

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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29th April 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

Sat: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret Stonely RIP
Our Lady's 6.30pm Gabriel McGahon

Sun: 29th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Margaret Roberts
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Sabatino Spina

Mon: 30th April

St Saviour's 9.15am Peter Cooper RIP
Our Lady's 1.00pm Funeral Mass for John Russell

Tue: 1st May

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am in School – George Bishop
Our Lady's 2.00pm Funeral Service for
Dorothy Caldwell

Wed: 2nd May - St Athanasius

St Saviour's 7.00pm McDonald Family Intention

Thurs 3rd May – SS Philip & James

St Saviour's 9.30am in School – Joan's Mum RIP
Our Lady's 12.noon Nora Louise Reid

Fri: 4th May – The English Martyrs

St Mary's 9.15am Margaret McCormack

Sat 5th May

St Saviour's 11.00am Fr Louis Intention
Our Lady's 12.noon First Holy Communion Mass

Sat: Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Saviour's 5.00pm Peter Shannon
Our Lady's 6.30pm Lisa Miley

Sun: 6th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Joe Ward
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Giuseppina Cimerilli

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's None next Saturday
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 6.00pm Holy Hour 2nd May
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
10.00am Holy Hour 5th May
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 Wojtek Nowicki 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 Adrienne May Burrows, Dorothy Caldwell, Eileen Cushing, Johnathan Brennan, John Russell, 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

For Funeral Information, see the front of the Newsletter

LPA Office Staffing Changes: This week, Cyndi Turton, who has worked in our LPA Office for the last couple of years has finished work with us. We wish every blessing to Cyndi and her family for the future, and we would wish to express our appreciation for the difference she has made. Ann O'Connor, who is working with us at present for three days a week, will be doing an additional day from this May. Sandra Nuttall, who worked with us previously, will now be helping coordinate from the Office at the St Saviour and St Mary of the Angels side of the Parish for two days a week.

Working Towards Building 'Missionary Parishes' for the Future:

As we mentioned we are 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, we did promise that we would get together a 'Supplement Sheet' for the Newsletter to share these thoughts with everyone, we haven't forgotten, and we will get this sorted as soon as reasonably possible. Please keep our working towards building a Missionary Parish in your prayers.

Living a Sacramental Life: The last in these series of talks takes place at Our Lady's Parish Centre, here in Ellesmere Port this coming Wednesday 2nd May; 7:00pm/7:30pm to approximately 9:15pm, the speaker being the author, Fr Oliver Treanor. Please contact the LPA Office if you have not already registered and would like to come.

Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World": A chance to hear Mrs Sherry Weddell, international author, on Sat 12 May 2018, St Ambrose College, Hale Barns WA15 0HE (09:30/10:00-15:30, please bring lunch). Sherry has a wealth of experience helping people deepen their personal relationship with God and live out its implications; she will both inspire and encourage. Everyone welcome. This is a very special

occasion for our Diocese as Sherry has come especially at the invitation of our Diocese. It would be good if as many as possible were able to attend. To register please contact the LPA Office as soon as possible; if a good number are interested, we would think about arranging Transport.

To all members of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:

A message from the Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: "At the last AGM we voted to begin a working party to look at our constitution and ensure that it is fit for purpose for the future. We have met a couple of times and have come up with some draft proposals. We will meet again at St Mary of the Angels, Hooton. CH66 1QJ - Exit J5 M53 and head in direction of Chester A41. Church is 200 yards over the lights beside a car wash on right hand side - on Saturday, 12th May at 1.30pm. Anyone who wishes to join us will be very welcome. If you would like to receive a copy of the existing constitution and the suggested changes or, if you are unable to join us but want to make a comment, please email me at annerogowski584@hotmail.com and I will ensure that your points are fed back. We hope to have a final proposal ready to put before the AGM in September. I apologise to anyone who did not receive notice of the last meeting. It may not have gone out as widely as we intended. Many thanks. Anne Rogowski."

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 abortion 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

'NightFever': On Friday 15th June St Francis' Church in Chester will be launching a 'NightFever' programme. It will start with Mass at 7pm. Adoration will begin at 8pm running through until 10:30pm. 'NightFever' is a fairly new idea and requires a small team of willing volunteers to go out into busy town/city centres inviting passers-by to come into church to light a candle and experience Adoration. There is also the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation. 'NightFever' is hugely successful across Europe and the USA. So please do come along to Mass and spend some time in prayer during adoration after. If anyone would like to volunteer/more info please speak to Deacon Tony or contact Ant Hunt on 07714 160 268.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The next meeting will be this coming Monday, 30th 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.

A41 Churches Together: A meeting of this Ecumenical Forum was held at Stanley Hall last Tuesday. Unfortunately no parishioners responded to the request to attend and support the clergy in this ministry.

As we move forward into one parish for Ellesmere Port, this and other such ministries / tasks will only be able to be maintained if there is engagement and willing volunteers!!

As such we are still looking for a parish volunteer(s) to assist the clergy in regular engagement with this forum. If you are interested please speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony

Also please note there will be an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Little Sutton Methodist Church 9am Saturday 2nd June- All are invited to attend

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Knights of St. Columba - Day of Recollection: will take place on Thursday 3rd May at the Bridgetine Convent, Holywell, North Wales. The cost of the trip is £15.00 and lunch will be provided. The coach will leave St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton at 9.30am, returning approx. 16.30pm. For more information or to book a place, contact Ben O'Donnell on 0151 339 5210 or jbod@talktalk.net

Month of May-First Saturday Devotions: All Saints Franciscan Church in Manchester: On Saturday 5th May transport will leave from St Mary's at 12.30pm, St Saviour's at 12.40pm and Our lady's at 12.45pm. Limited seats are available (Mini-bus) so if you wish to join us please book a seat by calling the parish office at St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158. After Mass **we will not** be going to the Trafford Centre so should return to Ellesmere Port around 6pm.

LPA Scotland Trip: MAY 2018: This trip is now fully booked and ready to go. A pre-departure social gathering will be held at St Mary's (Stanley Hall) on Sunday 6th May at 4pm. Please come along if you can. All joining us on this trip should either have received a letter or you will find a letter in the respective sacristies. **Departure Details: Monday 14th May: 7.00 am From St Mary of the Angels and 7.15am from St Saviour's**

BBQ, Music & Song Night at St Mary of the Angels: On Friday 1st June 'Craig & Anthony' will once again provide a concert in support of our Lourdes Youth Ministry. No charge or tickets, donations can be made on entry and all proceeds will go to the Lourdes Youth Fund. The evening includes BBQ food and light refreshments. (No bar so please bring your own bottle of choice) **All are welcome**

S.V.P. Theatre Night - Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight, Wednesday 6th June 2018: This year's presentation is "DIAL M FOR MURDER" Tickets £9.00. These theatre nights have been a good success, in both been a good night out, and raising funds for the SVP holiday home project. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses over the coming weekends.

A Night at the Proms – A Date for Your Diary: Flat Pack Music will be presenting 'A Night at the Proms' on Friday 22nd June at 7.30pm at Our Lady's Church. Tickets will cost £10 and will be available to buy soon. Part of the tickets sales will go to the SVP.

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

Our Lady & St Bernard First Holy Communion Masses: Our First Holy Communion Masses will be next Saturday, 5th May and Saturday 12th May, both at 12.noon at Our Lady's. The final Celebration for St Bernard's will be Saturday, 9th June, 10.00am at Our Lady's Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Saturday Confessions at Our Lady's: Due to our First Holy Communion Mass, next Saturday, 5th May, there will be no Confessions at Our Lady's.

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.

Parish Luncheon Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 10th May from 12 until 2pm. All are welcome for some conversation, company and refreshments.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angel's Parish Open Meeting Regarding Missionary Parish Formation: Thanks to all who attended the important meetings held last week to

discuss progress across our parish and the early stages of forming our new Missionary Parish of Ellesmere Port. **An open general parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May, 7pm at St Saviour's. This will provide an opportunity for updates, questions and Conversation.**

LPA Junior Youth Club: Please note (Summer venue) – we will now meet again at St Mary's (Stanley Hall) on Thursday 10th May 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.

Work at Our Lady's Church: Work is now well underway at Our Lady's Church to the Sacristy & Confessional. This will involve some disruption, but we are able to keep using the Church during this period. During this time, as the Confessional is out of action, Confessions are taking place in the 'Lady Chapel'. There is a Kneeler for those who wish to make an 'Anonymous' Confession, and a chair for those who wish to sit face to face. Music will be played through the loudspeakers to help protect privacy, and may we please ask that you keep respectful distance, and do not use the Candle Stands during this time.

Movie Afternoon at Our Lady's Parish Centre: The monthly movie afternoon at Our Lady's Parish Centre will take place on Thursday 3rd May 2pm-4pm. The movie showing this month is 'Breathe'. It's free of charge and includes a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee. All are welcome.

Traidcraft Stall: The Traidcraft stall will be open after Mass this weekend, 29th April at St. Bernard's. 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.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 22nd April:
1st Prize, £50.00
No. 188 P. O'Driscoll

2nd Prize, £30.00

No. 154 Mr & Mrs Keegan

Awaiting Collection

No. 133 Josie Flanagan

No. 40 P Llowarch

No. 179 M Henessy