

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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15th April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter Year B

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

Monday: 16th April

St Saviour's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 9.15am Chalkie & Joan's Intention
2.00pm Funeral Service for John Cox

Tue: 17th April

St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 12.noon Mary & George Lyons

Wed: 18th April

Our Lady's 8.30am Michael Murphy
St Saviour's 7.00pm Word & Communion Service

Thurs 19th April

St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 9.15am Marija Kazakeviciene
St Saviour's 1.30pm Funeral Service –
Christopher Wells

Fri: 20th April

Our Lady's 12.noon Enya McDonnell

Sat 21st April

Our Lady's 12.noon Mary O'Neill

Sat: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Paul Docherty
Our Lady's 6.30pm Alison Edwards Ribeiro 2nd Ann

Sun: 22th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Giuseppe & Elisa Contilli
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Maura Elliott

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 Maisie Rose Madden baptised at St Mary's, Rowan Randles & Barney Thelwell baptised at Our Lady's and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for Patrick McGinley & Shelby Hannifin married at Our Lady'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 Sheila Latham, Adrienne May Burrows, Dorothy Caldwell, Patricia (Pat) Fitzgerald, Eileen Cushing, Alan Thompson, Timothy O'Sullivan, Alexander Kenworthy, John Cox, Christopher Wells, Johnathan Brennan, John Russell, Fr Walter Vasquez 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.

Jonathan Brennan – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 10.30am on Tuesday 24th 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

John Russell – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 1.00pm on Monday 30th 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

Working Towards Building 'Missionary Parishes' for the Future:

As we mentioned we gently taking this process forward in our area, working with the St Saviour & Mary's & Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation Teams. We had an initial meeting last week of the group of Clergy and Parishioners who are discussing the best way to take this procedure forward. Several thoughts came forward, and, hopefully in the next couple of weeks or so, we will get together a 'Supplement Sheet' for the Newsletter to share these thoughts with everyone. Please keep our working towards building a Missionary Parish in your prayers.

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, 18th, 25th April & 2nd May; 7:00pm/7:30pm to approximately 9:15pm. Please contact the LPA Office for registration.

A Healing Mass for all families that are affected by mental illness and those that work with them:

A Healing Mass will be held at St James', 40, Underwood Road, Hattersley, Hyde, SK14 3DH on Saturday 21 April at 12 Noon. There will be an Anointing of the Sick during the Mass and an opportunity for socialising and meeting members of the Diocesan Mental Health Action Group afterwards.

Fruitful discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World:

A Conference by Sherry Weddell For the Laity and Religious. St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HE. Saturday 12 May 2018 9:30/10:00am – 3:30pm. Please bring lunch, coffee & tea will be provided. Enquiries to barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Registration

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Vacancy for Parish Youth Minister:

For the Parishes of St Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch and St Maximillian Kolbe Parish Runcorn. The successful candidate will be working closely with Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team and the individual Parishes to provide a positive Catholic role model enabling young people to see their lives through the gospel lens. This is to be a full time post with a salary between £19,000 and £22,000. Deadline to apply is April 27th 2018. If you are or know someone who may be interested in this position please see the posters in church or contact the Diocese for more in depth information. www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

Rosary on the Coast – 29th April: St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels are taking part in this 'Rosary on the Coast Initiative.' 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.

SPUC: To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the abortion act coming into force on the 27th April 1968 since when there have been nearly nine million abortions in our country, on Saturday 21st April between 11am and 1pm there will be a Pro Life Chain on Hoole Road in Chester. There is also a special day of pilgrimage and prayer with a National Rosary on the Coast which is on Sunday 29th April at 3pm. There are two local locations, near Morrisons in New Brighton (which will be attended by Bishop Mark) and at Eastham Ferry. All are invited to attend these events. If you need more information, please phone Margaret on 0151 336 2050

A41 Churches Together: The next meeting of this Ecumenical Forum will be held at Stanley Hall on Tuesday 17th April at 10am. We are looking for a parish volunteer(s) to assist the clergy in regular engagement with this forum. If you are interested please come along or speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The next meeting will be this coming Monday, 16th April 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.

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 26th 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: 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's Craft Group

Easter Raffle & Lenten Lunches: a fantastic total of £704 was raised. Many thanks to the Craft Group for their hard work and dedication, and thanks to all who supported the raffle & lunches. These funds are being distributed across parish charities and further information will be made available soon.

'Thank You' from Joe Ward's Family -

Joe Ward's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Father Louis, Deacon Tony, the Eucharistic Ministers and Joe's many friends. Your prayers and wonderful support brought great comfort, both to him and to us.

Thank you, also, for the generous donation of £237.10p received in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Work at Our Lady's Church:

Work will be starting this Monday 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 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: Thanks to all who came to the 'Update Meeting' last week. We'll keep you posted of our next meeting.

Justice & Peace Group Meeting:

The group will be meeting next Sunday evening (22nd April) at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. We will be discussing events and meetings taking place during the coming months. 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 this weekend, 14-15th April at Our Lady's Church with St. Saviour's on 21-22nd April and St. Bernard's on 29th April. Please support the Fairtrade movement which helps so many small farmers and their communities in the developing world. Here in the Catholic parishes of Ellesmere Port and Hooton we now use Fairtrade wine from South Africa for our Communion wine.

'Thank you' to Our Lady's Luncheon

Club: A message from Gill Hibbert from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd – I would like to convey a big 'Thank you' to the members of the Luncheon Club for their generous gift with which we have been able to purchase a prayer tree and a water feature for the Prayer Corner in the Hospice's Multi Faith Chapel. Many of you have a long association with the hospice and your Support is highly valued by us all.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 8th April:

1st Prize, £50.00

No. 133 Josie Flanagan

2nd Prize, £30.00

No. 12 Fred Savory

Awaiting Collection

No.32 M Stanford

No. 29 T McNay

No. 8 Mrs Rice