

ELLESMERE PORT & HOOTON CHURCHES UPDATE BULLETIN 22ND MARCH 2020

During the public health crisis and following official Government advice and instructions from Bishop Mark, Sunday and Weekday Mass, and other liturgies will not be publicly celebrated until further notice. These are temporary measures and will be regularly reviewed by the bishops as circumstances and public health advice changes.

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION The obligation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is suspended amid these extraordinary circumstances as the obligation cannot be fulfilled.

During the week ahead the churches of St Saviour's, St Mary of the Angel's and Our Lady's will be open for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the following times:-

Sunday 22 nd March	St Mary of the Angel's	9.00am – 11.00am
	Fr Louis in attendance for confession (no face to face available)	
	St Saviour's	10.00am – 12noon
	Our Lady's	10.00am- 11.00am
Monday 23 rd March	St Saviour's	9.00am – 12noon
Tuesday 24 th March	St Mary of the Angel's	9.00am – 12noon
Wednesday 25 th March	St Saviour's	9.00am – 12noon
Thursday 26 th March	St Mary of the Angel's	9.00am – 12noon
Friday 27 th March	St Saviour's	9.00am – 12noon
Saturday 28 th March	St Mary of the Angel's	9.00am – 12noon
Sunday 29 th March	St Mary of the Angel's	9.00am – 11.00am
	St Saviour's	10.00am – 12noon
	Fr Louis in attendance for confession (no face to face available)	11.05am – 12noon
	Our Lady's	10.00am- 11.00am
	Fr Louis in attendance for confession (no face to face available)	10.00am - 10.55am

If visiting the church please follow with great care public health guidelines to maintaining hygiene and social distancing.

Our Priest's will still be celebrating Mass intentions, though without a Congregation for everyone's protection. Collection envelopes, Mass offering envelopes and donations can be left in the marked baskets when our Churches are open, or put through Presbytery Doors. Please do not hand these directly to the Clergy or Volunteers to avoid infection risk. Our LPA website will contain regular updates please visit www.rcchep.co.uk

Fr Louis will still be celebrating Mass intentions in private during the week ahead:-

Sunday 22 nd March	Michael Doherty RIP
Monday 23 rd March	Nevin & Joyce Family Int
Tuesday 24 th March	Angela Hughes
Wednesday 25 th March	Teresa Carruthers Anniv
Thursday 26 th March	Michael Hill
Friday 27 th March	Spec Int Williams Family
Saturday 28 th March	Fr Louis intentions
Sunday 29 th March	Herbert Edward Mason RIP

LIVE STREAMING OF HOLY MASS There is regular live streaming of Holy Mass available via the Diocesan Website - www.diocesseofshrewsbury.org and EWTN website – www.ewtn.com

FOODBANK during this time we envisage a great demand for support from our foodbank. As such if you are able to make any contributions of food, toiletries or cash this can be left in the church during the above opening times. Please put any cash in an envelope marked 'Foodbank Donations' in the baskets or Presbytery Doors.

Thank you.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS. We are looking to build up a team of volunteers to assist with day to day needs and requests for assistance, such as hamper deliveries, shopping, prescription collections for housebound and being present in a church to allow us to keep our churches open. If you wish to volunteer please contact St Saviour & St Mary's Office on 0151 327 6158 or the LPA Office on 0151 355 5877

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYERS: During this time when Mass cannot be celebrated the Act of Spiritual Communion is recommended. A leaflet is available in our Churches. Also available will be a sheet containing the Sunday Readings each week. Please take these home with you, and do not put them back in Church. Please put them in your recycling bins at home when you have finished with them.

Fr Louis and Deacon Tony are available to offer the usual pastoral and sacrament support. If you wish to speak to the clergy please contact the parish office on 0151 327 6158.

A message from Father Niall: It appears that I may be in the category of those who are required to 'self-isolate' during this time; I will know better when I receive medical advice on Monday. If this is the case it has to be; Father Louis and Deacon Tony will be available to offer the usual Pastoral and Sacramental Support, and do please contact them on: 0151 327 6158. The LPA Office will be staffed as usual from Monday to Fridays 9.00am to 4.00pm on: 0151 355 5877. I may be contactable on the phone through: 0151 355 1255 in Office Hours. Do please contact us if there is anything you are concerned about that we could help with. I am very grateful to Father Louis, Deacon Tony and others for their support. We are obviously having to postpone Baptisms and Weddings, and all events in our Parish Centres are also postponed. Funeral arrangements are in place and these will be explained as the need arises. This is an unprecedented time with having to deal with this very contagious virus. As Bishop Mark said in his Pastoral Letter, it a time when we are called to care for one another and seek to show our faith in the Gospel of Jesus in practical and prayerful support. Let us pray for each other in this time.

Seminarian Humphrey O'Connor: As Father Niall may well have to 'self-isolate' Humphrey has temporarily returned to Shrewsbury Cathedral with several other Student Priests during this time.