

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 January 2019 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sat: Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Saviour's 5.00pm The Powell Family
Our Lady's 6.30pm Ann Newsome

Sun: 20th January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Mary's 9.00am Maria Calandrella
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Roy Sharples

Mon: 21st January

St Mary's 9.15am Barbara Kavanagh
Our Lady's 9.15am Chris Walsh

Tue: 22nd January

St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
10.30am Christian Unity Prayer Service
Our Lady's 12.noon Peter Beatty (A)

Wed: 23rd January

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
St Bernard's 9.30am – in School – School Intention
Our Lady's 1.00am Funeral Mass for John Burke
St Saviour's 7.00pm Word & Communion Service

Thu: 24th January – St Francis de Sales

Our Lady's 10.00am Funeral Mass for
Paula Marshall

Fri: 25th January – The Conversion of St Paul

St Mary's 9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 12.noon John Walsh

Sat: 26th January – Ss. Timothy & Titus

Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention

Sat: Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Saviour's 5.00pm Donegan Family
Our Lady's 6.30pm Cassie & John Harkin

Sun: 27th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Mary's 9.00am The Stanley Family
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am William & Amy Price

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 No Holy Hour Wed 23rd January, 6.00pm
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
No Holy Hour Saturday, 26th January
Our Lady's 11.00am to 11.45am Fridays
(Except when there is a Funeral that day)

ROSARY & NOVENA

St Saviour's Wednesday, 7.30pm

BAPTISM

Please pray for Alfie Wish, baptised at St Saviour's, and Philip & Luke Price, baptised at Our Lady's, and 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 Barbara Forshaw, Paula Marshall, Peter Reck, John Burke 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.

Seminarian Alec Davey: This weekend we say farewell to Alec Davey, a Student for the Priesthood for our Diocese who has been on a short placement in our LPA here. Alec is going back to Oscott College on Monday. It's been good to have Alec with us, and we pray for him and all our Diocesan Students for the Priesthood and Diaconate as they continue their preparation for Ministry.

Peace Sunday, 20th January 'Good Politics serves peace': In his World Peace Day message 2019 Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how 'Good Politics serves peace'; we cannot hope for peace without working to challenge the causes of violence and injustice in our world today. Time and again Pope Francis has spoken of our 'throw-away culture' which dehumanises and destroys the human person, whether through war and conflict or economic injustice.

As part of this year's message he writes:

"One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations....today more than ever, our societies need "artisans of peace" who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family."

'Pax Christi' (Latin for 'Peace of Christ') is a Catholic organisation, working with other Christians and Peace Groups, to promote Peace. It is needed more than ever in our World today. Whilst there will be no

formal 'Pax Christi' Collection as such, we normally send a donation from the LPA; if you wished to add to this donation there are 'Pax Christi' envelopes available in our Churches; please put these 'Pax Christi' envelopes in the Collection Plate and we will see it gets sent to 'Pax Christi' with our donation. For more information, and to read the full text of this year's message, please go the 'Pax Christi' website on:

<http://paxchristi.org.uk>

Ellesmere Port & Hooton Joint Pastoral Consultation Group:

As we mentioned, we are hoping to get our 'Ellesmere Port & Hooton Pastoral Forum' up and running again in February.

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, and thank you to those who have got in touch 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.

Last Weekend for New LPA 2019 Diaries, Calendars & Family Prayer Cards:

This weekend will be our last for our 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.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Year

Books: Our Diocese of Shrewsbury 2019 Year Books are still available in our Churches; they cost £5-00 standard and £6-00 Ringbound and contain information about the parishes and structures in our Diocese. After this weekend, at Our Lady & St Bernard, these will only be available in the Piety Stall

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at St Mary's, all are welcome:

Morning Prayer will take place in St Mary's Church at 10.30am this coming Tuesday, 22nd January, followed by refreshments in Stanley Hall. It would be great to have as

many Parishioners as possible present to represent the Parish. Join us in prayer and also for Refreshments. Please come along.

PARISH NEWS

Family Mass at Our Lady's: This Sunday, 20th January, the 11.00am Mass at Our Lady's will be a simple 'Family Mass' with Our Lady's School. This had slipped all our minds, with the post-Christmas rush, hence the more simplified version.

Confessions at Our Lady's next Saturday, 26th January at Our Lady's: Next Saturday, 26th January because I (Father Niall) will be helping at St Columba's, Chester's First Forgiveness in the morning, Confessions at Our Lady's will probably be a little late starting, possibly around 11.30am as I am able to get back.

Music Night: A night of music in St Columba's Parish Centre Chester, will be held on the night of Friday 8th February. The Chester Catholic High School Jazz Band will be providing the music. A very good night's entertainment was held last year, everybody enjoying themselves, and all for a very good cause. All in aid of the SVP holiday home. Tickets £10 available from the SVP after Mass.

LPA Justice and Peace Group: Our next J&P group meeting is on Sunday 17th February at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

Justice & Peace Group Update: This weekend with the Newsletter there is an Update Sheet from our Justice & Peace Group. Please take one and see what has been happening.

LPA Junior Youth Club 2019 – Meeting at St Saviour's: The next meeting of 2019 will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall this

Thursday, 24th 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 No Luncheon Club this coming Tuesday, 22nd January, due to an all-day event in the Parish Centre, but will be taking place on Friday, 25th January at 11.30am as usual.

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

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 is upon us 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:

Recently we have had a number of requests from Parishioners asking support with transport to weekend Masses. If you are able to assist with this these requests 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 Parish Tote - Winners– 13th January:

1st Prize, £50.00
No. 106, P & M. Killen
2nd Prize, £30.00
No. 130, L. Peel