

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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20th May 2018 – Pentecost Sunday Year ABC

Sat: Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

St Saviour's 5.00pm Patrick Green
Our Lady's 6.30pm Lawrence Kelly-Jones

Sun: 20th May – Pentecost Sunday

St Mary's 9.00am Barbara Jones
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Don O'Sullivan

Mon: 21st May – The Dedication of the Cathedral

St Saviour's 9.15am Derek Damson RIP

Tue: 22nd May

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 10.30am Requiem Mass – Barbara Jones
1.00pm Requiem Mass –
Carol-Ann Stelfox
Our Lady's 12.noon Patrick O'Driscoll

Wed: 23rd May

Our Lady's 12.noon Alfreda Ostrowska
St Saviour's 7.00pm Peter Shannon RIP

Thurs 24th May – Our Lady Help of Christians

St Mary's 9.15am Mike O'Sullivan
Our Lady's 9.30am Funeral Mass for
Michael Fitzgerald

Fri: 25th May – St Bede the Venerable

St Saviour's 9.30am in School –
Josephine McDonnell

Sat 26th May – St Philip Neri

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention

Sat: Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret Gilleece
Our Lady's 6.30pm John Fitzpatrick

Sun: 27th May – The Most Holy Trinity

St Mary's 9.00am Alex Hunt
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Agnes Curry Intention
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

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 6.00pm Wednesday 23rd May
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
Holy Hour 10.00am Saturday 26th 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 Poppy O'Doherty, Oliver Holloway & Harper Clement-Green 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 Carol Ann Stelfox, Irene Flynn, Barbara Jones, Ted McAteer, Peter Shannon, Gerry Archbold, Michael Fitzgerald, Thomas Aherne, Baby Kai O'Brien 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

FUNERALS

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

John Gerard (Gerry) Archbold – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 3.20pm on Wednesday, 23rd May

Irene Flynn – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium at 11.20am on Thursday, 24th May

Peter Shannon – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 12.00pm on Tuesday 29th May

Thomas Aherne – Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's at 11.00am on Thursday 31st May

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Share the Journey Walk in Rivacre Valley Saturday 2nd June 11.00am: In Autumn last year, Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign and called on all of us to show our support for refugees and migrants by taking part in walks of varying lengths in our own neighbourhoods. In September world leaders will be coming together to draw up new UN agreements on refugees and migrants and this will be an opportunity to show our concern for the millions of people who have been forced to leave their homes and go on journeys seeking safety and shelter. It is hoped that the total distance for all those taking part in Share the Journey walks will reach 24,900 miles (the distance round the world) and this will present a powerful message to world leaders. This will be in place of the usual petition and every mile will count. If you are free on that Saturday morning (2nd June) please join us at the Rivacre Valley car park to start a gentle 3 mile walk around the Valley and the adjoining golf course. The walk will get underway at 11.00am. If you need any further information please have a word with me (Tony Walsh) or one of the J&P group.

“NightFever”: “Night Fever” has proved itself a he success across Europe and USA in bringing people back to the Catholic Church. Our first ‘Night Fever’ will take place on **Friday 15th June** in St Francis’ Church, Chester starting with Mass at 7.00pm, and followed by a small team of volunteers going out into the city streets to invite people to come into Church to light a candle and experience Adoration of the Blessed sacrament. Volunteers are required for the following ministries: Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Welcome Team in the Church Porch, Musicians & Singers

for the worship music, Readers & Volunteers to go into the streets. The ministry is being organised by Anthony Hunt (Chaplain at Chester Catholic High School) and supported by members of the Clergy from Chester & Ellesmere Port Deanery parishes. To volunteer or obtain more information speak with Deacon Tony or call Anthony on 07714 160268.

LPA Justice and Peace Group

Meeting: The J&P group will be meeting again on Sunday 27th May at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. We will be discussing events and activities that will take place in the months leading up to the Summer Holidays, (including the forthcoming ‘Share the Journey’ walk). Please come along and join us at the meeting if you would like to know more about justice and peace or would like to get involved in the promotion of Catholic Social Teaching in our parishes community.

The Northern Catholic Conference:

this year's conference will take place on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th June 2018 at Liverpool Hope University. The theme this year is ‘I am with you always, Yes to the end of time.’ (Matthew 28:20) Father Pat Deegan is the Spiritual Director. For further information, please see notices in Our Lady's Church. To register or for more information, contact Denise on 07543800812 or email northerncatholic@outlook.com or visit www.northerncatholic.co.uk

A41 Churches Together: Recently a meeting of this Ecumenical Forum was held at Stanley Hall. 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

Eucharistic Congress – Adoremus,

Liverpool 7-9 September: The Diocesan website has a new link to Adoremus materials and booking forms on the home page, www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/adoremus

Tickets are available for Saturday's Congress Day and limited tickets remain for Friday's Symposium Day. You may join online communities on Facebook: Adoremus Eucharistic Congress; twitter: @adoremus2018 and #adoremus; and Instagram: @eucharisticcongress . Please book through the parish as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

Diocesan Welfare Officer: A vacancy has arisen for a Support Worker to assist the Diocesan Welfare Officer. The successful applicant will support the Welfare Officer assisting in visiting and participating in the care of sick and retired priests in their own home, or community setting. Also in an administrative role, booking appointments and dealing with the day to day administrative tasks which support a safe, confidential person-centred service for retired and sick Priests in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The work will be facilitated, supervised and supported by the Welfare Officer. For further information please visit our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> or send CV to Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date Friday 8 June 2018.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Altar Servers and LPA Visit to Shrewsbury Cathedral – Numbers

Needed!: A ‘Day Pilgrimage and Visit’ to our Diocesan Cathedral in Shrewsbury has been arranged for our Altar Servers and LPA Parishioners a week on Wednesday 30th May 2018. Several Altar Servers and Parishioners have already signed to go, but **we need to know final numbers by this coming Wednesday, 23rd May** to give an idea of how many are interested. Please sign the lists at the back of our Churches, or call the LPA Office as soon as possible if you would like to come. The Coach will be leaving Our Lady's at approximately 10.00am to arrive at the Cathedral in time for the 12.15pm Mass that day. Other events will include a guided tour of the Cathedral a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Pity in the Cathedral Grounds, and an opportunity to look at the new Visitor Centre there. People will need to bring a packed lunch, and we will either stop at a local park, or have the opportunity to eat lunch in a covered area if the weather is bad. We would hope to be back at Our Lady's at approximately 5.00pm. Please note that any Alter Servers, or those under 18 travelling without their families, will need a Diocesan Parental Consent Form filling out and returning to us. A donation of £10-00 would be appreciated towards the Coach for Parishioners accompanying.

Please see Chris Duke, or contact the LPA Office for details.

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**

Holy Hour on Solemnity of Body & Blood of Christ: The LPA Lourdes Youth Group are hosting this Holy Hour at St Saviour's Church starting at 2.30pm on Sunday 3rd June. This will be followed by a garden party & light refreshments (weather permitting). Please come along, 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 on sale after Mass at Our Lady's and St Bernard's over the coming weekends. 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

SVP Groceries, Our Lady & St Bernard's: The SVP have run out of groceries. Thanks to parishioners and Our Lady's Primary School's generosity at Christmas, we were able to supply needy families with grocery's, but the demand is constantly increasing; so if parishioners would be so kind to come to our assistance, the families concerned will be forever grateful. There are boxes at the back of Our

Lady's & St Bernard's Churches for any who could help. Thank you.

Our Lady & St Bernard First Holy Communion Masses: Congratulations to the children from Our Lady's School who celebrated receiving their First Holy Communion over the last two weekends. After a short break now, our 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.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels Parish First Holy Communion Dates: St Saviour's children will receive their First Holy Communion during the 11.00am Sunday Mass this weekend, 13th May. St Mary of the Angels children will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday 19th May, 10.00am Mass in St Mary's Church. Please keep the children, their families and school staff in your prayers.

Primary School Masses – St Saviour & St Mary's: There will be Mass at St Saviour's School at 9.30am on Friday 25th May. There will be no Mass at St Mary's School this week.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club: Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 24th May from 12 until 2pm. All are welcome for some conversation, company and refreshments.

Parish Garden at St Saviour's: Please note that this beautiful 'Garden Shrine' is open for use of Parishioners. As better weather is now with us the Garden Shrine will be opened before and after our weekend Masses, so please feel free to spend time in the garden. We also have a Garden Party planned for 3rd June (see above details) and Sunday, 22nd July (Lourdes Departure Mass & Party). Our sincere thanks is extended to the Parishioners who have helped to build and maintain this Shrine.

Forming a 'Missionary Parish' here in Ellesmere Port and Hooton: Our plans to help build one 'Missionary Parish' here in Ellesmere Port and Hooton are underway, and listed below are the ways both our Parishes are taking this forward. Do please keep this process in your prayers, as we can plan all we like, but unless we root it in prayer, it will not grow in Christ. Whilst we hold meetings and discussions, we will be thinking of how we can root this time in prayer.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angel's Parish Open Meeting Regarding Missionary Parish Formation: Thanks to all who attended the important meetings held recently 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 this coming Tuesday 22nd May, 7pm at St Saviour's. This will provide an opportunity for updates, questions and Conversation.**

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation Plans: Thank you to all who have taken part in the Our Lady & St Bernard's part of the Formation Process of creating one 'Missionary Parish' in the Ellesmere Port & Hooton area. As we said before, we are in a time of change in Our Lady & St Bernard's, and whilst many new areas have developed, several people who have held roles for a long time, are soon to stand aside for very understandable reasons. Over the next few weeks, we will consider how best we can help and serve each other in our role and mission, before we also hold a similar meeting to that of our sister Parish, as mentioned above.

LPA Junior Youth Club: Please note (Summer venue) – we will now meet again at St Mary's (Stanley Hall) on Thursday 24th May from 6pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to all of our children of primary school age, year 3 and over!

The Annual APF Red Box Summer Mass: will be celebrated this year at St. Helen's Church, Crosby on Saturday 16th June, the Mass will start at 12.noon. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers Rotas for Our Lady's: The new Rotas for the Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady's are in the 'Pigeon Holes' at the back of Our Lady's Church.

Work at Our Lady's Church: The work at Our Lady's Church Sacristy and Confessional is really moving on, and should be completed in early June. There will still be some disruption, and we thank people for their patience and understanding during this time. There will be some cancellations and different Mass & Service Times during the coming week, so do please check the Newsletter. Structural work will be taking place in July, and again, though we be able to use the Church during this time, there may inevitably some disruption. We'll say more about this closer the time.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 13th May:
1st Prize, £50.00

No 170 T Ormiston

2nd Prize, £30.00

No 107 Mr Batterton

Awaiting Collection

No. 179 M Hensy

No 49 Denise Seymour