

# THE PARISH OF ELLESMERE PORT AND HOOTON

St Saviour and St Mary of the Angels | Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Bernard

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## SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

The 12 September is ordinarily the feast of the holy name of Mary and gives us an opportunity to reflect on how powerful and beautiful the names of Jesus and Mary are.

We know that when the archangel Gabriel was sent to our Lady in Nazareth, Mary was told to name her Son 'Jesus', because '...He will save His people from their sins': 'Jesus' means 'God saves'. Muslims invariably say 'Peace be upon him' when they mention the name of Mohammed, and Jews avoid mentioning God's Name out of a sense of reverence. A practise taught to me from being a little boy was to bow my head at the Name of Jesus, as a sign of love, of reverence, and of honour. The Acts of the Apostles tells us: 'There is no name under heaven given by God through which we can be saved, except the Name of Jesus.' (cf Acts 4:12)

Today as we come to Sunday Mass on what is also the feast of the holy name of Mary, perhaps we might re-discover our love for the Name of Jesus and the name of Mary, and if we find prayer difficult in the week ahead, to simply say the Name of Jesus as a pure and child-like prayer, asking God to bless us and to help us.

*Father Edmund*

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### **Parish Communication: Office and Emergencies**

For ease of communication the direct number for the Parish Office is **0151 355 5877** or via email at: [parishesoff@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishesoff@rcchep.co.uk). In the event of a hospital emergency, simply ask for an NHS staff member to call the priest chaplain. For those very poorly at home or in case of a sudden illness or death, **please do not hesitate to call for a priest to come** to administer the Sacraments. Do not consider how late (or early) if you need a priest and someone is very poorly. We are here for you, and it is a privilege to be called to the sick and the dying. Let's commend those who are sick and infirm to the prayers of our Lady, Health of the Sick.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to the whole parish for the welcome you have given me and Father Humphrey! As I settle in, and have had some of the many meetings I have mentioned, I share with you some of the immediate priorities that come to mind:

#### **1) Sunday Mass**

I am very happy that we have Father Humphrey as another priest working with me, so that we can be sure that all the Sunday Masses, offered at parallel times across the churches of the parish, can be maintained and continue unaffected. This is a great blessing and a relief! Father Humphrey and I will alternate each weekend, so we can hopefully see each Mass community regularly, even if not every weekend.

#### **2) Care of the sick, the housebound, the poor, and the homeless**

Should you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from a priest, please let me know. It would be great to meet with both St Vincent de Paul Societies. I would very much like to encourage and support any initiatives we have with the homeless or those most in need. Please let me know if you know of anything already in place. It would be good to build on what is already happening, and rather than duplicate, to support and augment any present provision, perhaps via other churches.

#### **3) Weekday Mass provision**

Whilst the Sunday routine can be maintained and is the absolute priority, I will have to adjust the weekday Mass schedule permanently in due course. As I find my feet and take the time to review what has been possible, I hope you will understand it might take a couple of weeks for me to work out what I can manage. I am listening to lots of views: if you wish to share any thoughts with me, please do so!

#### **4) Times of Confessions**

My hope would be that we can have opportunities for confession as often as possible, but to begin to certainly establish confessions on a Saturday, a day that many people might be able to get to church to receive this important Sacrament.

### **Open Parish Meeting**

I would like to invite you to a parish meeting in **Our Lady Star of the Sea Church** on **Monday 20 September at 7pm**. This would allow me to update you on my meetings with the diocese and the schools, and to hear any advice or views you may have.

### **Newsletter**

It would be a great help to have anything for the newsletter by **1pm Thursday**.

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### **Refreshments after mass**

Tea, coffee and cake are available after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Saviour's. We hope to offer refreshments after the 9am mass at St Marys and the 11.00am mass at St Saviour's shortly. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this possible.

### **MacMillan Fundraiser**

Please come to St Saviour's on Saturday 25 September after 5pm Mass as Coffee and Cake will be available in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All donations welcome!

### **Parish Foodbank/Hampers**

With the support of our SVP and the generous contributions that we receive, we are able to continue to distribute hampers and vouchers to families in need of a little support. If you would benefit from this assistance or know of anyone who would, please let us know. Thanks to all who continue to support this vital ministry, it is greatly valued.

### **SVP Annual Sponsored Walk**

The SVP will be holding its annual sponsored walk in aid of the SVP Holiday Home. For the next couple of weeks after each weekend Mass at Our Lady's, there will be an opportunity to sponsor those taking part in the walk in October. Please do support this fabulous event.

### **Save the Date! Torchlight Procession**

Looking ahead to October, I would like to invite the whole parish to come together in prayer at the field at **St Mary of the Angels, Hooton at 7pm on Sunday 3 October** for an outdoor torchlight procession in honour of our Lady and to say the Rosary. Following the procession, we will be offering hot chocolate and a chance to socialise together. Please do come along!

### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for: Michael, Elliot & Sophie Hayes, Rose Sharrock, Patricia Blyth, Maurice Hedgecock, David, baby Isaac & Neil, Celia Pearson, Doreen Scouler, and Marion Fletcher. May God bless them, and all who are in special need of prayer.

### **Parish of Ellesmere Port & Hooton Junior Youth Club**

Our parish youth club is now meeting every Wednesday in St Mary's Stanley Hall from 6.45pm to 8.00pm, all children in Year 3 and above are welcome, please spread the word to our young people, fun activities and refreshments supplied by our enthusiastic Youth team is guaranteed!

### **Baptisms**

We welcome Evelyn Black & Violet Collins Sims into the family of God following their Baptisms this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### **The Faithful Departed**

Please pray for: baby Arabella, and Michael Heffernan. May they rest in peace.

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# PARISH HOLY MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monthly devotion | The month of September is dedicated to our Lady of Sorrows

	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Rose's Intention Elisa Contilli B'day Rem
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<b>Sunday 12 September</b> Twenty-fourth Sunday		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour	9am 9am 11am 11am	Kevin Marchant Parishioners Parishioners Sharon Kenny B/day Int
<b>Monday 13 September</b> St John Chrysostom		Our Lady St Mary	12noon 6pm	Margaret Barrett Adoration & Vespers
<b>Tuesday 14 September</b> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		Our Lady St Mary	12noon 6pm	John McNiff Adoration & Vespers
<b>Wednesday 15 September</b> Our Lady of Sorrows		Our Lady St Saviour St Saviour	12noon 6pm 7pm	Winnie Lewis Adoration and Vespers Novena
<b>Thursday 16 September</b> Ss Cornelius and Cyprian		Our Lady Cemetery	12noon 3pm	Kevin Kiloran Int Baby Arabella RIP
<b>Friday 17 September</b> Feria		Our Lady	12noon	Lesley Midghall
<b>Saturday 18 September</b>		Our Lady	11am-12noon Confessions	
	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Lily McKellan RIP Richard Murphy
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<b>Sunday 19 September</b> Twenty-fifth Sunday		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour	9am 9am 11am 11am	Parishioners The Stanley Family Maria & Family Int Audrey Davies RIP B'day Int

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