

**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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21st May 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Sat: Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bill Dobson
Our Lady's 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun: 21st May Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Kiely Family Healing Int.
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Michael Dean
Our Lady's 11.00am Patrick O'Driscoll (B'day rem)

Mon: 22nd May – Dedication of the Cathedral

St Saviour's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 9.15am Margaret & Mary Ginty

Tue: 23rd May

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am In School – Margaret Roberts
7.00pm Blessing of Fatima Statue Int.
Our Lady's 12.noon Kathleen Emmett

Wed: 24th May – Our Lady, help of Christians

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 7.00pm John Herbert

Thurs: 25th May – St Bede the Venerable

St Saviour's 9.30am (Prim Sch) Eddie Gilleece & Fam
Our Lady's 9.15am Joan Lynch
12.30pm Funeral Service, Ronald Burrows

Fri: 26th May - St Philip Neri

St Mary's 9.15am Mrs Jesus Estrada 1st Anniv.
Our Lady's 9.15am Father Chris Matthews' Int.

Sat: 27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury

St Mary's 12.noon Wedding Service -
Postles & Philips
Our Lady's 12.noon Michael Gould

Sat: Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

St Saviour's 5.00pm Terry Stanford
Our Lady's 6.30pm Joe Fahy

Sun: 28th May – The Ascension of the Lord

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Fernandes Family Spec Int
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Magdalena Tarasova, Maria
Glevankova, Pavol Glevanak & Ivan Zaborsky

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 Isla Wynne 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, Mary Byrne, Susan Martin, Margaret Edwards, Margaret Stoneley, Desmond Reilly, Mark Seymour, Ronald Burrows 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:

Margaret Edwards - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's Church, 12.noon on Wednesday, 31st May.

Susan Martin - Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church, 11.00am on Thursday, 1st June.

Desmond Reilly- Funeral Mass at St Saviour's Church, 1.15pm Thursday 1st June.

Mary Byrne - Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's Church, 1.15pm on Friday, 2nd June.

Please keep all who have died recently and their families in your prayers at this time

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark:

This Weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark:-

'On the Joy of the Priesthood'.

Shrewsbury Diocese Youth Mission

Team Job Vacancies: The Diocese is seeking to establish a Youth Mission Team and there are two vacancies, for a Director of the Team and for a Team member. Details can be found on the poster displayed on the noticeboard or on the Diocesan Website at:

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

The establishment of this team has been made possible through the Our Mission Together initiative and the generosity of those parishes which have already taken part.

Pentecost Praise 2017: Saint Bede's Local Pastoral Area (Birkenhead) would like to invite you to their "Pentecost Praise" on Tuesday 30th May at 7pm in Saint Michael & All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH49 5LE. Everyone is welcome.

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

No Youth SVP this coming Friday:

Please note that there will not be a Youth SVP Meeting this coming Friday, 26th May. Members will be notified when the next gathering will be.

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

History Evening & Parish Social:

Tuesday 16th May 2017: This took place last Tuesday evening and was a great success. Many thanks to Fr Peter Phillips who gave a fascinating talk about St John Plessington and Catholicism in our parish district. A huge thanks also to the event coordinators, Catherine Jones from St Mary's and Eileen Brennan from St Saviour's. The excellent displays of photographs and memorabilia will remain in place for a few weeks across our two churches.

'Nuns and Rosaries' Concert: An evening of music & fun in aid of Ellesmere Port & Chester Lourdes Youth Group. 'Nuns and Rosaries' are a very talented group of musicians who play sing along and dance along songs. Please do come along for a night of fun, dancing and

singing on Friday 9th June 2017 St Werburgh's Parish Centre Chester.

Doors open at 7:30pm, Tickets cost £5.00 from Anthony Hunt - 07714 160268, John Murray – 07740 203522, St Mary's Hooton – 0151 327 6158. Please do come along, have a good evening and show your support for our youth in this very important ministry.

SVP Theatre Event:

Bebington Dramatic Society presents "Hobson's Choice" (comedy) on behalf of the SVP at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm. All proceeds go towards the running costs of the holiday home in Talacre. Your support for this event would be much appreciated. Tickets cost £8.00 and will be available after Mass or from a member of the SVP.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to 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.

LPA Pilgrimage to the Holy Land -

February 2018- Only a few places remaining: 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 your deposit to Special Pilgrimages ASAP.

LPA Scotland Trip - May 2018:

This trip has now been booked and is filling up fast! Depart Monday 14th May 2018. Four nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in the excellent Peebles Hydro 4 Star Hotel. This is set in a beautiful location with stunning views across Peebles, The River Tweed & surrounding hills. Coach travel and

excursions all included Price: £290.00 per person.

If you wish to join us please book a place by contacting the office at St Saviour's & Mary's on 327 6158 ASAP

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour's & St Mary's School News: This Tuesday 9.30am Mass will be held at St Mary of the Angels Primary School and Thursday at 9.30am at St Saviour's Primary School. All are welcome to attend our school Masses.

Congratulations to our Year 3 children at St Saviour's and St Mary of the Angels who celebrated their First Holy Communion at our churches last weekend. Both Masses were wonderful occasions. Thank you to the Head teachers, all the staff and families who have prepared the children for this this great occasion and to the parishioners who looked after the churches and refreshments. Please keep our children in your prayers.

Parish Junior Youth Club: Will meet again *at St Mary of the Angels* on Thursday 25th 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.

Lunch & Drop in Club at St Saviour's: Will meet again next Thursday, 25th May from 12.noon to 2.00pm; free soup, sandwiches & refreshments. All welcome.

St Saviour's & St Mary's Parish Food Bank/Hampers: Together with our SVP we are continuing with our Parish Food Bank and due to a recent high demand we are now running a bit low on supplies. If you are able to contribute any non-perishable food or household materials please leave them in the porch area of our Churches. This Ministry continues to support those in our community who are in need.

Our Lady & St Bernard SVP Food Bank: The note above also applies to our Churches where the Boxes are still available. Thank you.

'Our Mission Together' (OMT) at St Saviour's & St Mary's: At Masses during the last two weekends Bishop Mark's Letter concerning 'Our Mission Together' was initiated. Following on from Bishop Mark's Lenten Pastoral Letter for 'The Renewal of our Mission' OMT will seek to develop pastoral and financial resources for key areas in Shrewsbury Diocese. Therefore, over the next few months myself (Fr Louis) and Deacon Tony and other parishioners from our Parish will be sharing with you the objectives of this fundraising campaign, and how it will benefit our Parish as well as our Diocese. For those who did not receive a copy of the Bishop's Letter, there will be copies available in the porches of our churches. The parish census forming the basis for 'Our Mission Together' Appeal will begin this weekend.

'Our Mission Together' (OMT) Update for Our Lady & St Bernard's: As our sister parish begins this process as stated above, we reflect that it is a year since we at Our Lady & St Bernard's engaged in this process as a 'Pilot Parish'. The OMT Team have prepared a Newsletter for our Parish, which will be given out at all Masses this weekend, showing the huge difference peoples' generosity has already made. Do please look through this Newsletter, and if anyone still wished to take part please see me (Father Niall) as we still have information packs.

Blessing of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St Mary of the Angels: Bishop Mark will join us this Tuesday evening (23rd May) to celebrate Holy Mass and bless the statue. *This will be followed by refreshments and all are welcome*

Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish First Holy Communion Celebrations: Congratulations to the Children from Our Lady's School who have celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. 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.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Discussions: Thank you again to those who felt able to support the recent Parish Meeting. As a result a 'Steering Group' will come together to put the thoughts into a presentation for **the next Parish Meeting, which will be on Wednesday, 14th June, 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.** We will keep you posted, and have summaries of the discussion available soon.

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.

New Altar Servers' Record at Our Lady & St Bernard's: Chris Duke has a new Record Book for Altar Servers from Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish. He looking for anyone who has ever served at Our Lady & St Bernard's Churches to come and enter their name in this Book. So far several people have put in their names, including a gentleman who served Mass from 1943! Do see Chris if you would like to add your name to this Parish Record.

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:

14th May:

1st Prize, £50-00 No. 170 T. Ormiston
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 146 Mrs Farrelly

Awaiting Collection:

No. 29 T. McNay
No. 79 P. Concannon
No. 125 Mr & Mrs Kundrat