

**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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**7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord Yr B**

**Sat: Vigil of Epiphany of the Lord**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Special Int W.R.  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Robert Henricus

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.00am John & Linda Earlis  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Patricia, Bernard & Alice  
McCabe & John McKenna

**Monday: 8<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.15am Nora Longstaff  
Our Lady's 9.15am William & Amy Price

**Tue: 9<sup>th</sup> January**

St Saviour's 10.30am Requiem Mass – Ann Murray  
Our Lady's 12.noon Funeral Mass for  
Pauline Harrison

**Wed: 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Our Lady's 8.30am Anne Reddy  
St Saviour's 7.00pm John Jarvis

**Thurs: 11<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's 9.15am Ede Molyneux  
Our Lady's 9.30am (Prim Sch) Diocesan Clergy Int.

**Fri: 12<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's 9.15am Mike Boden RIP  
St Saviour's 10.00am Funeral Service –  
James Whittaker  
Our Lady's 12.noon Giuseppe & Elisa Contilli

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's 11.00am Fr Louis' Intention  
Our Lady's 12.noon Claire Murphy

**Sat: Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret & Arthur Harrington  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Intention  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Breda Peake

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Molly Reville RIP  
St Bernard's 9.00am Grant Family Intention  
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 10<sup>th</sup> January  
***St Mary's*** 8.30am Adoration prior to  
9.15am weekday Masses  
Holy Hour 10.00am Sat 13<sup>th</sup> January  
***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 Ella Rose Downey 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 Pauline Harrison, Sheila Wheeler, Isabella Bennett, Ann Davenport, Margaret Barrett, Anne Murray, Denis O'Neil, Billy Birch, David Winstanley, Robert Fletcher, James Whittaker, John (Jack) Fitzpatrick, Deacon Norman Carew and all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray that they may rest in peace*

*For details of Hall Bookings or Piety Stall information please contact the LPA Office*

## Upcoming Funeral Information

**Robert Fletcher** – Funeral Service will take place at Blacon Crematorium at 10.40am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**John (Jack) Fitzpatrick** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Isabella Bennett** - Funeral Service will take place at Blacon Crematorium at 12.noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

**Ann Davenport** – Funeral Service will take place at Blacon Crematorium at 10.00am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

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

## LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

**Retired Priests' Fund – Special Collection 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January:** Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing,

+ Mark

**Bishop of Shrewsbury**

There are Special Gift Aid Envelopes available this weekend. Please fill out your name and address and the amount you are giving. In the box please write your Parish Offertory Number and then beside this indicate which Parish you donate to and have numbered Gift Aid Envelopes for. If you donate to St Saviour's write: SS, for St Mary's Write: SM, for Our Lady & St Bernard's write: OLSB. This is especially important if you are donating in one of the other parishes from your usual one. We have not been supplied with a great number of these envelopes, so please only use one if you are 'Gift Aiding' your donation, otherwise please use the 'loose plate' offerings. Thanks for your support.

**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.

**Catechists' Formation Day:** The next meeting for Catechists will be on **Sat 13 Jan, at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. Registration 9:30am for 10:00am.** Topic: *Sharing Best Practice*. Moderator: Miss Caroline Farey. As this will be a good opportunity to get to know each other better, all Catechists are welcome. For those who would like to do so it will be possible to attend Mass in the parish at 12noon. All enquiries: Barbara Davies [07730 526 821](tel:07730526821); Registration: [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Peace Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018:** Next weekend is designated as Peace Sunday. Although it's more than 70 years since this country has been at war, there are still many wars being waged throughout the world. Pax Christi is the Church's official organisation and their work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace without fear of violence in all its forms. Pax Christi Prayer cards will be available at all LPA churches for you take.

**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 2018:** Fr Paul Standish invites those who have booked on this pilgrimage to join with the parishioners of St Wilfrid's, Northwich for Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018, and for refreshments afterwards. While there is no transport booked for this day if anyone is going and has seats available or anyone would like to go but has no transport please speak to Deacon Tony so transport can be sorted.

**SVP Holiday Home Fund Raiser:** To be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at St Columba's Parish Hall, Chester. Tickets cost £10 and are available from SVP Members. The main performers will be the Chester Catholic High School band which goes by the name of City Jazz (website [thecityjazzorchestrasingers.co.uk](http://thecityjazzorchestrasingers.co.uk)) but also our own 'Nuns & Rosaries' will be performing. Please support this event if you can. It will be an entertaining

evening and raise funds for a very worthy cause. Thank you.

### **CAFOD Quiz Night Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm:**

This will be the fourth CAFOD quiz of the present series and the first in 2018. The December quiz was again very well attended and raised £350 for CAFOD's Connect 2 Ethiopia project. The venue as usual will be Our Lady's Parish Centre. The entrance fee will be £3.00 (children £1). Our quizmaster is Mr. Mike Ives who has given valuable support for our quiz nights for many years. The Fair Trade stall and Fair Trade refreshments will be provided at the interval. We look forward to seeing those who have taken part on previous occasions and welcome those who will be coming for the first time. If you have not got a team don't be put off coming as you can join any of the other teams in the hall.

### **PARISH NEWS**

**Crib Offerings:** This coming weekend will be the final opportunity to contribute to the 'Crib Offerings' baskets/box. These offerings go to 'Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury' for the part of their work that was covered by the old 'Catholic Children's Society'. We did not have a second Collection for them, so if you could be as generous to the 'Crib Offerings' as you can, this would be appreciated.

**Sponsored Walk:** Congratulations to our Youth SVP Group, dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham, on completing their sponsored Walk last Thursday, and thank you to all who have sponsored them so far. It is not too late if you would like to show your support and sponsor them as they try to raise funds to send a 'VIP' to Lourdes on this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please see any member of the youth group or speak to Fr Niall or Fr Louis.

**St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Luncheon Club:** Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 12 until 2pm. All are welcome for some conversation, company and refreshments.

**LPA Junior Youth Club:** Please note (winter venue) – we will meet again at St Saviour's Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 6pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age, year 3 and over!

**Justice & Peace Group Meeting:** The group will be meeting this Sunday

evening (7<sup>th</sup> January) at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. We will be discussing events and meetings taking place in the coming months in 2018. Please come along and join the meeting to help in the promotion of social justice in our church community.

**Traidcraft Stall:** The Traidcraft stall will be open after Mass next weekend, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady's Church with St. Bernard's 28<sup>th</sup> January and St. Saviour's on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January. Please take this opportunity of stocking up with your favourite Fairtrade products or try some of the new items on sale. The Fairtrade movement continues to grow and a visit to the Fairtrade website (fairtrade.org.uk) will provide a better understanding of how the Fairtrade movement benefits so many small farming communities around the world. Here in our LPA parishes we are making a contribution to the development of Fairtrade in our church community.

**Reception into the Catholic Faith:** 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. Further information will be available soon.

**Our Schools Return:** Welcome back to our schools this week. We hope you had a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

### **New Mass Cards & 2018 LPA**

**Diaries:** These are available across our Churches. 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.

### **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 several weeks ago. 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. Details of our next meeting will be available soon.

### **Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 24<sup>th</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50-00 No. 160 Richard Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30-00 No. 133 Josie Flanagan

**Winners– 31<sup>st</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50-00 No. 97 Hannah Oakley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30-00 No. 62 Mr & Mrs  
Mitchell