

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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18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

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

Monday: 19th March - St Joseph

St Saviour's 9.15am Teresa Halpin RIP
Our Lady's 1.00pm Funeral Mass for Ann Kenyon

Tue: 20th March

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am in Church– Clark & Litten Fam
Our Lady's 10.00am Antonio Lommano

Wed: 21st March

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
1.15pm Funeral Service Mary Bentham
St Saviour's 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.00pm Gerry Shiels

Thurs: 22nd March

Our Lady's 9.15am – in Church with
Our Lady's School Year 3 Class
St Saviour's 9.30am in School – Audrey Davies

Fri: 23rd March

St Mary's 9.15am James & Bridget Carrigan
Our Lady's 12.noon Chris Gulleton

Sat 24th March

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

Sat: Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret Gilleece
Our Lady's 6.30pm Magdalena Tarasova &
Pavol Glevanak

Sun 25th March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Valerie Howey
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Norah Bather

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 Cillian Albert Bullock baptised at St Mary's, Poppie Draper-Swan baptised at Our Lady's and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for Paul Carron & Helen Bott married at St Mary's last week and 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 Geraldine Sheils, Joan Rainford, Ann Kenyon, Mary Bentham, Patricia Maund, Jacqueline Churchill, Mary O'Neill, Eileen (Liz) Markey, Paul Markey, Alan Thompson, Timothy O'Sullivan, Alexander Kenworthy, Michael Cunningham, John Jones, Laurence Reddy, Jason Povey, Joe Ward, Philip Williams, Eddie McHugh and all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray that they may rest in peace

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

LENT 2018

Holy Week Celebrations:

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Diocese of Shrewsbury Chrism Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE at 7.00pm: Please contact the LPA office if you would like to attend.

Holy Thursday: 29th March 2018

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Mary's: 7.00pm with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Our Lady's: 7.30pm with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm

Good Friday: 30th March 2018

Services will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm

St. Mary's: Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.00am, Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm

Our Lady's: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm, Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm

Also on Good Friday the 'Christians Together in the Port' Walk of Witness takes place, starting with a Service at 10.30am at the Salvation Army, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port and then going on to the Port and ending with refreshments as Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port.

Holy Saturday: 31st March 2018

The Easter Vigil Mass will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: 8.00pm

Our Lady's: 8.30pm

Easter Sunday: 1st April 2018

Easter Day Masses will take place at the following times in our Churches:

St. Saviour's: 11.00am

St. Mary's: 9.00am

Our Lady's: 11.00am

St. Bernard's: 9.00am

Also on Easter Sunday Morning the Ellesmere Port Churches Together Sunrise Service takes place, at 7.30am in front of Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port followed by breakfast.

LPA Parishes Website: Details of our Holy Week & Easter Services are available on our LPA Website.

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.

SVP Stations of the Cross:

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm at St Saviour's

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

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team:

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team have now launched their exciting new website www.symt.org.uk Find out about the team, events happening around the Diocese and read their weekly blog.

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.

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

Patricia Maund - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 1.15pm on Tuesday 27th 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

Philip Williams - Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd April

Joe Ward – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 10.00am on Wednesday 4th April

Jacqueline Churchill - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00pm on Thursday 5th April

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

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

No items this week.

PARISH NEWS

SPUC & CAFOD Family Fast Day Collections: Many thanks to all for your support and generosity for the both the SPUC and CAFOD Family Fast Day collections. The following amounts were sent from our LPA:

SPUC - £335.43

CAFOD Fast Day - £2,210.30

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Luncheon Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 5th April 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 12th April from 6pm until 7.30pm.

This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age, year 3 and over!

APF (Red) Mission Boxes at Our Lady & St Bernard's: These 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.

Primary School Mass:

Thursday 22nd March 9.30am Mass in St Saviour's Primary School.

Parishioners are most welcome to join with our school family for Holy Mass. No Mass in St Mary's Primary School this week. Last week we held Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions in St Mary's Primary School, many thanks to the children, staff and parishioners who took part. Also on Tuesday the Year 3 Class from St Saviour Primary joined us in church for a session exploring the Sacraments. It was lovely to have the children with us in the church and please keep them all in your prayers

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Craft Group: Will hold an Easter sale of Goods after our weekend Masses on 17th/18th March at Saviour's and at St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 25th March. A further sale will also take place at the Lenten Lunch on 23rd March (12noon – 1.30pm at St Mary's)

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Formation Team: Will meet again at Stanley Hall (St Mary's) on Tuesday 17th April at 7pm. If you are a member of this team please come along to this important meeting.

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.

SVP Youth Conference Easter Egg Raffle: The SVP Youth Conference will be selling tickets for their annual Easter Egg Raffle. This year's raffle is in aid of sending a sick pilgrim to Lourdes. The Easter Eggs, which have been donated to the Youth Conference, are Fairtrade Easter Eggs, called 'The Real Easter Egg' and contain, with the Easter Egg, a Fairly Traded Orange Chocolate Bar, an Olive Wood Cross from the Holy Land & a simple guide to the Christian Easter Story. Do please support them & the draw will take place on Palm Sunday. The

tickets cost a £1 a strip, and will be on sale in Our Lady & St Bernard's only, this weekend and next.

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

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 this weekend 17th

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– 11th March:
1st Prize, £50.00
No. 157 K Thompson

2nd Prize, £30.00
No.28 N Williams