

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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10th December 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent Yr B

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

Mon: 11th December

St Saviour's 9.15am James Rooney
Our Lady's 9.15am Bernard Malone

Tue: 12th December

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am In Church – Mary Phillips
Our Lady's 12.noon Clary Rice

Wed: 13th December - St Lucy

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 10.30am Requiem Mass – Mary Reville
7.00pm Father Louis' Intention

Thurs: 14th December - St John of the Cross

Our Lady's 9.15am Ted Flynn
St Saviour's 9.30am In School – Paula Smith

Fri: 15th December

St Mary's 9.15am Clark & Litten Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Don & Josie O'Sullivan

Sat 16th December

St Mary's 11.00am The Stanley Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Elizabeth Harris

Sat: Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Jenny Ellis
Our Lady's 6.30pm Eva Holvbova

Sun 17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 9.00am James Alexander Fletcher
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Patricia McCabe

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 13th December
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
Holy Hour 10.00am Sat 16th 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 Filip Nowicki 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 Mary Reville, Alice Allen, Françoise Reid, Mary Martin, Mary Phillips, Claire Fowler, Dora Clisham, Mike Boden, Dennis O'Neil, 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



**Christmas Times of Mass
Christmas 2017: Mass Times:**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday,
24th December & Christmas Day,
Monday, 25th December**

St Saviour & St Mary's

Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

St Saviour's: Carols from 4.30pm and Family Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

St Mary of the Angels: Vigil Mass at 4.00pm for the Indian Community

St Mary of the Angels: Carols from 8.30pm and Vigil Mass at 9.00pm

A parish celebration will take place in Stanley Hall following the 9pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome

Christmas Day

St Mary's: Mass at 9.00am

St Saviour's: Mass at 11.00am

Our Lady & St Bernard's

All Masses at Our Lady's Church

Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm

(No Mass at 12.midnight)

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass at 11.00am



Upcoming Funeral Information

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

Mike Boden – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 11.30am on Friday 22nd December

Dennis O'Neil – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 10.30am on Wednesday 3rd January

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

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

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).

Shrewsbury Online Liturgical Calendar: For those of you who are 'Universalis' users or are interested in an online/mobile app of the Divine Office and Mass Readings and prayers, the Shrewsbury Diocesan Calendar is now available via: www.universalis.com or can be downloaded through the app store on your phone or tablet.

LPA Film Night - The Nativity Story: Our next film night will take place on Monday 11th 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

PARISH NEWS

'Rediscovering Jesus' by Matthew Kelly: Thanks to a generous sponsor copies of this book have been provided free to this Diocese. These books contain straightforward reflections and points to ponder and reflect on for action. They are available in our Churches, so do please take one.

St Saviour's & St Mary's Primary School Masses:

Tuesday: 12th December No Mass at St Mary of the Angels School (Mass in church)

Thursday: 14th December 9.30am at St Saviour's Primary School

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 parish office on 327 6158.

First Sacraments at St Mary of the Angels – 2018: Our children preparing for their First Sacraments will be

enrolled at our 9am Mass this Sunday at St Mary of the Angels church.

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. Please keep our children & their families in your prayers.*

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.

Congratulations to Our Lady's Primary School: Our congratulations to all at Our Lady's Primary School for their recent 'Section 48 RE Inspection' which recognised that Our Lady's School was still providing 'Outstanding Catholic Education'. This is due to everyone's hard work and commitment, which is greatly appreciated.

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 took place in the parish last weekend. It is however still possible to support the Mission if you wish. Mission literature and pledge forms will continue to be available from the clergy and members of our 'Parish Leadership Team' 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.

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.

SVP Youth Cake Sale: Will take place following the 11am Mass this Sunday at St Saviour's. All proceeds in support of funding a pilgrim to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

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.

Craft Sale; Total of £750.25 Raised: 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.

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.

APF (Red) Mission 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

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.

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- 3rd December:

1st Prize, £50-00 No.30 Kate & Jo

2nd Prize £30-00 No. 71 Mrs K Biddle