

THE PARISH OF ELLESMERE PORT AND HOOTON

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



SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021 TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

The Holy Father has called the whole Church to participate in a process of listening to one another. This process is part of preparing for a gathering of many of the world's bishops in October 2023. The pope has asked for three distinct periods of preparation: diocesan, continental, and universal. The hoped-for outcome is that the whole Church can share lived experience of the joys and sorrows, the griefs and anxieties of men and women, children, and those advanced in years and help the Church to better proclaim the Gospel and be of service to the poor and those most in need.

This Sunday at the Cathedral in Shrewsbury, Bishop Mark will launch the diocesan phase of preparation for the Synod of 2023. More information to follow, and a helpful Question and Answer summary of what a Synod is and further background can be found online at the Catholic Bishops Conference site: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/07/CBCEW-Synodal-Process-v1-190721.pdf>

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will stir all our hearts to support the Synodal process and to help the whole Church listen to each other with charity and openness.

Father Edmund

Prayer for the Synod 2023

Please take away with you this Sunday a copy of the prayer written for the Synod, which you are invited to add to your own personal prayers at home.

Our Lady Star of Sea St Vincent de Paul Society 80th Anniversary!

Our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to members past and present of Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP which is marking its eightieth anniversary this weekend! Let's be sure to use this anniversary to pray for deceased members: those who founded the SVP back in 1941 in the midst of War and all those who have been shown Christian charity by members past and present. The SVP Youth Conference will also present a cheque for £1,000 to the Director of Twinnage and Overseas Aid for school children in India. Congratulations to Our Lady's SVP Conference – and here's to the next eighty years!

Important Update on COVID security and Risk Assessments

I have been able to review the diocesan requirements for a COVID safe risk assessment for our parish halls and buildings. Whilst the government lifted many of the remaining COVID restrictions from 19 July, some businesses, premises, or in our case churches, have decided to retain some of those measures for good practice and for the safety of those who use our buildings. As such, in managing any group using our premises, I must: ensure they have their own risk assessment in addition to our own written risk assessment; groups are asked to provide a copy of their public liability insurance; ensure that a track and trace system is in place for outside groups using our facilities; ensure COVID security is maintained by the cleaning and sanitising of the rooms used. I have had confirmed that safe capacity numbers are able to be reviewed and are determined by the safe size of a space, good ventilation, etc. This has allowed me to increase the safe capacity for events across the parish. Groups will be invited in due course, subject to their own risk assessments, certificate of public liability, and a renewal of the terms of their use of the parish buildings, which always must be at the disposal of the parish or diocese as a priority, notwithstanding the welcome presence of non-parish groups.

This past week some shared with me a frustration that the parish has been slow to return to normality, including the full use of our parish buildings. I share that frustration. But we also have a legal and moral responsibility to follow diocesan guidance, legal advice and counsel, the parameters of our insurance and liabilities, and most importantly – demonstrate our continuing commitment to being safe and COVID secure community for those members of our parish who are anxious, vulnerable, at risk, or in poor health. We cannot take any risks or chances. Let's pray that the pandemic will soon pass and that the New Year 2022 will see much more freedom, normality, and social activities resume! Thank you for your patience.

First Holy Communion for children at non-Catholic schools

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a child at a non-Catholic school who is aged 7 and above (Year 3) who has not yet received their First Holy Communion. I am looking to establish some provision to help families towards their child's First Holy Communion, and it would be great to form a group, if possible: the children can make friends, and families meet each other, too.

Prayer Requests

Sam Greer, Michael, Elliot & Sophie Hayes, Rose Sharrock, Patricia Blyth, Maurice Hedgcock, David, baby Isaac and Neil.

RCIA and Faith Sharing Evening

We continue our faith sharing/film evenings at St Mary of the Angels, this Monday October 18th. There is Adoration, Rosary and Evening prayer from 6pm. Then at 7pm we will watch the film, "The Ineffable Mystery of God." please come along if you can, all welcome from across our two parishes.

St Saviour & St Mary 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.

Our Lady & St Bernard SVP Food Bank

The SVP are once again starting to deliver food to families in need. Due to the pandemic stocks of food are well down. If you are able to help, please leave donations of non-perishable food such as pasta, tinned food etc. in the box at the back of Our Lady's Church.

Teams4u Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021

Please send love this Christmas to children living with poverty in Eastern Europe. A covered box & leaflet can be delivered to your home by contacting Eileen Brennan on 07432 782877. Final date for return of boxes will be 15 November. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Justice & Peace Quiz Night

The Quiz Night will return on 29 October at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre all are welcome to a very entertaining evening.

Altar Servers Visit to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

A visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool has been organised for all altar servers in the Parish of Ellesmere Port and Hooton. The Visit will take place on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 11am. For more details, please contact Chris Duke on 355 6954.

All Saints Franciscan Friary, Barton, Manchester

Many of our parishioners in recent times have visited All Saints Franciscan Friary for the First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Saturday 6th November we will once again visit the Friary with a limited number of seats available on the minibus. Parishioners are welcome to come along using their own transport also. Please talk to Tony Nuttall if you would like to join us on the minibus.

PARISH HOLY MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monthly devotions | October, the holy Rosary | Prayer for the Synod 2023

	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady ---	5pm 6pm ---	Les Daniels RIP Eileen Morgan
Sunday 17 October Twenty-ninth Sunday SVP 80 th anniversary		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour	9am 9am 11am 11am	Dot Garside Parishioners Winnie Carroll, Ryan Price & Roger Price Mark Rymel RIP 1 st Ann
Monday 18 October St Luke, evangelist		Our Lady St Mary	12noon 6pm	Varghese Paul Paily RIP Adoration & Vespers
Tuesday 19 October St Peter of Alcantara, priest		Our Lady	12noon	Breege Kelleher
Wednesday 20 October Feria		Our Lady St Saviour St Saviour	12noon 6pm 7pm	Bernadette Bartley Adoration & Vespers Novena
Thursday 21 October Feria		Our Lady	9am*	Sadie Bonnar
Friday 22 October St John Paul II, pope		Our Lady	12noon	James Elliott
Saturday 23 October Saturday of our Lady		Our Lady	11-12noon	Confessions
	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady ---	5pm 6pm ---	Mary English RIP Ian Wexler
Sunday 24 October Thirtieth Sunday		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour	9am 9am 11am 11am	Tony McMahon RIP Michael F Gallagher RIP Thressiamma Paily RIP Parishioners

*Please note earlier Mass as priests attending our local Deanery Conference on Thursday

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