

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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16th December 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Sat: Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bridget & Thomas Harris
Our Lady's 6.30pm Mandy Burke

Sun: 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Patrick & Mary Reville
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Dominik Sarota

Mon: 17th December

St Saviour's 9.15am Pat & John Jones
Our Lady's 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Peter Boyd

Tue: 18th December

St Mary's 9.15am In Church – Alfie Bowls RIP
Our Lady's 12.45pm Funeral Service for
Stanley Schmacker

Wed: 19th December

St Saviour's 7.00pm Vincent Coningham

Thurs 20th December

St Saviour's 9.30am In School – Helen Harvey
St Mary's 4.00pm Reception into Church
& Vigil Prayers for Rita Hope
Our Lady's 9.15am Priest's Intention

Fri: 21st December

St Mary's 10.00am Funeral Mass for Rita Hope
1.00pm Funeral Mass for
Christine Campbell
Our Lady's 12.noon Thomas Armstrong

Sat: 21st December

Our Lady's 12.noon Patrick & Margaret Sixsmith

Sat: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Margaret & Brian Hannan
Our Lady's 6.30pm Martin Hague

Sun: 22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Giuseppe Contilli
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am The Grady family

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 Wed 12th December 6.00pm
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 all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

WEDDING

We pray for Lynzi Hambleton & Christopher Turton married at St Mary of the Angels last week, and for Rosaleen Gallagher & Patrick McGinley 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 Rita Hope, Teresa McGuire, Peter Boyd, Frank Devlin, Tommy McDonald, Stanley Schumacker 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*



**Christmas Times of Mass
Christmas 2018: Mass Times:**

***Christmas Eve: Monday,
24th December & Christmas Day,
Tuesday, 25th December***

St Saviour & St Mary's

Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

St Saviour's: Carols from 4.30pm
and Family Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

St Mary of the Angels: Carols from
8.30pm and Vigil Mass at 9.00pm

Christmas Day

St Mary's: Mass at 9.00am

St Saviour's: Mass at 11.00am

Our Lady & St Bernard's

All Masses at Our Lady's Church

Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm

(No Mass at 12.midnight)

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass at 11.00am



LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

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

Francis (Frank) Devlin – Frank is Ann Kemp's father, who would have been known to many of you. Frank's Funeral Mass will take place this coming Tuesday, 18th December, 8.30am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wheatland Lane, Seacombe, Wallasey CH44 7ED

Rita Hope – Please see the front page for the details of Rita's Reception into Church and Funeral Mass. Following her Funeral Mass Rita's mortal remains will be buried in St Mary's Church Cemetery and a reception will be held in Stanley Hall.

Season of Advent: Information is available on our Parishes Website: www.rcchep.co.uk

Advent Film Nights at St Mary of the Angels: Please note that the Advent Film night for this week will once again be on Monday, 17th December at 7.00pm and NOT Tuesday evening.

Advent Penance Services: The next of our Penance Services with Individual Confessions will be: This coming Thursday, 20th December, 7.00pm at Our Lady's Church.

Ellesmere Port & Hooton Joint Pastoral Consultation Group: As we said last week, due to all that has been happening lately our Pastoral Plans have been slightly on the 'back burner'. In reality now, we will get things going again early in the New Year.

Before we get the larger group back together we will hold brief meetings with small groups to serve as representatives for the LPA:

1. Spirituality & Mission
2. Catechists
3. Safeguarding
4. Justice & Peace
5. School Liaison
6. Youth Mission
7. Ministries (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers Etc.)
8. Ecumenical Liaison
9. Social Activities Liaison
10. SVP & local Ministry Contact

Whilst we have some people already involved and ready to help, with some areas however we need people to help with:

1. Spirituality & Mission; we have people from Our Lady & St Bernard Parish, but would anyone from St Saviour & St Mary be interested in helping?
 8. Ecumenical Liaison; would any from across our area be interested in working as a link with the Town Centre & A41 Christian Churches?
- If anyone would be interested in representing or taking part in any of the areas where we are in need of help mentioned above, do please get in touch with Father Niall.

Eventually we would work toward a joint Finance Committee, but that will come a little later in the process. Thank you for your understanding, for as we have said before, things cannot always happen as quickly as we might wish.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Year Books:
Our Diocese of Shrewsbury 2019 Year

Books are now available in our Churches; they cost £5-00 standard and £6-00 Ringbound and contain information about the parishes and structures in our Diocese.

New LPA 2019 Diaries, Calendars & Family Prayer Cards: This weekend we will have available across our Churches, some new LPA Diaries and Calendars for 2019. Also this year we have some 'Family Prayer Cards' available. We would rather they went, but if we could suggest an offering of say, £2 for a Calendar or for a Prayer Card, and whatever you might wish for a diary. This will help us offset any costs involved. The Calendars and Diaries contain local information and Mass Times etc.

Scout District Carol Service: Will be held on Tuesday 18th December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. All are welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

SVP Youth/ Altar Servers Christmas Sing-along:

The altar servers / youth conference, are going to raise funds to go to Lourdes next October, with the Guild of St Stephen. Liverpool Archdiocese. They have been rehearsing some Christmas songs, and will perform them this Sunday 16th December in St Bernard's after 9.00 am Mass. Your support would be greatly accepted.

Whilst there will not be any Youth SVP Meeting this coming Week the Group will be organising a Sponsored Walk early in the New Year to help raise funds.

LPA Christmas Day Dinner 2018:

Places still Available: This will take place again this year as usual at Stanley Hall, (St Mary of the Angels) from 2pm on Christmas Day. If you wish to join us or offer any support please contact the office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158 or speak with Deacon Tony. All are welcome

New Year's Eve Charity Irish Night Dance:

The Charity Night is in aid of Alder Hey Hospital and will take place at the Whitby Sports and Social Club on Monday 31st December starting at 8.00pm. There will be live music from Annie Mc. Tickets cost £10.00 and can be purchased by calling Ann on 07975 898505.

Possible LPA Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland: 11th May 2020: Pilgrimage to Knock departing *11th May 2020* the cost *now confirmed as £659*. This will include transport to and from the departure & arrival airports, return flights to Knock Airport. Four night's full board in the Knock House Hotel, organised liturgies, coach transport for excursions, dedicated pilgrimage guide and hotel entertainment. If we have sufficient interest in this pilgrimage we will go ahead and book. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage please contact the office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158. All are welcome to join us.

PARISH NEWS

Car Park Extension at St Mary of the Angels: The extension to our carpark is now completed and should be of great assistance to the parish for many years to come in providing more safe and off-road parking for parishioners and for visitors to the church.

Primary School Services & Masses, St Saviour & St Mary's:

Tuesday 18th December 9.15am: Junior Carol Service at St Mary of the Angels School

Please note that on Tuesday 18th December St Saviour's Church will be in use all day for St Saviour Primary Christmas Production

Thursday 20th December: 9.30am in St Saviour's Primary School (FULL SCHOOL MASS)

Thanks to all who attended last week's Faith & a Brew gathering at St Mary's Primary School. We hope to be announcing a date soon for 'Faith & a Brew' sessions at other Primary Schools in our Pastoral Area.

St Saviour's Church – Christmas

Flowers: Gifts of poinsettia plants are invited to decorate the church for Christmas. Plants can be left in the porch during the weekend of 22nd / 23rd December. The arranging will take place on Sunday 23rd December at 3.30pm. Anyone who wishes to help is most welcome.

LPA Junior Youth Club & Christmas Party– Meeting at St Saviour's:

The next meeting will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall, on Thursday 20th December from 6pm until 8.00 pm. This group is open to all of our children of primary school age Year 3 and over. All are invited to bring along items of non-perishable food for our Christmas Food

parcels. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE WINTER MONTHS**

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. If you don't normally stay behind, *please consider popping in and spending some social time with your parish family.*

Tea & Coffee at Our Lady & St Bernard's: Just a reminder that Tea & Coffee is now back after the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11.00am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's in the Parish Centre and still continues in the lounge area at St Bernard's after the 9.00am Sunday Mass. Do please feel free to call in.

Luncheon Clubs:

In Our Lady's Parish Centre this coming Tuesday, 11th December at 11.30am, and this coming Friday, 14th December at 12.30pm. The final Luncheon Club for 2018 will be on Tuesday 18th December at 11.30am. Following the Christmas break the Luncheon Club will resume again on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 11.30am. St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 20th December from 12 Noon until 2pm. All are welcome for some conversation, company and refreshments.

Morning Prayer & Rosary: We will be meeting for Morning Prayer & Rosary during Advent on:

Mondays 8.30am at St Saviour's and Fridays 8.30am at St Mary's. All are welcome to attend.

CAFOD Fast Day Collection –

Thank you: A total of £2464.67 has been sent to CAFOD from our LPA. Many thanks for your generous support.

Christmas Cards for Catholic parishes in Palestine and Israel:

In the next few weeks Christmas cards will be available for signing after Mass. This is a project we have been involved in for a number of years and hopefully it is an opportunity to bring some good wishes to church communities in a part of the world that is facing much conflict and disruption.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels

Food Bank- APPEAL: Many thanks to our parish SVP and all who continue to support our parish foodbank. Recently we have been able to provide ongoing support for a number of families from our schools & parish. As winter and Christmas approaches demand for support is likely to increase. As such we would be grateful for any food donations to support the foodbank ministry. Non-perishable goods can be delivered to St Mary's Presbytery or left in the church porches.

St Saviour & St Mary's 'Our Mission Together' Project – Parish Minibus:

Good progress has now been made in identifying a suitable vehicle and the diocese have been very helpful in this matter. We should have more detailed information to share with you very soon.

Funeral Plans regarding Order of Service at St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish:

We know that this is a very sensitive matter and that few of us like to talk about it. However, in order to ensure that your wishes are followed concerning your funeral service, Fr Louis & Deacon Tony strongly advise that you clearly record your thoughts and instructions. In order to assist in this, a document is now available to you from the parish. You are invited to take a document home and when it is completed return it to the parish where it will be stored securely. There is recorded on this document the option of making an appointment with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony if you wish to discuss the matter. Please do take one of these documents with you from church.

Requests for Transport to Mass: We have had a request from Rivacre House where one of our elderly parishioners is asking for support with transport to 11am Mass on Sunday's at St Saviour's Church. If you are able to assist with this specific request or are generally willing to offer transport, please contact the office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158.

Our Lady & St Bernard's Christmas

Fayre thanks: Thanks again for your support of the Christmas Fayre, so far we have banked over £3,100! Already this has helped with the new sound system at Our Lady's, and will help with upgrading the sound system in the Parish Centre. All prize winners have now been informed.

Our Lady's Christmas Goods - Now on Sale: The Piety Shop is now stocked up with Christmas cards, Christmas Candles etc. Please pop in and have a browse around.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote - Winners- 9th December:

1st Prize, £50.00

No.203, R. Reddy

2nd Prize, £30.00

No.90, D. M. Llowarch