

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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3rd December 2017 – First Sunday of Advent Yr B

Sat: Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Elizabeth McDonald
Our Lady's 6.30pm Hughie Kerry

Sun 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 9.00am John & Pam Cubbin
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Edward, Sheila & Susan Dean
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

Mon: 4th December

St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
St Saviour's 10.30am Requiem Mass – Dora Clisham
Our Lady's 9.15am Sally Gilmour

Tue: 5th December

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am In School –
Josephine McDonnell
Our Lady's 12.noon Maurice Scully

Wed: 6th December

Our Lady's 8.30am Mary O'Connor
St Saviour's 7.00pm Ellen & John O'Neill

Thurs: 7th December St Ambrose

Our Lady's 9.15am Joni Bather
St Saviour's 9.30am In School – Donagan Family

Fri: 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary's 9.15am Jean Bowles Private Int
Our Lady's 12.noon Funeral Mass for Claire Fowler

Sat 9th December

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 1.00pm McDonagh Family Sacraments
Mass

Sat: Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Mary Teresa & Patrick Clarke
& Thomas Morgan
Our Lady's 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 10th December – Second Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Ann Nichols
St Bernard's 9.00am Molly & Jim Edwards
Our Lady's 11.00am Margaret Griffiths B'day Rem

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 Holy Hour 6.00pm Wed 6th December
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
Holy Hour 10.00am Sat 9th December
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 Charlotte Hughes baptised at Our Lady's and for 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 Alice Allen, Françoise Reid, Mary Martin, Mary Phillips, Claire Fowler, Dora Clisham, Sadie Linford, Ann Griffiths, Denis Peel 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

Mary Martin – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's, at 12.noon on Tuesday 19th December

Marie-Therese (Francoise) Reid – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's, at 1.15pm on Wednesday 20th December

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

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Mrs Mary Phillips RIP: Last week we heard the news that Mrs Mary Phillips, the mother of Father Peter Phillips, died last Tuesday. As many of you will know, Mary had been ill for some time. Father Peter has asked our prayers; may Mary rest in peace.

A Message from Bishop Mark -Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard: The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Urgent Help Needed!!!: Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for a volunteer ESOL Teacher to help the refugee project at the St. Aidan's Centre, Wythenshawe, from January 2018. The programme operates from 12pm until 2pm every Tuesday, parking is available and expenses will be reimbursed. If anyone can help, please contact Mary Kilcoyne on 0151 652 1281.

Catechists' Formation Day: The next meeting for Catechists will be an opportunity for *Sharing Best Practice*. Miss Caroline Farey (Maryvale Institute & The School of the Annunciation) will listen to your exchanges, and offer practical advice for the situations you are facing. Venue: Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port; Sat 13 Jan 2018, (9:30) 10:00-11:50. See poster with relevant information.

Enquiries: Barbara Davies (07730 526821); Registration: Helen Jones (helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

The Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality Group: will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 8th December at St Chad's, Stockport Road, Cheadle SK8 2AF followed by a social gathering in St Chad's Parish Centre. Everybody is welcome. Mass will be preceded at 6.30pm with a meeting for Hospitality members interested in joining a working party to discuss the constitution and work of the group, following on from an agenda item at the AGM last September.

Hospital Mass: The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 7th December 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.

Youth SVP 'Cake Sale': This Weekend 2nd/3rd December at Our Lady & St Bernard's and possibly at our other Churches, the LPA Youth SVP will be holding a 'Cake Sale' after Masses in aid of their chosen charity this year, which is to help a parishioner go to Lourdes. Do please give them your support.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The next meeting, at the new time and day, will be this coming Monday, 4th December at 4.15pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. Our Youth Conference meet every two weeks, now at 4.15pm on Monday evenings, in Our Lady's Parish Centre. New members from 10 years plus are always welcome. It would be good to welcome new members, and for further information, please call Chris Duke on: 0151 355 6954 for more information.

LPA Advent Film Night: Our next film night will take place on Monday 4th December, 7pm at St Saviour's. *All are welcome to attend the film night and light refreshments will be available*

Petition Re Closure of Pantasaph Retreat Centre: It was recently announced that the Retreat Centre at

Pantasaph Friary will close by the end of 2017. Many of us have benefited from the retreat centre and as such we are taking part in the petition to keep the retreat centre open. Copies of the petition are available at the rear of St Saviour's & St Mary's Churches should you wish to sign it.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Year Books: Our Diocese of Shrewsbury 2018 Year Books are now available in our Churches; they cost £5-00 standard and £6-00 Ringbound and contain information about the parishes and structures in our Diocese.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Holy Land Pilgrimage: February 2018: If you have booked to travel with us to the Holy Land, please note that final payments, *to be made direct to Special Pilgrimages*, were due by 23rd November 2017

'Sounds of Christmas Concert' Tickets now on Sale: Flat Pack Music presents the 'Sounds of Christmas' Concert at Our Lady's Church on Friday, 8th December at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and refreshments are included. Tickets will be on sale before and after weekend Mass at our LPA Parishes. Half of the proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the SVP, so please do come along and get into the festive spirit.

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour's & St Mary's Primary School Masses: Please see the front of the Newsletter and *please remember that Fr Louis & Deacon Tony are always available to support every member of our schools family and can be contacted through the schools offices or St Saviour & St Mary parish office on 327 6158.*

First Sacraments at St Mary Of the Angels – 2018: A meeting at St Mary of the Angels Primary School for parents of candidates will take place immediately after the school day on Thursday 3rd December. The Sacrament of First Forgiveness for the children will take place on the evening of Wednesday 28th February 2018 and First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May.

Details regarding the programme at St Saviour's church & Primary School will be announced soon.

Advent Prayer Trail: On Tuesday 12th December, St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School in Great Sutton will be holding an Advent Prayer Trail. This will take place in the School Hall between 9.00am and 2.30pm. The trail will give people the opportunity to quietly reflect on the precious gift that God has given to His people. All are most welcome.

LPA Youth Group: The Youth Group will meet this Thursday 7th December at St Saviour's 6pm until 7.30pm.

Completion Phase - Our Mission Together- St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish: Many thanks to all who have supported the 'Mission' with prayers, time or financial pledges. **The completion weekend for OMT will take place in the parish this weekend.** During this weekend further Mission literature and pledge forms will be available as will the clergy team and members of our 'Parish Leadership Team' to assist or answer any questions that you might have. As always 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.*

Our Mission Together Project – Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish: As St Saviour's & Mary's come to their Completion Phase, we wanted to update Our Lady & St Bernard's Parishioners on how their contribution to OMT has made a difference. You may have seen from the 'Shrewsbury Catholic Voice' Magazine, the appointment of a lady to look after the Retired Clergy, facilities for and an appointment of a Coordinator for Refugees in our Diocese, the establishment of 'CARITAS – Diocese of Shrewsbury, the recent employment of a Youth Mission Team; all this has been made possible by OMT. For our Parish Project one area we spoke of was remodelling the Sacristy and Confessional at Our Lady's to make them more 'user friendly' and to meet Safeguarding and Health & Safety Expectations. Plans have now been drawn up, to get these in motion. When the plans were being drawn up, it became clear that work needed urgently doing on Our Lady's Church Roof and infrastructure; with the support of our Diocesan Board of Finance and Administration we hope to start these projects in the New Year.

Craft Sale: The Needlework/Craft Group that meet regularly in Stanley Hall recently held their Christmas Sale following the Masses at St Saviour's & St Mary of the Angels. A fantastic total of £750.25 was raised. Many thanks to the group who worked so hard on this and all who supported the sale. All proceeds will go to our parish SVP.

St Saviour & St Mary of The Angels Parish Luncheon Club: The next lunch club/drop in will take place on Thursday 14th December at St Saviour's Church Hall. All are welcome to attend for some food and conversation.

LPA Christmas Day Dinner 2017: Our usual Christmas Day gathering will once again take place in Stanley Hall (St Mary of the Angels) starting at 1.30pm. If you or someone you know would like to join us for a traditional Christmas Dinner and some festive cheer please speak with one of the clergy team or book a place by contacting the office of St Saviour & St Mary's on 0151 327 6158. There is no charge and transport is available. If you wish to support this event donations or food will be gratefully received and put to good use.

Christmas Fayre Wind Up Meeting: will take place this Wednesday 6th December at 7pm in the upstairs room in the parish centre (please come through church). After a very successful Christmas Fayre, all who helped or would like to help next year are invited to come, as the planning for next year takes place. New ideas are always welcome. Thank you all who supported this year's Christmas Fayre so far we have banked over £3,400.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish Formation Team & next steps: Thank you to all who have supported our discernment as to the next steps we would like to take as a parish in building up our Community & working towards building one 'Missionary Parish' for the future. Our next meeting will be after Christmas, and we will speak about that closer the time. One simple step we will be taking this Advent will be the opportunity for Tea & Coffee after the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's, which was very successful the other week, and people felt it was

worth trying during Advent. Starting this Saturday. There is a short 'back to back' issue of 'The Buzz' available this weekend, so do please take one. Thank you again to all who are helping to make this possible.

St Saviour & St Mary SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal: Our SVP Group is urgently appealing for food items to enable them to make up food hampers for Christmas. It is asked that any items be left on or before Sunday 17th December in order that the hampers can be distributed in time for Christmas. These hampers are very much valued by those who receive them and your support, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cards for Christian Churches in Palestine: Ellesmere Port & Hooton LPA Justice and Peace Group will once again be sending Christmas cards to Christian communities in different parts of Palestine and Israel to show that we are thinking about them and praying for them at a time of conflict and on-going tension in the Middle East. As we enter the season of Advent it will be good to reach out to those who face a very different period of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Cards will be available in our LPA churches for signing next weekend 9th-10th December. Please take a few minutes to sign a card and perhaps write a short greetings message to show our concern Christians living in difficult circumstances. As usual a donation of £1 to cover the cost of the card and postage would be appreciated.

Justice & Peace Group Meeting: The group will be meeting next Sunday evening (3rd December) at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. We will be discussing events and meetings taking place in the first months of 2018 as well as looking at Catholic Social Teaching. Please come along and join the meeting to help in the promotion of social justice in our church community.

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's Christmas Goods - Now on Sale: The Piety Shop is now stocked up with Christmas cards, Christmas Candles, and Calendars etc. Please pop in and have a browse around.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote

Winners– 26th November:

1st Prize, £50-00 No.185 C. Duke

2ndPrize £30-00 No. 15 M. Dickens

Awaiting Collection:

No. 32 M. Stanford

No. 41 E. Reilly