

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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17th June 2018 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sat: Vigil of Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Saviour's 5.00pm Ann Newsome
Our Lady's 6.30pm Elzbieta Poliszuk

Sun: 17th June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Marie McDermott
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Stephen Lalor

Mon: 18th June

St Saviour's 9.15am Paul Goddard (RIP)
Our Lady's 9.15am Trevor Ross
3.00pm Wedding Service for
Shanon Purcell & Luke Anderson

Tue: 19th June

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Mary's 9.15am in School—Clark & Litten Fam.
Our Lady's 2.00pm Funeral Mass for John Cull

Wed: 20th June

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 7.00pm Marie Griffith (RIP)

Thurs 21st June – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

St Saviour's 9.30am In school – Derek Reid
Our Lady's 9.15am In school – Enrolment Mass

Fri: 22nd June – Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More

St Mary's 9.15am Stephen Parker
Our Lady's 12.noon Funeral Mass for
Edith Beveridge

Sat: 23rd June

St Mary's 9.15am Fr Louis Intention
2.00pm Wedding Service –
John Hall & Jennifer Dodd
Our Lady's 12.noon Sadie Linford

Sat: Vigil of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

St Saviour's 5.00pm Michael & Frances O'Driscoll
Our Lady's 6.30pm Margaret & Philip Shannon

Sun: 24th June – The Nativity of St John the Baptist

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am John Jones
St Bernard's 9.00am Andrew James Burrows
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 20th June
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 Evans Boateng baptised at St Mary's, and for Mylie Hewitt, Molly Dodd, Alexander Curran and Julie Doherty baptised at Our Lady's, and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for Samantha Campbell & Evans Boateng 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 Heidi Avis, Molly Munsey, Kay Lloyd, Edith Beveridge, Margaret Connors, John Cull, Maurice Kavanagh, 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 details of Funerals taking place this coming week in our parishes, please see the front page of the newsletter.

Mary Ann (Molly) Munsey – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 9.15am on Monday, 25th June

Heidi Avis – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's at 12.noon on Thursday, 28th June

Message from Pope Francis for the 'Day for Life': As the Catholic Church in England and Wales keeps the Day for Life this Sunday 17 June, Pope Francis has sent a special message to Catholics in England and Wales asking them to break the chains of captivity of those who have been trafficked and to "bring comfort to those who have survived such inhumanity." Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life aims to raise awareness of the vile crime of human trafficking. In his latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis calls on all Catholics to see the holiness in others by recognising their dignity. He asks us all to "respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with dignity" (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 98). "Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred... Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection" (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 101). Papal Blessing: Invoking the intercession of the Patron Saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, St Josephine Bakhita, Pope Francis has sent his Apostolic Blessing to those marking Day for Life. The Holy Father prays "that God might free all those who have been threatened, wounded or mistreated by the trade and trafficking of human beings and bring comfort to those who have survived such inhumanity." Santa Marta Group: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has responded to the rise in these inhumane crimes by developing the Santa Marta Group – a global alliance of international police chiefs, bishops and religious communities working in partnership with civil society to eliminate human trafficking and modern slavery. It is named after the house where Pope Francis lives and where the founder members stayed

in 2014 prior to signing, in the presence of the Holy Father, an historic declaration of commitment. The Group now has members in over 30 countries. santamartagroup.com

Day for Life: Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. On 17 June, in England and Wales, there will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to a full range of work that supports life in all its forms. This includes the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported life activities. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking. Day for Life asks for your prayers and donations in supporting those that work to restore their lives to the full.

Find out more at dayforlife.org.

In our LPA we have leaflets available, and whilst not holding a collection, we will send a donation. Anyone who wishes to add to this donation may place their offering in an envelope marked 'Day for Life'.

CAFOD News, and 'giving through your will': CAFOD have been in touch to update us about the Lent Family fast donations. The Catholic Community of England & Wales raised an incredible £4 million this Lent. With 'UK Aid' matched funding that figure will be raised to £8 million! This will make a huge difference to some of the world's poorest people; so thank you for your generous support. CAFOD have also asked us to raise awareness of the difference people leaving a gift to CAFOD in their will can make. This can be a very important help to CAFOD, and last year they received £9 million through gifts in people's wills! If you would like to find out more we have copies of a CAFOD booklet entitled 'what remains?' available. There are copies on our noticeboards, and if you would like to take one, please see the Clergy who have copies available.

Are You a Catholic Teacher But Not Teaching in a Catholic School? Your Diocese Needs You!!!: The Department for Education wants to recruit as many Catholic teachers to its schools as possible, and is aware that across the Diocese there are a number of Catholic teachers who are not currently or have never worked in a Catholic school. Sometimes making the transition back to Catholic education can be perceived as being difficult and

therefore we would like to offer support to those teachers who are considering returning to the Catholic sector or would like more information on the appointment process in our schools. We are holding an informal session on **Saturday 30th June** at **St Hugh's Parish Hall**, 314 Manchester Road, West Timperley, Altrincham, WA14 5NB from 10 am – 12 pm, with Mass available at 12.15 pm.

If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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

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.

Also this weekend in our Churches we have 'Adoremus' Prayer cards available; do please take one and keep the Congress in your prayers.

'Our Mission Together' Newsletter: This weekend we still have available copies of the latest 'Our Mission Together' (OMT) Newsletters in all our Churches. You will see the difference OMT is making in the Mission of our Diocese. You will also see how projects in our Parishes are being supported through people's generosity to OMT. The refurbishment of the Our Lady's Sacristy and Confessionals has been funded by OMT.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Father Philip Atkinson: Silver Jubilee of Priesthood: Our Congratulations & Prayers are extended to Father Philip,

former Parish Priest of St Saviour's Parish as on the 26th June he celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his priestly ordination. If anyone wishes to send a card to Father Philip these can be handed in to Father Louis or Deacon Tony who will ensure that he receives them. These can also be passed through the LPA Office for anyone from our Lady & St Bernard's Parish who might wish to send a card.

A Night at the Proms – A Date for Your Diary: 'Flat Pack Music' will be presenting 'A Night at the Proms' this coming 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.

First Saturday; 7th July 2018: All Saints Franciscan Friary, Manchester: On this day the Bishop of Salford will celebrate Holy Mass at All Saints Franciscan Church in Manchester. This is the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of the church. We have been invited to join the bishop and the friars for this celebration and refreshments will be available after Mass. The friars have asked us to provide them with approximate numbers of those wishing to attend. If you wish to join us please contact the office at St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels on 327 6158 ASAP.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018: Departure Mass & Garden Party: Our Lourdes departure Mass will take place at St Saviour's, 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 22nd July followed by a LPA BBQ & Garden Party. All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour & St Mary's Parish Family & School Masses in Church: At St Mary of the Angels: 9.00am on Sunday, 8th July. At St Saviour's: 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 15th July

Traidcraft Stall: The Traidcraft stall will be open after Mass this weekend, 16-17 June at St. Bernard's Church. Please give your support to this valuable way of helping farmers in the developing world to build better lives for themselves and their families. A visit to the Fairtrade website (fairtrade.org.uk) will provide a better understanding of the how the Fairtrade movement benefits so many farming communities around the world. Here in our LPA parishes we are making a contribution to the development of Fairtrade in our church community.

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.

St Mary of the Angels School Job Vacancy: Cleaner required, 10 hours per week, 6am-8am or 3.15pm - 5.15pm. Contact the school for more information 0151 338 2430 or admin@smota.co.uk

Luncheon Clubs:

In Our Lady's Parish Centre this coming Tuesday, 19th June at 12.30pm, and this coming Friday, 22nd June at 12.30pm St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 21st June 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 the use of parishioners. As the better weather is now with us the garden gate will be opened before and after our weekend Masses so please feel free to spend time in the garden. Our sincere thanks is extended to the parishioners who have helped to build and maintain this Garden Shrine.

Tea & Coffee at St Saviour's & St Mary of the Angels: Many thanks to all who regularly prepare and serve refreshments after our weekend Masses. Not only is this a very important part of our parish & family life but also the donations offered help to finance many areas of ministry. Recently funds have paid for the refreshments provided for our First Communion Children, the purchase of a new lawn-mower and ongoing support for our Lourdes Youth Ministry Team. Thanks to all who stay for a 'Cuppa' and for your kind donations. If you don't normally stay behind, *please consider popping in and spending some social time with your parish family*

'One Parish' Formation Working Party and 'Parish Formation Teams': This small group of parishioners and clergy met last week. We are called to form 'One Parish' here in Hooton & Ellesmere Port, much of what we do, we already do together, and over the next few weeks, especially after the summer

holidays, we will be seeking to build on this. St Saviour and St Mary of the Angels' Parish have held an open meeting, and Our Lady & St Bernard will have a meeting before the summer holidays also. This will help us to move things forward in the autumn. For now, do please keep this time in your prayers.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Formation as part of our 'One Parish':

Connected with the item above, we have mentioned before, several people, for understandable reasons, are stepping aside from roles which they have held for a long time. These do leave gaps, and we will be approaching some parishioners to ask if they are able to help, and spare some time. A lot of work has fallen to a small group in the past, and if more people take part, we are able then to share in this mission. As we have said in regard to our 'One Parish' – 'it's about all of us', and we need each other. Please do consider if there is any way you might be able to help, and if you have any questions, thoughts, suggestions, please see Father Niall.

LPA Junior Youth Club – Now meeting at St Mary's: Please note (summer venue) – we will now meet again at St Mary's (Stanley Hall) on Thursday 21st June from 6pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age, year 3 and over!

Work at Our Lady's Church: The work at Our Lady's Church Sacristy and Confessional is now complete, and we have moved back in! This project funded by the Parish Contribution to OMT has helped make the Sacristy and Confessional more in keeping with Safeguarding Regulations, updated the facilities and made better use of the space. In the Confessional this sadly involves losing the 'face to face' option. We will think about how to make this option available, and of course people can always make an appointment to come and see the priest for Confession in this setting. Thanks to all who have helped us with moving stuff back into the Sacristy and Confessional. This doesn't just happen; people have given up their time to help, and it is greatly appreciated. In July there will be work on Our Lady's Church roof; although we will still be able to use the Church during this time, it will involve some inconvenience, but this will become clearer as things move along. In August we will be doing some work to the Parish Centre; again we will say more about this as we go along.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote Winners– 10th June:
1st Prize, £50.00

No M. Shaw

2nd Prize, £30.00

No 77 P. Rayner

Awaiting Collection

No 49 Denise Seymour

No 107 Mr Batterton

No 108 E Hawthorne