

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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31st March 2019 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

Sat: Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Mary Jones RIP
Our Lady's 6.30pm Shiva Devine

Sun: 31th March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Fr Ron McGivern & Fam
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Teresa Millington
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

Mon: 1st April

St Saviour's 9.15am Stan Orton RIP
Our Lady's 8.30am Morning Prayer
Our Lady's 9.15am Diocesan Clergy Intention

Tue: 2nd April

St Mary's 9.15am in Church - Denis Maguire
Our Lady's 12.noon Mairead Goode Int

Wed: 3rd April

Our Lady's 8.30am Priest's Intention
St Saviour's 6.00pm Stations of the Cross & Rosary
7.00pm Anne-Marie & Jacqui Morley

Thu: 4th April

Our Lady's 8.30am Morning Prayer
Our Lady's 9.15am Mike Boden

St Saviour's 9.30am In Sch – DR&F Williams Fam

Fri: 5th April

St Mary's 9.15am Clark & Litten Family
Our Lady's 12.noon Wedding Mass for
Caroline McDonagh & Terence Maughan
Our Lady's 7.00pm SVP Stations of the Cross

Sat: 6th April

St Mary's 10.00am Stations of the Cross & Rosary
11.00am Fr Louis' Intention
Our Lady's 12.noon Anita Page

Sat: Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Saviour's 5.00pm Joan Flood
Our Lady's 6.30pm Tina Nethercott

Sun: 7th April, Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 9.00am Cath Shepard
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners
Our Lady's 11.00am Joe & Winnie Carroll

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 this week
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, 7.30pm

BAPTISM

Please pray for India Hamilton baptised at St Mary's, Francesca Chambers 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 Patricia Lynch, Sylvia Armstrong, Moira Smith, Anita Page, Mary Jones, Winifred Phelan 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

Penance Services: The Second of our Chester & Ellesmere Port Deanery Penance Services, with the Opportunity for Individual Confessions, 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.

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer: This Sunday, 4.30pm at Our Lady's

Primary School Holy Week Procession: On Wednesday 17th April, the children of Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School will be processing through the streets of Ellesmere Port from Whitby Park to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church as part of their Holy Week celebrations. The procession will start at 9.30am and the children will carry floats and banners they have made. Members of the Year 5 and 6 drum band will also perform at Whitby Park, outside the library and in the church car park. The procession will be followed by Mass at 10.30am. Parishioners are most welcome to join the procession and attend Mass too.

Diocesan 'Called to Holiness, Gifted for Mission' Talks: The final Talk will take place this coming Wednesday, 3rd April, 7.00pm at Our Lady's, Parish Centre

Global Healing 'Laudato Si' Videos & Discussions: The last will take place this Friday, 5th April, 7.30pm at Our Lady's Parish Centre.

This last discussion will provide thoughts as to how we can practically move forward, offer a short few films on 'Fair-Trade' and what each of us can do in better protecting our environment for the good of all peoples and the difference we can each make in sharing Pope Francis' vision.

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

Mary Jones – Funeral Mass will take place at St Saviour's Church at 12.noon on Wednesday 10th April

Winifred Phelan – Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's Church at 12.noon on Thursday 11th April

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NEWS

Faith Discussion & RCIA Meeting:

This Monday 1st April at 7pm the weekly RCIA & faith meeting will take place at St Saviour's Church. There will also be an opportunity for light refreshments and discussion. All are welcome

Hospital Mass: The regular 'First Thursday' Mass will be celebrated on 2 April 2019 at 12.15.p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

LPA, SVP Youth Conference: The Youth Conference will be having their next meeting this coming Monday 1st April, 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.

Update on Sacraments Preparation for those in Non-Catholic Schools:

The next meeting will be at 6.00pm this coming Thursday, 4th April in the Upper Room at Our Lady's Parish Centre. If anyone would like to find out more details please ring the LPA Office on: 0151 355 5877

Chifundo UK Charity Concert: the concert which features Cheshire Chord Company and Chester Male Voice Choir will take place on Friday 12th April at 7.30pm at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults and £5 for under 18s. The price includes a glass of wine or juice and nibbles. To purchase a ticket please phone Chifundo on 01244 371069. Money raised will support Chifundo, Chester Cathedral Mission Group, Chester Women's Aid and Christian Aid North West.

Shrewsbury Diocese School Vacancies:

Headteacher at the Catholic High School, Chester (closing date 2nd May) Full details of the post, the application process and an application form are available on the school's website [www.christofidelis.org.uk] and via the diocese [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org].

School Business Manager, Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust (closing date 26th April): Application packs are available from the Trust's website: <https://www.wcatrust.info/trust-vac>

PILGRIMAGES TRIPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Ellesmere Port and Hooton Parishes J&P Group. CAFOD Quiz Nights: The final CAFOD Quiz of the present series took place in Our Lady's Parish Centre on 22nd March and proved to be a great success. Not only was the turnout the highest of the series but the amount raised (£344) was also the largest. That money made the overall total more than £2000 and the J&P Group would like to thank all those who have supported the quizzes and donated the many prizes for the competition and raffles. The money raised at the quizzes is now going to CAFOD'S new Hands On campaign in Colombia to help in the peace building projects in the Magdalena Medio region. Colombia has suffered terribly in recent years from violence and human rights abuses and some of the projects will involve children in 34 secondary schools in that region. The next series of quizzes will start in the middle of September and we look forward to seeing you then.

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.

Holy Week Mass at Pantasaph Franciscan Church- Transport Available: On the Tuesday of Holy Week, (16th April) Fr Louis & Deacon Tony will be joining staff and children from Our lady's Primary School to lead a retreat day at Pantasaph. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11.15am in the church, parishioners are very welcome to join us for this Mass. If you require transport the parish mini-bus will depart from St Mary of the Angels at 9.45am and St Saviour's at 10am. Following Mass there will be time to spend some time around Pantasaph and have some refreshments.

Transport home will depart by 3pm at the latest. 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.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Chrism Mass: Wednesday 17th April 2019 - Transport Available: This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Anthony's Church in Wythenshawe commencing at 7.00pm. If you require transport the parish mini-bus will depart from St Mary of the Angels at 5.15pm and St Saviour's at 5.30pm. 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 should now have received 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2019: We still have a number of seats available on our coach joining the diocese for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are interested in joining us please contact the office on 0151 327 6158

PARISH NEWS

Youth SVP Conference Easter Raffle: The Youth SVP will be having an Easter Egg Raffle in aid of their Lourdes Project. Tickets (5 for £1) will be on sale after Mass this weekend at Our Lady's Church.

Cake sale at St Saviour's Church: After mass on Saturday 6th and 11am Mass on Sunday 7th April, we are holding a cake sale in aid of Alder Hey. As some of you are aware our very own Lexi attends on a regular basis so we would appreciate your support. You can either supply or buy cake (or both.)

Transport to Sunday Mass by Parish Minibus: We are working to make arrangements to provide transport to at least one Sunday Mass as often as is possible. In relation to timing for pick-ups the 11am Mass at St Saviour's has been chosen. If you require assistance with transport to this Mass please contact the Parish Office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158. Once we have your contact details we will then be able to inform you when this transport is available. If you are qualified to drive a

mini-bus and are willing to assist occasionally please also let us know.

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.

Lenten Lunches 2019, A41 Churches: The remaining date for these is 5th April, St Paul's Hooton. Lunch will be held in the church hall, 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- Update: As you know, we are hoping to restart this ministry, many thanks to those who have recently volunteered to assist and take a lead. A meeting will be announced shortly after Easter for those interested in order to discuss and plan this LPA ministry. We hope to have the group up and running for September of this year. More volunteers are still required, especially from Our Lady & St Bernard's parish. 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.

LPA Junior Youth Club 2019 – Meeting at St Saviour's: The next meeting will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall, on Thursday 4th April from 6pm until 7.30 pm. This group is open to all of our children of primary school age Year 3 and over.

St Saviour's School Mass this Week: On Thursday 4th April: 9.30 am Holy Mass at St Saviour's Primary School. Also on this day St Saviour's School is running 'Tea & a Chat' event inviting people to drop in for refreshments between 9.15 and 10.30am. This is similar to our 'Faith & a Brew' initiative and Fr Louis & Deacon Tony will be present following Mass, please drop in. PARISHIONERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND WEEKLY SCHOOL MASSES & SERVICES

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, 2nd April, and Friday, 5th April at 11.30am.
St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish Luncheon Club Will meet again at St Saviour's on Thursday 4th April 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. We have been able to provide ongoing support for a number of families from our schools, parish & wider community. We remain 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.

Eucharistic Ministers Rotas for Our Lady's: The new rotas for the Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady's are in the 'Pigeon Holes' at the back of Our Lady's Church.

Our Lady & St Bernard Parish Tote - Winners- 24th March:
1st Prize, £50.00
No. 84, M Bedward
2nd Prize, £30.00
No.189, J Rice
Awaiting Collection:

No. 50 Harty
No. 83 Mr & Mrs McInerney
No. 115, Mr Newsome