

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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11th March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

Sat: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Parishioners
Our Lady's 6.30pm Margaret Griffiths

Sun 11th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am The Stanley Family
St Saviour's 11.00am Angel Garcia Patino RIP
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Vincenzo Spina

Monday: 12th March

St Mary's 12.30pm Requiem Mass –Joan Rainford
Our Lady's 12.noon Kathleen Winstanley

Tue: 13th March

EPCHS 8.45am Rosie Evason Intention
St Mary's 9.15am - in Church, Billy Hughes (A)
St Saviour's 11.00am Funeral Service for
Michael Cunningham

Wed: 14th March

Our Lady's 12.noon SVP Intention
St Saviour's 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.00pm John Jones

Thurs: 15th March

Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention
7.00pm Deanery Penance Service

Fri: 16th March

St Saviour's 12noon Funeral Service –
Geraldine Sheils
2.30pm Funeral Service for Jason Povey
Our Lady's 12.noon Sacraments Mass for the
Travelling Community

Sat 17th March - St Patrick

St Mary's 12.noon Wedding Service for
Helen Bott & Paul Carron
Our Lady's 12.noon Parishioners

Sat: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret Hannon
Our Lady's 6.30pm Jack Fitzpatrick

Sun 18th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am McGivern Family Int
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Molly Edwards
Our Lady's 11.00am Hughie Kerry

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 Frankie Valerie Williams baptised at St Saviour's, Ann Atlanta Purcell & Margaret Delaney 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 Teresa Halpin, Geraldine Sheils, Edna (Peggy) Squirrell, Joan Rainford, Anne Kenyon, Mary Bentham, Eileen (Liz) Markey, Paul Markey, Alan Thompson, Timothy O'Sullivan, Alexander Kenworthy, Philip Dickson, Michael Cunningham, John Jones, Laurence Reddy, Jason Povey, Father Stephen Dwyer 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

Chester & Ellesmere Port Deanery

Penance Services: This coming week, across our Chester & Ellesmere Port Deanery there will be two Penance Services, with the opportunity for Individual Confession: The first will be: **This coming Monday, 12th March, 7.00pm at St Columba's Church,** Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. The Second will be: **This coming Thursday, 15th March, 7.00pm at Our Lady's Church,** 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY

There will be a short reflection beforehand, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Priests from the Deanery will be available for Confessions at both these events.

Working Towards Building 'Missionary Parishes' for the Future:

As we have said before, we have been asked in this existing Local Pastoral Area (LPA) of Ellesmere Port & Hooton to work towards becoming one 'Missionary Parish'. This does not mean just one Church, but as is the case with our two Parishes now, both having two Churches, yet being one Parish. This is something that is happening not just in our area, but across the whole Diocese, and in different ways across all the Dioceses of England & Wales. The term 'Missionary Parish' comes from Pope Francis, who is calling us, whilst rooted in reality, not to let changes drag us down to looking inward, but seeing the situations, look outward, and ask how, given where we are as a Church today, look outward, seeking to share and live the Gospel, being 'Missionary Parishes' for today's world. For each area there is no 'blueprint' for us to adapt to, but for each area to work from the 'ground up' suggesting the most workable way forward. We already have many shared structures and programmes in our LPA, and very soon the LPA Clergy and representative Parishioners from our two Parish Formation Teams will form a Group to consider suggestions about how a 'Missionary Parish' might take shape in our area. We will keep you posted, but do please keep this LPA in your prayers, and we seek to move forward in Mission.

A41 Churches Together Lenten

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

Friday 16th 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.

SVP Stations of the Cross:

Friday 16th March 7.00pm at Our Lady's

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm at St Saviour's

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The next meeting will be this coming Monday, 12th March at 4.15pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. Our Youth Conference meet every two weeks, 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.

Children's Good Friday Service at ST Mary of the Angels:

On Good Friday at 10am our Children's Way of the Cross Service will take place at St Mary of the Angels church. A light breakfast will be available in Stanley Hall from 9.15am and Hot Cross Buns will be available after the service. All are welcome.

The Annual National Novena to St Joseph:

will take place from 10- 18 March 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena Prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St

Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Shrewsbury Diocese Job Vacancy:

Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit a Finance Manager, (Salary £40,000-£45,000 dependant on experience) to support and working closely with the Financial Secretary, with a significant degree of autonomy. The successful candidate will be expected to ensure financial compliance with Charity Law and meet both internal and external deadlines, to supervise day to day accounting functions and procedures as well as regular reports to colleagues on performance against budgets. The post is subject to enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service. Full details of the post and application form can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 23 March 2018.

Upcoming Funeral Information

For details of Funerals taking place this coming week in our parishes, please see the front page of the newsletter.

Eileen Markey (Liz) & Paul Markey (brother & sister) – Joint Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 3.20pm on Wednesday 14th March

Anne Kenyon – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 1.00pm on Monday 19th March

Mary Bentham – Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 1.15pm on Wednesday 21st March

Anne Molloy - Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 1.20pm on Friday 23rd March

Laurence Reddy - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 10.45am on Wednesday 28th March

John Jones – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 12.30pm on Wednesday 28th March

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

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

CAFOD Quiz Night Friday 16th March 7.30pm:

This will be the last CAFOD quiz of the present series. The February quiz was again well attended and raised £250 for CAFOD (please note that all the money raised will be match funded by the government). 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.

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 16th March 2018 at 7.30pm**. Music will be provided by 'Anthony & Craig' and ticket details etc. will be made available soon. Irish stew, tea & coffee will be provided, no bar so please bring your own choice of drinks. Tickets cost £7.00 and all funds raised will be in support of our Lourdes Youth Group. Tickets are available after weekend Masses in all of our churches or via the office at St Saviour & St Mary's on 327-6158. **All are welcome.**

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Mass Times this week: As the Priests are involved with Penance Services in our Deanery High Schools this coming week, weekday Mass Times will be very different. Please double check the Mass Times on the front of this Newsletter.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Luncheon Club:

Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 15th 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 15th 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 Mass: There will be no masses in our Primary Schools this coming week.

SVP Easter Hampers at St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels:

We are once again with the support of the SVP looking to provide Easter hampers and shopping vouchers for local families in need. If you wish to support this you can as always leave non-perishable foods at the rear of our churches or make a donation to support the work of our SVP.

Training for Ministers of Holy Communion:

The final training session will take place at St Saviour's church at 7pm on Tuesday 13th March. All existing ministers and those interested in this vital ministry are encouraged to attend. Many thanks to Tony Flynn for leading these sessions.

Traidcraft Stall: The Traidcraft stall will be open after Mass this weekend, 10-11th March at Our Lady's Church. Please give your support to this valuable way of helping farmers in the developing world to build better lives for themselves and their families. A visit to the Fairtrade website (fairtrade.org.uk) will provide a better understanding of the how the Fairtrade movement benefits so many farming communities around the world. Here in our LPA parishes we are making a contribution to the development of Fairtrade in our church community. Please note that this will be the final weekend of Fairtrade Fortnight and once again this will be valuable publicity for the Fairtrade movement. In Chester a Fairtrade banana producer has been welcomed at the Wesley church and Fairtrade shop and there has been a big Fairtrade day at the Storyhouse Centre.

Justice & Peace Group Meeting:

The group will be meeting next Sunday evening (18th March) at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

We will be discussing events and meetings taking place before and after Easter. Please come along and join the meeting to help in the promotion of social justice in our church community.

Movie Afternoon at Our Lady's Parish Centre:

This made a great start last Thursday. Remember to keep the first Thursday of each month free and come along; it's free of charge, just turn up! Details of the next Movie showing will follow soon.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation Team Update:

Due to circumstances that could not have been foreseen, times had to be rearranged. The next full meeting will be a short update meeting on Wednesday, 11th April, 6.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, before the 7.00pm Catechetical Talk that night. In the meantime we will be hoping to get in contact with all those who volunteered for Ministries and roles, and get these up and running. We hope to have a 'Buzz' Update available soon.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Gift Aid:

At this time of year we are asked by the Diocese to contact parishioners who have made a Gift Aid for Our Lady's/ St Bernard's Parish, to confirm their Tax Status, therefore would you please take a moment and speak to Brian/Jean at the back of church after masses next weekend 17th 18th March.

Sacraments Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Schools, Our Lady & St Bernard Parish:

Thanks for those who have approached us asking help for Preparation for First Holy Communion for Children in Non-Catholic Schools. There will be a meeting to get things started on Friday, 23rd March at 6.00pm in Our lady's Parish centre. We will contact those we know about, but in case we have mislaid your details, do please come and confirm with us and also if anyone who has a child, Year 3 or above in a Non Catholic School, and would like to join, please contact us also.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 4th March:

1st Prize, £50.00 No. 173 J Sullivan
2nd Prize, £30.00 No 198 A O'Driscoll

Awaiting Collection:

No. 49 Denise Seymour