

**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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**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Sat: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Mon: 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Lady's 10.00am Priest's Intention

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass of The Nativity of the Lord**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Sadie & Stephen Linford  
St Mary's 9.00pm Parishioners  
Our Lady's 6.00pm Lisa Miley  
9.00pm Philip & Margaret Shannon  
Denis & Joy Harrison & Ann Newsome

**Tuesday: 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.00am Bridget O'Connor  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

**Wed: 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen**

St Mary's 10.00am Mary Jones 100<sup>th</sup> B'day Int.  
Our Lady's 12.noon Alison Edwards-Ribeiro  
& George Whitby

**Thu: 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John the Evangelist**

St Saviour's 10.00am Barbara Jones  
Our Lady's 10.00am Arthur, Veronica & Sean Tolley

**Fri: 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents**

St Mary's 10.00am Dec/d. members of Cox Family  
Our Lady's 10.00am Chalkie White  
1.30pm Funeral Serv. for Patricia Jones

**Sat: 29<sup>th</sup> December – St Thomas Beckett**

Our Lady's 12.noon Sheila Murphy

**Sat: Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Bernadette Muldoon  
& Deceased of Muldoon Family  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Sheila Murphy

**Sun: 30<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Holy Family**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Spec. Int. of Kemp family  
St Bernard's 9.00am George Rosenthal  
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 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 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** this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

**BAPTISM**

Please pray for 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 Ann Coll, Chris Morning, Barbara Forshaw, Rita Hope, Christine Campbell, Teresa McGuire, Peter Boyd, Frank Devlin, 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,  
24<sup>th</sup> December & Christmas Day,  
Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Chris Morning** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel at 12.noon on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Ann Coll** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel at 3.20pm on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Newsletter for the next two weeks:**

For the next two Sundays the Newsletter will be the simple A4 Size 'back-to-back' with Service Times on the front and Reading on the back. The next full size Newsletter will be on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January.

**Later Vigil Mass at Our Lady's:**

As was the case last year, there will be a later Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 9.00pm and **no Mass at 12.midnight**. If you are planning to come to this 9.00pm Vigil Mass do please be careful. As we have said before, without being over alarmist, the Centre of Ellesmere Port is not the same place at night as during the day; this will be especially so on Christmas Eve/Christmas Morning. Please be extra cautious and stay with others in well-lit areas. We'll try and keep the Church Car Park as well-lit as possible. Please note that on Christmas Morning there will be no 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's as we will have joined together for the Christmas Masses. There will be a 9.00am at St Bernard's as usual on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> December.

**Crib Offerings:** These go to 'Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury' what was formerly called 'The Catholic Children's Society'

**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
11. Communications Link

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?

11. Someone or some people to help us to act as 'Communications' link(s)

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.

**PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS**

**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: 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 this 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 2019 – Meeting at St Saviour's:**

The first meeting of 2019 will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age Year 3 and over.

**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 Following the Christmas break the Luncheon Club will resume again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11.30am.

**St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club**

Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**Mary Jones – 100 Years Young!:**

We all send our prayers and very best wishes to Mary as on December 26<sup>th</sup> as she celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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- 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £50.00

No. 28, N. Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £30.00

No. 195, R. Kershaw

**Awaiting Collection:**

No.90, D. M. Llowarch