

**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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28th May 2017 –The Ascension of the Lord– Year A

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

Mon: 29th May

St Saviour's 10.00am Sue Martin
Our Lady's 12.noon Manchester Victims Intention

Tue: 30th May

St Mary's 9.15am Josephine McDonnell
Our Lady's 12.noon Anna-Marie Chapman

Wed: 31st May – The Visitation of the BVM

Our Lady's 9.30am Funeral Mass for Patrick Green
12.noon Funeral Service for Margaret Edwards
St Saviour's 7.00pm Kathleen Sheils

Thurs 1st June - St Justin

St Saviour's 9.15am Agnes Barrett RIP
1.15pm Funeral Mass for Desmond Reilly
St Mary's 11.00am Funeral Service for Susan Martin
Our Lady's 9.15am Diocesan Clergy Intention

Fri: 2nd June

St Mary's 9.15am Clark & Litten Family
St Saviour's 1.15pm Funeral Service for Mary Byrne
Our Lady's 12.noon Luncheon Club Members Int.

Sat: 3rd June - Ss Charles Lawanga & Companions

St Mary's 10.00am First Saturday Devotions
11.00am The Stanley Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention

Sat: Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

St Saviour's 5.00pm Father Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 6.30pm Margaret Stanford Intention

Sun: 4th June Pentecost Sunday

St Mary's 9.00am Michael & Rosie Joyce & Family
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Stacia Armstrong Intention

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 Mya Blackburn, Neive Freeman, & George Horgan baptised at Our Lady's, Ruben Welsh baptised at St Mary'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, Patrick Green, Desmond Reilly, 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

Please see the front of the Newsletter for those in Church this week

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

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Manchester Arena Bombing:

We have all been shocked by the terrible events at the Concert in the Manchester Arena on Monday Evening; many young people from our area were at the event. On Tuesday morning Bishop Mark wrote:

“Following the suicide bombing in Manchester over-night I know that you will be remembering in prayer all the victims and their families. Let us continue to pray for those who have died and their families and all who are suffering as a result of the terrible events of last night.

Let us also keep in our prayer the police and emergency services together with all hospital staff and chaplains. Together with church and religious leaders in Greater Manchester, I ask the prayers of your parishioners for peace and solidarity in all our communities that the hate which inspires such indiscriminate violence may be overcome by that love which faith and prayer inspires in our hearts. I hope the days ahead, over-shadowed by this atrocity, will lead us all to such prayer and active charity. United with you in this prayer,

+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury”

Many Prayer Gatherings and Vigils have taken place this week. In our LPA this **Sunday, 28th May there will be a Holy Hour for ‘The Nation’ at 4.00pm in Our Lady’s** and on **this Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May, the 12.noon Mass at Our Lady’s will be offered for all suffering as a result of these events.**

Mass of Thanksgiving for those received into full Communion with the Catholic Church this year:

Bishop Mark invites you to attend this Mass on Saturday 10th June at 12 noon at the Church of the Holy Angels, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HF followed by refreshments. All those received into the Church this Easter, with their Godparents, Sponsors and Catechists are welcome.

For catering purposes, please register by Friday 2 June with Helen Jones at the Curial Offices. 0151 652 9855 or rcia@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Hospital Mass:

The regular “First Thursday” Mass will be celebrated on 1st June 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.

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.

Are you a Catholic Teacher, but not Teaching in a Catholic School? Your Diocese needs you!!!:

The Department for Education wants to recruit as many Catholic teachers to its schools as possible and is aware that across the Diocese there are a number of Catholic teachers who are not currently or have never worked in a Catholic school. Sometimes making the transition back to Catholic education can be perceived as being difficult and therefore we would like to offer support to those teachers who are considering returning to the Catholic sector or would like more information on the appointment process in our schools. We are holding an informal session on **Saturday 1st July at Blessed John Henry Newman Parish Centre**, Knutsford Road, Warrington WA4 1JE from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

‘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 www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Diocesan

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 IS NOW FULL:

For those who have requested places – you should have received your booking form or they are available in the sacristy this weekend. Please could the forms and deposits be returned as soon as possible as we do have names on a reserve list. Please be advised, your place will only be confirmed when your booking form and deposit is received at St Mary's Office. *Any queries please feel free to contact St Saviours & St Mary's on 327 6158.*

Lourdes Training:

It is **compulsory** that anyone travelling to Lourdes who wishes to volunteer whilst there, must attend the annual training given by our Lourdes Medical Team. The dates of all the training sessions are available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website, but one of the training sessions be held at St Saviour's Church on Sunday, 4th June from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Please note you will NOT be allowed to help in Lourdes unless you have completed this training.

Catenians Evening:

Over £900 was raised at the recent 'Cheeses & Wine evening' hosted by the Ellesmere Port & Chester Catenians at St Werburgh's, Chester. This money will greatly help our Youth as they travel to Lourdes to put themselves at the service of our Diocesan sick & VIPs.

PARISH NEWS

SVP Collection:

The Monthly Collection for our SVP will take place across the Churches of our LPA this weekend.

Blessing of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima:

Bishop Mark joined us last Tuesday to celebrate Holy Mass and bless the new statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St Mary of the Angels. This was a wonderful celebration, attended by parishioners from both of our churches. We would like to send our thanks to all who worked so hard to make the evening such a success – with catering, preparing the church, hall and grounds, and most of all for attending.

Lunch & Drop in Club at St Saviour's:

Will meet again next Thursday, 8th June from 12.noon to 2.00pm; free soup, sandwiches & refreshments. All welcome.

St Saviour's & St Mary's School News:

As our Schools close for their Summer Half-Term we pray that the Teachers, Staff & Pupils have a good, well-earned rest and returned fully Refreshed.

Parish Junior Youth Club:

Will meet again *at St Mary of the Angels* on Thursday 8th June from 6.00pm 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.

St Saviour & St Mary's & Our Lady & St Bernard 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 Mission Together' (OMT) at St Saviour's & St Mary's:

Thank you to all who completed the census forms last weekend. As you know OMT seeks to develop pastoral and financial resources for key areas in Shrewsbury Diocese, and 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 missed out on the census last weekend there will be the opportunity to complete a form this weekend.

'Our Mission Together' (OMT) Update for Our Lady & St Bernard's:

If you missed out on the update Newsletter last weekend there are still some available in both our Churches. Do please see me (Father Niall) if anyone would like more information.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Discussions:

The next Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th June, 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. A Steering Group will meet to present some ideas to this meeting to take forward.

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: 21st May:

1st Prize, £50-00 No. 178 J. Oakley
2nd Prize £30-00 No. 22 M. Raywood

Awaiting Collection:

No. 29 T. McNay
No. 146 Mrs Farrelly