

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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17th September 2017 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sat: Vigil of the Twenty Fourth Sun in Ord Time

St Saviour's 5.00pm St Anthony
Our Lady's 6.30pm Lisa Miley

Sun 17th Sept Twenty Fourth Sun in Ord Time

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Simon's Int.
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Paul Baxter

Mon: 18th September

St Saviour's 9.15am Freddie Merrill
Our Lady's 9.15am Richard Murphy

Tue: 19th September

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am Mass in Church
The Stanley Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Filomena Lommano

Wed: 20th September – Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon,

Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 7.00pm Paul Willson Anniversary

Thurs: 21st Sept – St Matthew

St Saviour's 9.30am Mass in School – Hughie Kerry
Our Lady's 9.15am Patrick Hanrahan

Fri: 22nd September

St Mary's 9.15am Audrey Davies
Our Lady's 12.noon Marie Wood

Sat 23rd September- St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 12 noon Maura Heneghan (A)

Sat: Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sun in Ord Time

St Saviour's 5.00pm Peter Duffy & Ann Nichols
Our Lady's 6.30pm Olive & Denis Besley

Sun 24th Sept Twenty Fifth Sun in Ord Time

St Mary's 9.00am Smith Family
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Ted Griffiths
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's Saturday 11.15am – 11.45am
St Saviour's Saturday 4.20pm-4.50pm
Sunday 10.30am-10.50am unless delayed
St Mary's Sun 8.30 -8.50am
And on request at any Parish

EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR

St Saviour's 6.00pm Holy Hour Wed. 20th September
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
10.00am Holy Hour Sat. 23rd September
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 Toby Thomas Pleass baptised at St Mary's and Noah, Seth and Ferne Carpenter 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, May Poland, Filomena Lommano, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and 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

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Congratulations to Chris Duke: Our congratulations to Chris Duke who last Saturday, 9th September, at the 12.noon Mass at Our Lady's, was presented with the Papal 'Benemerenti' award in Celebration of his Service to the local Church. Chris, as we know does great work with the SVP, Youth SVP, 'Minnie Vinnies', Ministry of the Altar, support for the work & ministry of our parishes, and, as they say, much, much more! A lot of this work is done unseen and in the background. Pope Francis gives these awards not as 'rewards' but as a Celebration of Christian Service, and to serve as an encouragement and example to us all. This is a role Chris certainly carries out, though he would be the last person to say it! He had no idea, right until the end of the Mass that this award was for him! A lot of his family, friends, fellow Altar Servers, SVP Members etc. were able to be with him on that day, which helped make it a special Celebration for us all. It was some of the people that Chris works with, and 'serves' that asked me about taking this Award forward; a lot of people helped me in this preparation, and I (Father Niall) would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all who were in the Preparation & Celebration of this Presentation which was a real 'Joy' to us all. There will be a piece on this in the next issue of 'The Shrewsbury Voice', but you can view an article and pictures on our Diocesan Website, first go to:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Then, on the homepage, click, or tap on the 'News' bar in the top right hand corner, then on that page, find the 'Latest News' bar on left about half way down, click or tap on this, then scroll down the items until you find the picture of Chris, then open the article.

Mr David Redfield: At Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish we have been privileged to welcome several of our Students for the Priesthood, who have worked in the Parish and our wider Pastoral Area. From the weekend of September, 23rd/24th we will be welcoming Mr David Redfield who will be staying at Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish for an extended placement. David was formally a Police Officer in London, and then became an Anglican Priest, a role in which he served for four years. David & his wife, Laura, then became Catholics and after a time moved, and now live near Ludlow in South Shropshire. David has been discerning, as married former Anglican Priests can, whether to go forward as a Catholic Priest of our Diocese. To help David and our Diocese with this discernment, Bishop Mark has asked him to come and share in the work & ministry of Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish and wider

pastoral Area & Deanery for three days a week for an extended time. This will probably involve three days round a weekend, and three in the week alternately. This will enable David to have four days each week with his wife, Laura, who works in Ludlow. David's work & ministry will pan out as he gets into a routine with us, but as always, we assure him of a warm welcome and look forward to having him among us.

LPA Confirmation Preparation:

Thank you to all those who came along to the Candidates, Parents and Catechists gathering last Wednesday. We have now begun this time of Preparation for our next LPA Confirmation Celebration, which will be on Wednesday, 8th November at Our Lady's Church at 7.00pm. This is for those who will be year 9 age or above as of this September. If anyone missed out on this start; John McQuaid in EPCHS has forms available and there are also forms available in our Churches. Please make sure that any forms are returned to the LPA Office as soon as possible. The next meeting for the Candidates, and the first of the formal Preparation Sessions, be on Wednesday, 27th September, 7.00pm to 8.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. **After this occasion it will not be possible for anyone else to join the Programme.** Please contact the LPA Office for further details.

Reception into the Catholic Faith: We will soon be commencing our LPA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Programme (RCIA) If you are interested in receiving more information about becoming a Catholic or know of anyone considering becoming a member of the Church please speak with a member of our clergy team or contact the parish offices. We are also looking for parishioners who might be interested in joining our team of volunteers and catechists to help with this important ministry. Further information will be available soon.

Justice & Peace Meeting: The next group meeting will take place Sunday 24th September at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. Please feel free to come along and join the meeting to help in the promotion of social justice in our church community.

Catechetical Formation: A National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool in Sept 2018. As part of our preparation for this, the theme for the next Catechists' Day is: '**The Eucharist: Food for our Joy**'. Barbara Davies will

explore how and where society encourages us to find joy; Deacon Tony Crisp will give the Gospel writers' answer to our search: The Eucharist.

We will ask how, as Catechists working with many different people, we can communicate this great truth of our faith.

Sat 7th Oct 2017. (9:30) 10:00-13:00. Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.

Open to all Catechists and to anyone interested in this question. Please see poster for details.

Enquiries: Barbara Davies 07730 526821 barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Registration: Helen Jones 0151 652 9855 helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies:

The National Certificate aimed at teachers teaching in Catholic Schools and for anyone interested in developing more understanding of our Catholic Faith starts with the Old Testament module on Saturday 16 September and 7 October. This year's programme is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/crs. Sessions are on Saturdays at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port from 10:00 – 3:30pm (registration from 9:30am). If you would like to study for the certificate or just to attend the course (no essays!) please contact Helen Jones: 0151 652 9855 or ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Administrator Job Vacancy: Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited is a Catholic organisation currently recruiting an Administrator. The Company purchases gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. The role is working with others in the department processing invoices, collecting data and general administration duties.

This is a full time post: 35 hours Monday to Friday based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Salary: £16k to 17k dependant on experience. *Closing date 29 September 2017. Please send CV*

to Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For further details please visit the website

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

Shrewsbury Diocese Deputy Director of Schools:

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to appoint a full-time, permanent Deputy Director of Schools, who will support the Director of Schools. Further details and an application form are available from the diocesan website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about>

[-us/curia/vacancies](#) and completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseshrewsbury.org Closing date 22 September 2017.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

LPA Pantasaph Retreat 2017- Spaces still available: Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November, cost £135.00 per person including accommodation and all meals from supper on the Monday to Lunch on Thursday. If you wish to join us please book a place by contacting the office at St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158

Our Lady's Luncheon Club Trip to Blackpool: On Wednesday 18th October Our Lady's Luncheon Club have organised a day trip to Blackpool. Leaving Our Lady's and then calling at St Saviour's. The cost of the trip is £12 per person, tickets available from the Luncheon Club on Fridays between 10.30am and 1pm at Our Lady's Parish Centre.

Trip to All Saints Franciscan Church- First Saturday Devotions: Saturday 7th October, transport departing from St Mary of the Angels at 12.30pm and St Saviour's at 12.45pm. Following 3pm Mass we will visit the nearby Trafford Centre for a meal before returning home. If you wish to book a place to travel with us please contact the office of St Saviour & St Mary's on 327-6158. All are welcome

Trip to Manchester Christmas Markets & Handel's Messiah at The Bridgewater Hall: On Saturday 2nd December we will be running a coach to visit the Manchester Christmas Markets and in the evening attending a performance of Handel's Messiah by the Hallé Orchestra & Choir. Coach will depart from St Saviour's at 12pm and leaving Manchester at approximately 10pm. Cost for transport and concert ticket is £30 per person. *To book a place please contact the office of St Saviour & St Mary's on 327-6158 and any payments by cheque please make payable to 'St Mary of the Angels Parish.'* All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour's Primary School: There will be Mass at St Saviour's Primary School on Thursday, 21st Sept at 9.30am. All are welcome.

St Mary of the Angels-Full School & Family Sunday Mass: Children, families and staff from our school will be joining us for Holy Mass at St Mary of the Angels

Church, 9am Sunday 24th September. All are welcome.

Faith and a Brew Session: Will take place at 2pm -4pm on Tuesday 26th September at St Mary of the Angels Primary School. Fr Louis and Deacon Tony will have the kettle bubbling in the Community Room and all are invited to join them for a brew and a chat.

LPA Junior Youth Club: Will meet again at St Mary of the Angels (Stanley Hall) on Thursday 28th September from 6pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age, year 3 and over.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Luncheon Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 21st September from 12 until 2pm. All are welcome for some conversation, company and refreshments.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee/Cake Events: cake sale will take place before and after 5pm Mass at St Saviour's Church on Saturday 23rd September and Our Lady's Luncheon Club will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 10.30am at Our Lady's Parish Centre. Both events are to raise funds for the essential work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along and support this effort. Sharing and caring can be fun.

APF (Red) Mission Boxes, Our Lady & St Bernard's: Boxes are due to be emptied this month. Please bring your box to the Sacristy and collect it from there on your next visit to Church

Our Mission Together- St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish: Many thanks to all who have met with Fr Louis, Deacon Tony and the Parish Leadership Team, to consider supporting the Mission. We are grateful for your time, prayers and support, the conversations and observations of parishioners have been very interesting and useful. Further opportunities for individual meetings with parishioners will continue with members of this team or the clergy. If you wish to return a pledge form, you may do so in any of the following ways:

Return the pledge in the envelope provided to the diocese
Hand the envelope to Fr Louis or Deacon Tony
Post the envelope in the Mission Together box located at the rear of our churches.

Keys to the churches of St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels: For reasons of security and safeguarding, it has become necessary to change the locks on both of our churches. This will happen initially at St Saviour's Church on Sunday afternoon, 17th September. If you have a legitimate need to access the church, and have completed and signed the 'Key holders Agreement Form', keys to the new locks will be handed out this weekend. Further notice of the date when the locks will be changed at St Mary of the Angels will be given via this newsletter.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish Formation Team: Thank you to those who came along to the meeting last Wednesday at which Marie Hayes was chosen as Chair, and Lesley Pritchard, Secretary of the newly renamed 'Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation Team'. Our next meeting will be a brief gathering to discuss future plans on Wednesday, 4th October, 6.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. The earlier time is due to the Confirmation session that will follow at 7.00pm.

St Saviour's & St Mary of the Angels Parish Formation Team Meeting: Thanks to all who attended the meeting last Monday, your continued support is greatly appreciated. We hope to have the minutes available in churches next weekend.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Christmas Fayre planning: Just to give folk advance notice of the first planning meeting for this year's Christmas Fayre. This will be on Wednesday, 20th September at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre Upper room. Please come through the Church entrance as the Flower Club will be in Church.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Tea & Coffee after Sunday, 9.00am & 11.00am Masses: Just a reminder that Tea & Coffee are still available after 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's in the 'Café' area and in Our Lady's Parish Centre after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday; do feel welcome to pop in for a brew and a chat.

Eucharistic Ministers Rotas for Our Lady's: The new Rotas for the Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady's are in the 'Pigeon Holes' at the back of Our Lady's Church.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners- 10th September:

1st Prize, £50-00
No. 92 A. Wells

2nd Prize £30-00
No. 193 T. Cawley

Awaiting Collection:

No. 07 A. Kemp

No. 24 Z. Hudakova
