

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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10th March 2019 – The First Sunday of Lent - Year C

Sat: Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Michael Vincent Partridge
Our Lady's 6.30pm John & Josephine Killoran

Sun: 10th March, First Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners
St Saviour's 11.00am Tom Lavender
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Ernest Twigg

Mon: 11th March

St Saviour's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 9.15am Margaret & Mary Ginty

Tue: 12th March

Our Lady's 8.30am Austerberry Family Int.
St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service

Wed: 13th March

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention
Our Lady's 10.00am Funeral Service for
Margaret McEvoy
St Saviour's 7.00pm Billy Hughes

Thu: 14th March

St Saviour's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 1.00pm Mary O'Neill (1st Ann)

Fri: 15th March

St Mary's 9.15am Word & Communion Service
Our Lady's 2.00pm Confirmation Mass for
Cash & Berry Families

Sat: 16th March

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 12.00pm Eileen Crimmin

Sat: Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joseph Murphy
Our Lady's 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun: 17th March, Second Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Ginette Ryan & James Hunt
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Molly Edwards (A)
Our Lady's 11.00am Vincenzo Spina

Please note: Because of Penance Services in our Schools, and Clergy Meetings, our Weekday Celebrations are at different times; please check above

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 6.00pm Holy Hour, Wed., 13th March
St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to
9.15am weekday Masses
10.00am Holy Hour Saturday, 16th March
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 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 Ellison, Sylvia Armstrong, Moira Smith, Teresa Carruthers, Margaret McEvoy, Maureen Heffernan, Nora Byron, Laurence Welsh, Hugh Bradley 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

LENT 2019

LPA Parishes Website: Details are available on our LPA Parishes Website of Special Events during Lent and Eastertide. Please pay a visit on: www.rcchep.co.uk - This information will be updated during Lent & Eastertide.

Holy Hour & Evening Prayer: During Lent there will be a Holy Hour & Evening Prayer from the 'Divine Office' at Our Lady's from 4.30pm to 5.30pm each Sunday up until Palm Sunday, 14th April. The first of these takes place this Sunday, 10th March

Morning Prayer: Opportunities to pray Morning Prayer from the 'Divine Office' this week are:

8.30am, Monday 11th March at Our Lady's
9.00am, Monday 11th March at St Saviour's
9.00am, Tuesday 12th March at St Mary's
9.00am, Thursday 14th March at St Saviour's
9.00am, Friday, 15th March at St Mary's

Stations of the Cross:

Friday, 15th March, 9.45am at St Mary's
Also Each Friday of Lent with the SVP until Good Friday. **The next being at: St Saviour's:** 7.00pm, Friday 15th March.

Penance Services: The first of our Chester & Ellesmere Port Deanery Penance Services, with the Opportunity for Individual Confessions, will be at St Saviour's, Thursday, 28th March at 7.00pm, the second will be at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA at 7.00pm on Thursday, 4th April at 7.00pm. The third will be at St Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester CH1 1QJ, 7.00pm on Tuesday, 9th April.

Diocesan 'Called to Holiness, Gifted for Mission' Talks:

These will take place on:
- Wednesday, 13th March, 7.00pm at Our Lady's, Parish Centre
-Wednesday, 20th March, 7.00pm at St Columba's Parish Centre, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL
-Wednesday, 27th March, 7.00pm at Our Lady's, Parish Centre
-Wednesday, 3rd April, 7.00pm at Our Lady's, Parish Centre
The first Speaker on this coming Wednesday, 13th March will be Father Tom Cunnah

Global Healing 'Laudato Si' Videos & Discussions:

These will take place on:
-Friday coming, 15th March, 7.30pm at Our Lady's Parish Centre
-Friday, 29th March, 7.30pm at Our Lady's Parish Centre

-Friday, 5th April, 7.30pm at Our Lady's Parish Centre

These come from Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si' on care for our Planet and Environment. The Bishops of England & Wales have produced some Videos & Materials for discussion called 'Global Healing'. They are very thought provoking and challenging. At these events there will also be available copies of the booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' by Sister Margaret Atkins. These presentations will take place after the Stations of the Cross, and will start with Tea & Coffee to give people who have been at the Stations at St Saviour's time to come down.

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

Ann Ellison— Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's at 2.00pm on Thursday, 22nd March

Sylvia Armstrong— Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 27th March

Moira Smith— Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel at 11.20am on Thursday, 28th March

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 15th

March: The focus for this year's Fast Day is on Bangladesh where Mahinur and her family eke out a living catching fish from a local river. However last year a severe drought caused all the fish to die leaving Mahinur struggling to feed her disabled husband and son. The twice yearly Fast Days are an opportunity for us to support families like Mahinur's in many parts of the world where Climate Change is having a serious effect on food production. Next Friday is the Lent Fast Day and we are encouraged to eat simply on that day so that we can make a contribution to CAFOD's work with many families in the poorer countries around the world. CAFOD Envelopes will be available in all our Churches this weekend, and on the weekend of 16th/17th there will be a Retiring Collection in all our Parishes for the Fast Day. With the Envelopes there is the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation if you are able.

CAFOD Quiz Night Friday 22nd

March: The final Quiz Night of the present series will be held in Our Lady's Parish Centre on Friday 22nd March at

7.30pm. The entry fee is still only £3 which includes Fairtrade refreshments and stall. So far in this series we have raised over £1700. From January some of this money is going towards peace projects in Colombia. Please come along and join us on the night and enjoy an evening of friendly entertainment.

Fairtrade Stalls: The Fairtrade stalls will be open this weekend 9-10th March in Our Lady's Church, the following weekend 17th March in St. Bernard's Church and on 23rd-24th March in St. Saviour's Church. We are just coming to the end of Fairtrade Fortnight and the availability of the stalls will provide an opportunity of supporting some of the farmers, their families and local cooperatives in the poorer parts of the world. During the last two weeks there has been a Fairtrade stall open each day in Chester Market. As Fairtrade Fortnight draws to a close, DOUBLE CHOCOLATE biscuits are back in stock and Shortbread Half Coated. Unfortunately the very popular GINGER biscuits are not back but they should be by the end of this month. There are also a number of REAL CHOCOLATE Easter Eggs complete with the Easter story.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The Youth Conference will be having their next meeting this coming Monday 11th March, 4.15pm to 5.00pm, in Our Lady's Parish Centre. New members are always welcome from 10 years of age plus. For further information contact Chris Duke 355 6954.

LPA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) & Faith Meetings: We recently started meetings for those wishing to know more about the Catholic Faith. All parishioners are welcome and also those interested in coming into the Catholic Faith. This Monday 11th March at 7pm the discussion group will be meeting again at St Saviour's Church. All are welcome.

Ellesmere Port & Hooton Joint Pastoral Consultation Group: Information coming soon.

Update on Sacraments Preparation for

those in Non-Catholic Schools: The first of our regular meeting will be at 6.00pm this coming Thursday, 14th March in the Upper Room at Our Lady's Parish Centre. We will be in touch before this with those we know about, but if anyone would like to find out more details please ring the LPA Office on: 0151 355 5877

Lourdes Nurses Fund Raising: An 80's Fancy Dress & Bingo Night will be held in St Saviour's Parish Centre on 15th March 2019 at 7.30pm to raise funds to support

medical staff travelling to Lourdes with our Diocesan Pilgrimage in July. Cost is £5 per ticket which are available from Helen Carron 07496 690768. Cost includes Bingo book, Buffet and DJ. Full licensed Bar.

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Trip to Pantasaph Franciscan Church, Stations of the Cross: On Sunday 7th April we will visit Pantasaph Shrine for Lenten Stations of the Cross. The Parish Minibus will depart from St Saviour's Church around 12.15pm, following our 11am Mass. Following the Stations of the Cross there will be time for refreshments in the Friary Café and an opportunity to visit the shop. Places are limited so if you wish to join us please contact the Parish Office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158.

LPA Trip to Durham – May 2019: Those of you booked to join this trip/pilgrimage will shortly receive a letter with further details including how to make final payments. Also on Wednesday 1st May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker) all are invited to join us for the 7pm Mass at St Saviour's followed by a pre-departure social gathering.

St Patrick's Night Celebration at St Mary of the Angels' Stanley Hall: A night of musical entertainment will take place on Sunday 17th March, commencing at 7pm. The music will again be provided by 'Anthony & Craig', light refreshments will be available and bring your own favourite tittle. The suggested donation is £6.00 and all funds will be in support of our Youth Lourdes Fund. If you are interested in coming along please contact the parish office of St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels 0151 327 6158 in order to secure tickets.

PARISH NEWS

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish SVP: At our Sunday Masses this weekend there will be a retiring collection to support the work of our SVP. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to offer support to those in our parish & community who are most in need.

Apology for noise from Social Club during Vigil Mass at St Saviour's: Recently the noise levels (music & shouting) coming from the social club have disrupted the sanctity of our Saturday Vigil Mass. This problem seem to have become worse and we have already and continue to draw this to the attention of the appropriate diocesan authority. A number of parishioners have made comments

concerning this disruption and please be assured that we are trying to resolve the issue. Fr Louis & Deacon Tony

Car Parking at St Saviour's: Once again we ask that all parishioners park with due regard to access and safety in our car park and the streets surrounding the church. The importance of keeping the access and exit points clear was highlighted two weeks ago when one of our parish family took seriously ill as she arrived for the Sunday morning Mass. This situation required two Emergency Vehicles to gain rapid access to the car park. We are aware that last Sunday morning a family delivering items to the Social Centre for a children's party also completely blocked the exit to the car park with their van. This matter is also being addressed. Fr Louis & Deacon Tony

St. Mary of the Angels Primary School: A Lenten Market Place will be held in school from 3:15pm on Friday 15th March. We are raising funds for CAFOD and a sensory room in school. All are warmly invited to attend.

St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels 'Our Mission Together' Project - Parish Minibus purchased: We have now taken delivery of our new parish minibus. As you may have seen it is a Ford 17 Seater with very low mileage and drives well. We look forward to putting the vehicle to good use on behalf of our community. Fr Louis & Deacon Tony wish to extend a thanks to you all for supporting 'Our 'Mission Together' project that has made the purchase of this vehicle possible.

2019 A41 Churches Together Lenten Lunches: The dates for these are as follows: 15th March St George's URC. 22nd March Little Sutton Methodist Church. *29th March St Mary of the Angels.* 5th April, St Paul's. Lunches will be held in the respective church halls, commencing at 12 noon and concluding at 1.30pm. Cost is £3.00 and each church will select its own charity for donations. All are welcome to come along

LPA Senior Youth Club – Volunteers Needed: We are hoping to restart this ministry during 2019 but need volunteers who are prepared to assist and take a lead. In past years this group, serving young people of High School age, has provided a very important ministry for and with those attending. The group was well supported across the LPA and served as an excellent link between our

Youth SVP, Youth Lourdes Group, EPCHS and parish life. The absence of this ministry has had a negative impact upon our youth ministry across the LPA, as such it would be a very positive step to restart the group. Please consider assisting in this vital ministry and if you are able to assist please speak with Deacon Tony or Mr Rob Smith at the parish office of St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels 0151 327 6158 or contact the LPA Office at Our Lady's on 0151 355 5877

Social Gathering St Saviour's & St Mary's Schools Staff & Governors: This took place last Thursday in St Saviour's and was a great success. Many thanks to all who attended and supported this gathering. Please continue to keep all concerned with our schools in your prayers.

LPA Junior Youth Club 2019 – Meeting at St Saviour's: The next meeting will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall, on Thursday 21st March from 6pm until 7.30 pm. This group is open to **all of our children** of primary school age Year 3 and over.

APF Red Boxes, Our Lady & St Bernard Parish: The APF (Red) Mission Boxes are due to be emptied this month. Please bring your box to the Sacristy and collect it from there on your next visit to Church

St Mary of the Angels, Church Cleaners Appeal: There is now an urgent need for more volunteers to assist with the church cleaning. If you can assist please speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony

Luncheon Clubs:
In Our Lady's Parish Centre This Tuesday, 12th March, and Friday, 15th March at 11.30am.
St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 21st March 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 has greatly increased. 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

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote -

Winners- 3rd March:

1st Prize, £50.00

No. 65 D. Baxter

2nd Prize, £30.00

No. 104 CMC

Awaiting Collection:

No. 108 E. Hawthorne