

**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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**17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent Yr B**

**Sat: Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Mon: 18<sup>th</sup> December**

St Mary's 9.15am Helen Harvey  
Our Lady's 9.15am Sadie Linford

**Tue: 19<sup>th</sup> December**

St Saviour 9.15am Barry O'Brien  
Our Lady's 12.00pm Funeral Mass for  
Mary Martin & Joseph Keech

**Wed: 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Lady's 1.15pm Funeral Mass for  
Francoise Reid  
St Saviour's 1.00pm Funeral Service for  
Rose Roddy  
7.00pm Anne Evason & Sally Gilmour

**Thurs: 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Our Lady's 9.15am The Grady Family  
St Saviour's 9.30am In School - Walter Byron

**Fri: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

St Mary's 11.30am Requiem Mass – Mike Boden  
Our Lady's 12.00pm Christy & Kathleen Emmett

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Our Lady's 12.00pm John Harris 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday Int

**Sat: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Giuseppe Contilli  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Patrick & Margaret Sixsmith

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

St Mary's 9.00am Johny Purcell & Eileen Delaney  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Rose Bower

**See Note Inside for Evening (Christmas Eve) Masses**

**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** No Holy Hour this week

**St Mary's** 8.30am Adoration prior to  
9.15am weekday Masses  
No Holy Hour this week

**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 the McDonagh Family, Gabriel Hutchinson & Oliver Eccleston 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, Rose Roddy, Francoise Reid, Mary Phillips, Mary Martin, Joseph Keech, Mike Boden, Denis O'Neil, Billy Birch 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,**  
**24<sup>th</sup> December & Christmas Day,**  
**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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: 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



**Later Vigil Mass at Our Lady's:** As was the case last year, there will be a later Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 9.00pm and **no Mass at 12.midnight.** There will be no 'Carol Service' as such beforehand, though Carols will be played as people are coming in. If you are planning to come to this 9.00pm Vigil Mass do please be careful. As we have said before, without being over alarmist, the Centre of Ellesmere Port is not the same place at night as during the day; this will be especially so on Christmas Eve/Christmas Morning. Please be extra cautious and stay with others in well-lit areas. We'll try and keep the Church Car Park as well-lit as possible. Please note that on Christmas Morning there will be no 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's as we will have joined together for the Christmas Masses. There

will be a 9.00am at St Bernard's as usual on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Upcoming Funeral Information**

**Dennis O'Neil** – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 10.30am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

**Billy Birch** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 10.00am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*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.

**Multi Academy Trusts Director Vacancies:**

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking for suitably qualified practising Catholics to sit as voluntary Foundation Directors on the seven Multi Academy Trusts within the Diocese Potential Directors should be practising Catholics with a commitment to Catholic education and a background in a relevant discipline including education, business, law, finance and human resources. For more information about our Multi Academy Trusts visit our website at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/academies/multi-academy-trust](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/academies/multi-academy-trust) To register an interest please contact [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**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](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)).

**LPA Film Night - The Fourth Wise man:** Our next film night will take place on Monday 18th December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels. *All are welcome to attend the film night and light refreshments will be available*

**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.

**LPA, SVP Youth Conference:** The next meeting, at the new time and day, will be this coming Monday, 18th 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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> December No Mass at St Mary of the Angels School (Mass in church)

**Tuesday:** 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm Carol Service at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

**Thursday:** 21<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am at St Saviour's Primary School –Full Mass

***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 were enrolled at our 9am Mass last Sunday at St Mary of the Angels church. This was a wonderful celebration and thanks to all who supported it The Sacrament of First Forgiveness for the children will take place on the evening of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and First Holy Communion on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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***

### **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 have 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. We have now, due to people's continued generosity and making of a Parish Pledge, have now reached just over our goal of £140,000! Thank you so much! This will be a real help to the work & Mission of our Diocese, but also in our Parish Project of 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. A 'Stewardship Newsletter' is available this weekend, do please take one.

### **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. **Many thanks for the generous support already received.**

### **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.

### **Christmas Craft Sale at St Saviour's - Raffle Ticket Winner:**

There is still an unclaimed prize from the raffle held at St. Saviour's. It is a blue strip of tickets no. 461-465. The prize can be collected from St Saviour's Piety Shop.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Christmas Concert Thanks:**

Many thanks to 'Flat Pack Music' and to all who supported and helped make the Christmas Concert at Our Lady's Church on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, such a successful and enjoyable event. The event raised £480-00 for the SVP and with donations of £20-00 raised this figure to £500-00! All the effort involved is greatly appreciated.

### **New Mass Cards & hopefully 2018**

**LPA Diaries!:** This weekend we will have available across our Churches, some LPA Order of Mass Cards and hopefully some LPA 2018 Diaries also. These Mass Cards are for you to take and keep with you, as they have our contact information and details of Sunday Mass Times etc. If you would like to take one may we suggest an offering of £4-00, for a Mass Card & Diary? This will help us offset any costs involved.

**Newsletter over Christmas Period:**

There will be a Full Newsletter next weekend, and an A4 'back to back' the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> December'.

**Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote**

**Winners– 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50-00 No.130 L. Peel

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30-00 No. A. Jones

**Awaiting Collection:**

No.30 Kate & Jo