

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 21 NOVEMBER 2021 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

This Sunday the Church's Year reaches its climax as the final Sunday of Ordinary Time is marked by the solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and we begin our journey towards the celebration of Christmas.

The solemnity of Christ the King reminds us of what we recite each Sunday in the Creed: that on the Last Day, the Lord will return *'...in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.'* In the Our Father we pray: *'...Thy kingdom come...'* We know, too that when the angel Gabriel was sent to our Lady, he told her: *'God will give Him the throne of His ancestor, David, and He will reign as king forever.'* It was for being a king that the Lord was tried and sentenced to death, when Pontius Pilate questioned Him Jesus replied: *'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to witness to the Truth. And all who are on the side of Truth listen to my voice'*. Pilate had the charge against the Lord written and displayed on the Cross: *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.*

In the ancient world, emperors and kings were shown homage and reverence by their subjects going down on one knee. The Church, from its earliest days, invited those who love the Lord and know that He is truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament, to show the same act of reverence to our King. This Sunday as we restore a beautiful Catholic devotion of Sunday Benediction at Our Lady Star of the Sea at 4pm, let us ask for a love of Jesus our King, for an increase of love and reverence for the Lord in the Tabernacle, on the Altar, and when we receive Holy Communion.

Father Edmund

Thank you to one of our Parish Groups!

Having read in the newsletter my appeal for any expressions of interest or financial support for the webcam initiative, allowing live streaming of Mass for those who are housebound, I was stunned to receive the promise of a £1,000.00 donation from one of our Parish Groups! Their generosity makes the project a viable one, and so I will set the arrangements in motion. If any other groups in the parish feel able to make a donation, any support would be gratefully received.

Lil McDonald RIP

Family and friends of Lil McDonald are gathering at the vigil Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea this Saturday to remember her in prayer in a special way. Lil, like many people who died during the pandemic when it was at its height, was unable to have the funeral Mass that the family would have wanted. Please say a prayer for the family.

Sunday Benediction

Beginning this Sunday afternoon, we will have a short (half hour) period of Exposition concluding with Benediction. This will take place **every Sunday at 4pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea.**

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Parishioners will notice in the grounds that a number of trees have been taken down. This is to begin to tentatively create a new area next to the Church to allow access for wedding or funeral cars. More when I have been able to have a further meeting with the diocese and I will hope to share a simple sketch of how this area might be better used. Also, you will see that the carpet has come up in the side chapel. The floor seems in relatively good condition, thank God. More to come!

RCIA/Faith Sharing and Film Evening

We continue our faith sharing/film evenings at St Mary of the Angels, this Monday November 22nd. There is Adoration, Rosary and Evening prayer from 6pm and the film starts at 7pm. Please come along if you can, all welcome from across our two parishes.

Parish of Ellesmere Port & Hooton Junior Youth Club

Our parish youth club meet 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. **The Youth Group will be attending 9am Mass at St Mary's this weekend as part of World Youth Day.** There will be a BBQ Breakfast on St Mary's field after Mass, all are welcome.

Teams4u Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021

Thank you very much for all your love and support. 83 Shoeboxes have been delivered to Teams4u in Wrexham ready to be dispatched to Eastern Europe before Christmas!

Prayer Requests

Rose Sharrock, baby Isaac and all those who have asked of our prayers. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Gerry Dickey, Eva Drewery, Carl Blair and Agnes Curry, Helen Barr and all who have died recently.

Red Mission Boxes

The red Mission boxes need to be emptied now for both St Saviour & St Mary, and Our Lady and St Bernard Parishes. Many thanks to all those who have already brought their boxes into Church. For those who haven't yet done so, can you please bring your boxes into church as soon as you can.

First Holy Communion for children at non-Catholic schools

First Sacraments Programme will commence in January 2022. Details will be sent out at the beginning of December.

Needle Group Christmas Sale

We recently welcomed back the Needlework Group who meet at St Marys most weeks and they have been hard at work creating items for their Christmas Craft Sales table. They will be in St Marys Church on Sunday 21st November and St Saviours Church on the weekend of 27th/28th November. The Group work hard all year and greatly appreciate any support given

Parish Foodbank/Hampers

With the support of our SVP and the generous contributions that we receive, we are able to continue to distribute hampers & 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.

All Saints Franciscan Friary, Barton, Manchester

Our next trip to All Saints Franciscan Friary for the First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Saturday 4th December. Please talk to Tony Nuttall if you would like to join us on the minibus.

Christmas Day Dinner

For many years Deacon Tony and Kay have hosted a Christmas Day Dinner within the Parish and they will be doing so again this year in the new location of Christ the King, Bromborough, starting at 2pm. If you wish to join them please contact Christ the King Parish office on 0151 334 1657. All are welcome.

Thank You

Veronica and her team, who provide the refreshments at St Saviours on Saturday evening, would like to thank all for their continued support and generosity. They have recently sent a total of £300 to charities - £100 each to CAFOD, Marie Curie, and Smile train (a Children's Cleft lip & Palate Charity). Well done all!

Rome Pilgrimage 27-30 June 2022

To secure a place you can book online at the following link: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/italy/rome-montgomery>

PARISH HOLY MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monthly devotions | November, the holy souls | Prayer for the Synod 2023

	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Lil McDonald RIP
Sunday 21 November Christ the King		--- Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour Our Lady	--- 9am 9am 11am 11am 4pm	Louise Simpson Parishioners Olive Besley RIP Helen Harvey RIP Benediction
Monday 22 November St Cecilia		Our Lady St Mary	12noon 6pm	Valerie & Terry Howey Adoration and Vespers
Tuesday 23 November Feria		Our Lady	12noon	For the Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 November Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions		Our Lady St Saviour St Saviour	12noon 6pm 7pm	Mary Shanahan Adoration and Vespers Novena
Thursday 25 November Feria		Our Lady Our Lady	12noon 5pm	Billy Sweeney Vigil of Prayer and Reception into Church of Gerry Dickey RIP
Friday 26 November Feria		Our Lady	12noon	Requiem Mass Gerry Dickey RIP
Saturday 27 November Feria		Our Lady	11-12noon	Confessions
	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Monica Rand Intention Mark Hobson
Sunday 28 November First Sunday of Advent		--- Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour Our Lady	--- 9am 9am 11am 11am 4pm	Frankie Ryan RIP Jonathan Duffy B/day Rem Reddy Family Intention Parishioners Benediction

*Fr Humphrey away in Shrewsbury at Induction for recently ordained priests Tue-Thur

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