

**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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**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent Year B**

**Sat: Vigil of First Sunday of Lent**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joseph Concannon  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Annie, Charlie & Liam Barr

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February First Sunday of Lent**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Bridie Stocking  
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Mike & Maura Heneghan

**Monday: 19<sup>th</sup> February**

St Saviour's 9.15am David Coyne  
Our Lady's 10.00am Funeral Mass for Mary Franklin

**Tue: 20<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's 9.15am in church—Clarke & Litten Fam  
St Saviour's 2.00pm Funeral Service for  
Terence Ditchfield  
Our Lady's 12.noon Jamie Wall & James O'Neill

**Wed: 21<sup>st</sup> February**

St Saviour's 10.00am Requiem Mass for  
Constance Grimes  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross  
7.00pm Tom Lavender

**Thurs: 22<sup>nd</sup> February - The Chair of St Peter**

St Mary's 9.15am in church –  
Josephine McDonnell

**Fri: 23<sup>rd</sup> February – St Polycarp**

St Saviour's 9.15am Jo West  
Our Lady's 9.15am Members of the Luncheon Club

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's 10.00am Stations of the Cross  
11.00am Fr Louis Int  
Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention

**Sat: Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bill Dobson  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Ann Newsome

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday of Lent**

St Mary's 9.00am John & Mary Warner (Get Well)  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Pat Sullivan (A)

**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 Sophia Gina & Giullia Marie Confessore baptised at St Mary's and Isabel Newton baptised at Our Lady's and 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 Ann Newsome, Mary Franklyn, Josephine (Jo) West, Constance Grimes, Alma (Pam) Mowll, Teresa Halpin, Geraldine Sheils, Angel Garcia Patino, Michael Fowler, Terence Ditchfield, Charles Thomas, Bob Fauguel, Alan Thompson, Jeremy Cracknell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Alexander Kenworthy, Philip Dickson 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*

## LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

### LENT 2018

**LPA Parishes Website:** As we are now entering the Season of Lent details will be available on our LPA Parishes Website of Special Events during Lent and Eastertide. Please pay a visit on: [www.rcchep.co.uk](http://www.rcchep.co.uk) - This information will be updated during Lent & Eastertide.

**Penance Service:** The first of our Deanery Penance Services, with the Opportunity for Individual Confessions, will be at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA at 7.00pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. The second will be at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, 7.00pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**A41 Churches Together Lenten Lunches:** This year's Lenten Lunches will take place from 12noon until 1.30pm at the following churches:

Friday 23rd February: St Paul's at Hooton

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: St John's at Great Sutton

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: St George's URC

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Little Sutton Methodist

Friday 23rd March: Combined Churches in St Mary of the Angels Lunch will cost £3.00 and all proceeds will go to charity. All welcome.

### **CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 23rd**

**February:** The Lent Fast Day this year highlights a mother called Marian, and her two sons who live in Zimbabwe. The older son, Tawanda, lived his childhood without enough to eat. Marian used to leave him in the morning to find work. She would return hours later to find him sitting in the same place. "I didn't have enough food to feed him," she said. "He hadn't played, or even walked. It was very painful to see him like this." When Tawanda was a teenager, Marian had another son, Svondo. He was bought up on fresh vegetables, beans and peanut butter. Now seven

years old, Svonda is growing healthy and strong. He plays with his friends. He's happy. These two brothers both had dreams. But one was prevented from reaching his God-given potential. The difference between these two boys is you. Your donations helped to give Marian some seed. And she did the rest. She worked hard month after month to grow a vegetable garden and she didn't stop until it flourished. So unlike Tawanda, Svondo didn't go hungry. This year the CAFOD Fast Day is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please take an envelope this weekend, 17th/18th February, and bring it back for next weekend, 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> February when there will be a Retiring Collection in our Churches.

### **CAFOD Statement- Safeguarding Vulnerable**

**Communities:** A Statement has been issued by the Director of CAFOD, Chris Bain, following accusations against former OXFAM staff members. The statement along with CAFOD's Code of Behaviour can be viewed at [www.CAFOD.org.uk/News/UK-news/CAFOD-safeguarding-statement](http://www.CAFOD.org.uk/News/UK-news/CAFOD-safeguarding-statement)

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

**2018:** All God's Creation is Very Good. Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday March 2nd at 2.30pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

### **Shrewsbury Youth Mission**

**Team:** The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team have now launched their exciting new website [www.symt.org.uk](http://www.symt.org.uk) Find out about the team, events happening around the Diocese and read their weekly blog.

### **Upcoming Funeral Information**

For details of Funerals taking place this coming week in our parishes,

please see the front page of the newsletter.

**Alexander Kenworthy** – Funeral Service will take place at Crewe Crematorium Chapel at 10.40am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Alma (Pam) Mowll** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 11.20am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Charles Thomas** – Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's Church at 11.15am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Robert Fauguel** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27th February

**Jeremy Cracknell** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel at 3.20pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**Philip Dickson** – Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's Church at 12.noon on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Teresa Halpin** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 11.00am on Thursday 8th March

**Alan Thompson** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 9.20am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Geraldine Sheils** – Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's at 12.noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

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

### **PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS**

**LPA Holy Land Pilgrimage February 2018:** This was a great success and as promised the intentions of every member of our LPA community were remembered in our Masses and prayers at the Holy Places where Jesus walked and ministered.

**St Patrick's Night Celebration – Save the date:** A night of music and dance will be held in St Saviour's Church Hall on *Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018*. Music will be provided by 'Anthony & Craig' and ticket details etc. will be made available soon.

**Scotland Trip Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** For those joining us on this trip please note that final payments are due by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. All joining us should now have received a letter with more details.

**Stanlaw Abbey Talk:** There will be an illustrated talk on Stanlaw Abbey in St Mary's Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Tea & coffee will be available and all are welcome.

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Guide Dogs:** We were very saddened to hear about an event on Ash Wednesday when someone with a Guide Dog was criticised for coming into Mass with the Guide Dog in one of our Churches. People who need a trained Guide Dog may always come into any establishment whether it be a Church, School, Hospital etc. They are always welcome, and should be made to feel so. The person with the Guide Dog was very upset by this event, and we apologise for any hurt that was caused. Perhaps those who criticised this person should also consider an apology?

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC):** There will be a retiring collection for SPUC in our LPA Parishes this weekend 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

**Spiritan's Mission Appeal at St Saviour's & St Mary's - Thank you:** Many thanks to everyone who gave to the Spiritan's Mission Appeal last

weekend. If anyone would still like to give to this appeal please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Spiritan Appeal'.

**Traidcraft Stall:** The Traidcraft stall will be open after Mass this weekend at St. Saviour's, with St. Bernard's 25<sup>th</sup> February. Please take this opportunity of stocking up with your favourite Fairtrade products or try some of the new items on sale. Please note that Fairtrade Fortnight will start on 26<sup>th</sup> February and this will be an opportunity to support the many small producers and farmers in the developing world by giving Fairtrade a go.

**St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Luncheon Club:** Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 1<sup>st</sup> March from 6pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age, year 3 and over!

**Primary School Masses:** No school Masses Next Tuesday or Thursday due to half term school break.

**Parish Sunday Roast at St Mary of the Angels:** We will be hosting another Sunday Roast at 2pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Stanley Hall. All are welcome on a first come first served basis! There is no charge but donations are invited simply to cover costs. If you wish to book a place please call the parish office on 327-6158 ASAP

**Training for Ministers of Holy Communion:** A further two training sessions will take place at St Saviour's church at 7pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All existing

ministers and those interested in this vital ministry are encouraged to attend. Many thanks to Tony Flynn for leading these sessions.

**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 approach clergy anytime. Further information will be available soon.

**Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish Formation Team:** Thanks to the support we have received. We have now relaunched the Parish Centre Committee and we will soon be restarting the Finance Committee. As we have said before, the Tea & Coffee after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturdays has now restarted, and we will be keeping this going until Easter, when we will review how it has been going. We will let you know soon when the next Meeting of the Formation Team, will be.

**New Tote Envelopes:** The new Tote Year will begin on the 18th February 2018. New envelopes will be available for present members in both churches on the 11th February. If any parishioners wish to become new members, the Tote costs £1 per week and can be paid on a weekly/monthly/quarterly or yearly basis, envelopes will be provided. New members can either fill in the sheets at the back of church or contact John Rice on 339 3094.

**Old Mobile Phones/Used Ink Cartridges:** The SVP are still collecting old mobile phones, and used ink cartridges. A collecting box is at the back of Our Lady's and St Bernard's. This is an easy way to raise funds for the purchase of our next holiday home, when the life of our present one is completed. Thank You.

**Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 11<sup>th</sup> February:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50.00  
No.55. C Oakley

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £30.00  
No.93 Mrs Jean Turley