schooloffice@holycross.wirral.sch.uk
Tel: 0151-652-8454

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Krakow Pilgrimage 2017:

This pilgrimage went very well and was a great success, thanks to all who joined us and contributed to the trip. The intentions of every member of our parish's community were remembered during our daily

Masses and prayers at the shrines and churches visited.

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*

PARISH NEWS

Mass & Services in St Saviour's & St Mary's Primary Schools:

This Tuesday at 9.15am a Class Mass will be held at St Mary of the Angels Primary School for Year 3, the First Communion Class. This Thursday at 9.30am Mass will be held at St Saviour's Primary School. All are welcome to attend our school Masses. 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.

Parish Junior Youth Club:

Will meet again *at St Mary of the Angels* on Thursday 11th May from 6pm to 7.30pm. This is for children of Primary School age. Games, refreshments & activities provided. The recent meetings have been a great success with a good number of children attending.

Free Lunch Club & Drop In at St. Saviour's:

The next Lunch Club & Drop in will be between 12pm and 2pm on Thursday 18th 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.

Fr Mark Connolly: Many thanks to Fr Mark Connolly, from the Spiritan Fathers in Chester, who celebrated the weekend Masses last Saturday and Sunday at St Saviour's & St Mary's.

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 First Holy Communion Masses:

Our First Holy Communion Masses continue next Saturday, 13th May 12.noon at Our Lady's. The final Celebration will be Saturday, 24th June, 10.00am at St Bernard's. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Saturday Confessions at Our Lady's:

Due to our First Holy Communion Mass, next Saturday, 13th

May, Confessions at Our Lady's will be from 11.15am to 11.30am prompt so as to give time to prepare the Mass following.

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.

Mission Together – Diocese Wide Fund Raising Initiative:

Our 'Mission Together' project for St. Saviour's and St. Mary's Parish will commence in the coming weeks, full information will be made available ASAP.

Our Lady & St Bernard's APF Boxes:

These are due to be emptied; please bring your Boxes to the Sacristies at either of our Churches. They can be collected a couple or so weeks afterwards from the Sacristies after Mass.

Pastoral Support Team, Lunch Club & Drop in at St Saviour's:

The next drop in will be between 1.00pm and 3.00pm this 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:

7.00pm 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. A buffet and refreshments will be available. **Free entry and all are welcome.**

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:

We still 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 this coming 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:

30th April:
1st Prize, £50-00 No. 29 T. McNay
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 45 E. Hamilton