

**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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**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr B**

**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

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass of The Nativity of the Lord**

St Saviour's 4.30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass  
5.00pm Frank McEntergart  
9.00pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass  
St Mary's 8.30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass  
9.00pm Josephine McDonnell  
Our Lady's 6.00pm Lisa Miley  
9.00pm Philip & Margaret Shannon  
Denis & Joy Harrison

**Monday: 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Sheila Roscoe  
1.00pm Knanaya Indian Cmty. Mass  
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

**Tue: 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen**

St Mary's 10.00am Stephen Linford  
Our Lady's 12.00pm Alison Edwards-Ribeiro  
& George Whitby

**Wed: 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John the Evangelist**

Our Lady's 12.00pm Catherine Duggan  
St Saviour's 7.00pm Mark Hobson

**Thurs: 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents**

St Mary's 10.00am Clark & Litten Family  
Our Lady's 10.00am Jack Fitzpatrick

**Fri: 29<sup>th</sup> December – St Thomas Beckett**

St Saviours 10.00am Mary Francis Reville  
Our Lady's 12.00pm Sheila Murphy

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave**

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention  
Our Lady's 12.00pm Ganty's Intention

**Sat: Vigil of The Holy Family**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Christopher Goodwin  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Terry McMahon

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December – The Holy Family**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Paddy Smith  
St Bernard's 9.00am George Rosenthal  
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** Holy Hour 6.00pm Wed 27<sup>th</sup> December  
**St Mary's** 8.30am Adoration prior to  
9.15am weekday Masses  
Holy Hour 10.00am Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Do please let us know if anyone is sick, and may need a home or Hospital visit.

*We remember in our prayers Pauline Harrison, Rose Roddy, Françoise Reid, Mary Martin, Joseph Keech, Mike Boden, Denis O'Neil, Billy Birch, David Winstanley and all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray that they may rest in peace*



**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  
**Mass with the Syro-Malabar Indian Community at 9.00pm**

**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  
**St Saviour's:** Mass with the Knanaya Indian Community at 1.00pm

**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.

**Thanks from Father Louis & Deacon Tony, Father Niall & Deacon Paul:**

We would very much like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many cards, gifts and kind expressions of prayer and support that we have received during this Season of Advent and in preparation for Christmas. We wish every member of our Local Pastoral Area and your families a very happy, healthy and blessed Christmas. *Fr Louis & Deacon Tony, Father Niall & Deacon Paul*

**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

**David Winstanley** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 10.30am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</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

**Pauline Harrison** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 12.noon on Tuesday 9<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)).

**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](http://www.universalis.com) or can be downloaded through the app store on your phone or tablet.

**Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT):**

At Easter time 2018, a newly formed HCPT group will be taking a small group of vulnerable and disadvantaged children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Overall, we need to raise a total of £10,000 and as

part of fundraising we are organising an Irish Dancing Afternoon Tea fundraising event to be held at St Anne's Parish Centre, Rock Ferry on Sunday 21st January, 12-4pm. Tickets will be available @ £8 for a fun afternoon of Ceili dancing, Afternoon Tea, Irish Bingo, a raffle and traditional Irish dancing!! We understand that Christmas is just around the corner, and money is a struggle, but we would really appreciate any support for this event. It would make a lovely Christmas gift for a Grandparent!! Please contact Erin McCulloch on 07473 311235 or by email [erinmcculloch6@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:erinmcculloch6@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested or know anyone who might be!! All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards expenses for the trip.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

### PARISH NEWS

**Best wishes to our Schools:** We wish all the Staff and Pupils from our Schools a Happy and Blessed Christmas, and an enjoyable break after what is always a long first term of the School Year. Our thanks and appreciation to all who work so hard to make our Schools Faith Communities where our children and young people can grow and flourish as the people they are called to be.

**SVP - Thank You:** On behalf of the SVP, Chris Duke would like to pass on a heartfelt thank you to parishioners for their donations of money and groceries over the last few weeks and especially Our Lady's Primary School. With all you help we can spread the joy of Christmas to those who have less than we do.

**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.*

### New Mass Cards & 2018 LPA

**Diaries:** This weekend we will have available across our Churches, some new LPA Order of Mass Cards and hopefully 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.

### '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. There are still some available in our Churches, so do please take one.

### 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.*

### 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*

### 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.

### 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.

**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

### 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- 17<sup>th</sup> December:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50-00 No. 158 J. Reddy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30-00 No. 128 A. O'Driscoll

**Awaiting Collection:**

No.130 L. Peel

