

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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8th April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Sat: Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joan Flood
Our Lady's 6.30pm Anne Reddy

Sun: 8th April - Second Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Marie & Jackie Parker
1.30pm Divine Mercy Sunday
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Ann Newsome
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

Monday: 9th April - The Annunciation of the Lord

St Saviour's 9.15am Fr Jack McArdle
Our Lady's 9.15am Josie & Don O'Sullivan

Tue: 10th April

St Mary's 9.15am in Church – James McMullen
Our Lady's 9.15am Geraldine Payne
12.noon Wedding Service for
Hannifin & McGinley

Wed: 11th April - St Stanislaus

Our Lady's 9.15am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 7.00pm Joseph Vickers

Thurs 12th April

St Saviour's 9.15am in Church – Charles Williams
& Louisa Roberts
Our Lady's 12.noon Funeral Mass for
Patricia (Pat) Fitzgerald

Fri: 13th April

St Mary's 9.15am The Stanley Family
2.00pm Funeral Service –
Sheila Latham
Our Lady's 12.noon Father Andrew Campbell

Sat 14th April

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

Sat: Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bill Dobson
Our Lady's 6.30pm Joe & Winnie Carroll

Sun: 15th April - Third Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Kathleen Daly RIP
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Sheila McHugh

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 – Wednesday 11th April

St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to

9.15am weekday Masses

Holy Hour Saturday 14th April

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 Archie Smith & Aidan Bradley 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 Jackie Churchill, Mary Pauline O'Neill, Sheila Latham, Adrienne May Burrows, Dorothy Caldwell, Patricia (Pat) Fitzgerald, Eileen Cushing, Alan Thompson, Timothy O'Sullivan, Alexander Kenworthy, Joe Ward, Philip Williams, John Cox, Christopher Wells 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

Upcoming Funeral Information

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

John Cox - Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00pm on Monday 16th April

Christopher Wells - Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th April

Adrienne May Burrows – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 1.45pm on Tuesday 24th April

Eileen Cushing – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 10.00am on Thursday 26th April

Dorothy Caldwell – Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 2.00pm on Tuesday 1st May

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

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary of the Angels: Since the Year 2000, the Universal Church has marked the Second Sunday of Easter as 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' - Pope St John Paul II designated this day as the Feast of Divine Mercy when he canonized Sister Faustina. - The devotions on this special day, regards God's ultimate mercy! The Divine Mercy devotions, will take place on Sunday 8th April 2018, at St Mary of the Angels Church (Chester Rd), starting in Stanley Hall. – The day commences at 1.30pm, and concludes at about 5.30pm (ish); it will include a film, the blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, a Holy Hour, Confessions & Holy Mass. - All are welcome to attend!

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.

SVP Youth Conference Easter Egg

Raffle: Many thanks to all who supported the SVP Youth Conference Easter Egg Raffle; a total of £137.30 was raised. This money will go towards sending a parishioner on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Congratulations to our winners, Yvette & Frances from St Bernard's and Mary & Elizabeth from Our Lady's. All prizes have now been claimed.

Living a Sacramental Life: In preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress, and for the 'Year of the Eucharist' a series of talks organised by our Diocese of Shrewsbury will explore the relationship between the Sacraments, particularly how each relates to the Eucharist as their source and centre. Given by Fr Oliver Treanor, Fr Jonathan Brandon, Fr Edmund Montgomery and Miss Barbara Davies, these talks are open to all. In the north of our Diocese these talks

are in Our Lady's Parish Centre, here in Ellesmere Port. These are on Wednesdays 11th, 18th, 25th April & 2nd May; 7:00pm/7:30pm to approximately 9:15pm. Please contact the LPA Office for registration.

Shrewsbury Diocese Job Vacancy:

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to appoint a full-time, permanent Deputy Director of Schools, who will support the Director of Schools in:

Promoting the highest standards of education in our Diocesan Schools:

- Supporting Governors and Headteachers in appointing high quality Catholic Leaders to our schools:
- Providing a strategic direction for the further development of academies within the Diocese:
- Supporting and developing the family of schools within the Diocese:
- Providing training to Governors, Headteachers, Staff and Chaplains.

Further details and an application form are available from the Diocesan website

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> and completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 13 April 2018.

Rosary on the Coast – 29th April: St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels are taking part in this 'Rosary on the Coast' Initiative, and invite anyone from Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish who might be interested, to join in. It is endorsed by Pope Francis and many bishops, the aim is for the Rosary to be prayed around the entire coast of the British Isles. We will implore Our Blessed Lady to arouse a great renewal of the Catholic Faith in our land. If you wish to take part we will be gathering at 2.30pm close to Eastham Ferry Pub. (There is a parking charge of £1 for two hours) All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: This year marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan

Pilgrimage will take place from 26 July-3 August overland and 27 July-2 August by air. Brochures and booking forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey, CH44 5UD. This year flight seats are limited so early booking is recommended.

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels

Parish Luncheon Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 26th 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!

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels

Parish First Holy Communion Dates:

St Saviour's children will receive their First Holy Communion during the 11am Sunday Mass on 13th May St Mary of the Angels children will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May, 10am Mass in St Mary's church. Please keep the children, their families and school staff in your prayers

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.

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 Mass for the Sick:

Advance notice – this will take place on Saturday 28th April 2018 at 11am in St Saviour's Church. All welcome. Please speak to any member of the SVP if you require transport.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish Craft Group Easter

Raffle: First prize in the draw was won by Ann Hopper and a further prize also awaiting collection won by John Rice. Prizes can be collected from the piety stall at St Saviour's. Further information concerning funds raised and allocation of these funds will be made available soon. Thanks to the Craft Group for their hard work and dedication and thanks to all who supported the raffle.

St Saviour's Easter Egg Raffle-

Thanks: Many thanks to Andrew Laycock for running this raffle in support of our LPA Lourdes Youth Ministry. Thanks also to all who supported the raffle and contributed to the generous raised total of £169.00

Work at Our Lady's Church:

During the next few weeks work will be starting at Our Lady's Church to the Sacristy & Confessional. This work is to help upgrade to cover Safeguarding and Health & Safety requirements. In the Sacristy the locations of the present Priest's Sacristy and Servers' Sacristy will be reversed, the dividing door removed and a window placed in between the two. The outer doors will have glass panels in them. Also, new storage space will be created. At present the Confessional has the facility for Penitents to go anonymously or face to face. However, this is all enclosed, and leaves both the Penitent and Priest potentially vulnerable. To remedy this a dividing wall will be placed between the Priest and Penitent's side and glass panels will be put in the outer doors, so that it can be seen that there is someone there, on each side, but so as not to see 'who' so to speak. This will mean that the only option in the Confessional will be the anonymous option. We will seek to have a 'face to face' option, maybe once a month, using one of the side Chapels, where everything is in view, but not overheard. This is not just a 'paper exercise', it is a response to problems that have arisen in other places, and have been learned from in formulating 'best practice'. The

Sacristy & Confessional Doors may be missing this weekend, as they have been taken away by the Joiners to be measured up for the Glass Panels; if this is the case we will adapt. This work will be mostly covered by the Parish Project of funds raised by 'Our Mission Together', so thank you to all who have helped make this possible. Later in the summer, essential work will take place for the building, about which we will say more closer the time.

Although there will be some disruption, we should be able to use Our Lady's Church as usual.

The upkeep of the St Bernard's building is managed in partnership with St Bernard's School 'Little Bears' Preschool, who use the building in the week. It is for this reason that apart from the Sunday Mass at St Bernard's, Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish Groups and functions take place at the Our Lady's Site.

Just a short update on the Our Lady's Car Park Security Barrier that people ask about. This will take a little while to set up, and will only be in operation Monday to Friday during the working Day on a pass card system. ***It will always be opened for Masses & Services and no one will have to pay to come to Mass or will be locked in!*** Again, we will inform you in good time about this. There are all kind of crazy rumours going round about this barrier! Please don't anyone worry, and we'll keep you posted.

Sorry about the long item, but we wanted to let you know where we were up to.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation Team Meeting:

The next full meeting will be a short update meeting this coming Wednesday, 11th April, 6.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, before the 7.00pm Catechetical Talk, mentioned above, 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. There are information Sheets available at the back of our Churches for anyone who may be interested in becoming more involved. Hopefully, a 'Buzz Update' will be available this weekend.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote

Winners– 1st April:

1st Prize, £50.00

No. 29 T McNay

2nd Prize, £30.00

No. 8 Mrs Rice

Awaiting Collection

No. 104 CMC

No.32 M Stanford