

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 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Yesterday I celebrated a First Holy Communion Mass at St Saviour's for Year 5 children from St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School, a celebration long overdue, impacted by COVID-19 and the pandemic. What a happy occasion! And it is such a joy and a privilege to give children their First Holy Communion! Today, in Our Lady Star of the Sea at the 11am Mass, Maisy Portsmouth receives her First Holy Communion. Please pray for all our children preparing to receive Our Lord for the first time, and ask for a renewed love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to all those who were able to come to the Open Parish Meeting last Monday evening. I was so very grateful to have the opportunity in my first three weeks as parish priest to update you all on my meetings and to share with you something of my responsibilities in Ellesmere Port and Hooton, to talk openly and honestly about expectations of one another, and to hear your views, concerns, hopes, and ideas. Copies of my presentation are available from the back of each church.

Along with this Sunday's Newsletter you'll see an outline of some initial decisions. As I shared on Monday evening, having listened and consulted, now I am able to share with you the way ahead. Please pray for me, and as ever, I am here for you and to be of service to you.

Father Edmund

This Saturday evening after 5pm Mass: 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!

Torchlight Procession in honour of our Lady

Next Sunday, 3 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!

SVP Annual Sponsored Walk

The SVP will be holding its annual sponsored walk in aid of the SVP Holiday Home the afternoon on Sunday 3 October. After each 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.

Youth SVP Conference

The Youth SVP will meet on Monday, 27 September at 4.15pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. New members always welcome. For further information contact Chris Duke 355 6954.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome June 2022

I am in the early stages of discussions with a tour company looking ahead to next year and a possible pilgrimage to Rome. I have mentioned this to our Acting Dean of West Cheshire, Father Paul Shaw, to see if we can invite parishioners from across the Deanery as well. Let me know if you might be interested! Four nights, flying from Liverpool or Manchester (TBC), half board, hotel near the Vatican.

Parish Pilgrimage to Holywell in November

I was thinking about a possible parish coach trip to Holywell to the shrine of St Winefride. We could have a day trip, Mass, visit the shrine and a pub lunch. I'll put some ideas together and share with you.

Month of the Holy Souls

As we enter October, it is always good to look a month ahead. I would like to offer the traditional blessing of graves in November, perhaps on a couple of Saturdays. We can gather in the cemeteries and then we can bless graves individually with holy water and say some prayers together for family and friends who have died. On All Souls' day, 2 November, I would like to offer a special evening Mass for all the faithful departed from our parish community – priests and people – and in a special way to remember those who have died during the pandemic, many of whom had to have very simple funeral services, often with no or few mourners and family in attendance. More details to come for this special evening Requiem Mass.

Request for Readers at 5pm vigil Mass at St Saviours

Please contact a priest after Mass if you would like to take part in this important ministry of proclaiming the Word of God.

Save the Date! Induction as Parish Priest

To inaugurate my service as parish priest of Ellesmere Port and Hooton, the Dean of West Cheshire, Father Paul Shaw of St Werburgh's, Chester, will formally induct me during holy Mass at **Our Lady Star of the Sea on Wednesday 8 December at 7pm**. It would mean a great deal to me to have your presence and prayerful support at this Mass and we will hope to have reception of light refreshments following in the Parish Centre. Please do come and please pray for me and save the date!

Prayer Requests

Michael, Elliot & Sophie Hayes, Rose Sharrock, Patricia Blyth, Maurice Hedgecock, David, baby Isaac and Neil, Celia Pearson, Doreen Scouler, and Marion Fletcher.

Refreshments after mass

Refreshments are available after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Saviours, and from this weekend after the 9am mass at St Mary of the Angels, the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, and 9am & 11am Sunday Masses at Our Lady's. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this possible.

Luncheon Club

Our lady's Luncheon will return on Tuesday 28 September and Friday 1 October from 11am in the parish centre. All are 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.

Parish of Ellesmere Port & Hooton Junior Youth Club

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!

RCIA and Faith Sharing Evening

We will recommence again our faith sharing/film evenings at Stanley Hall, on Monday 4 October showing the Catholicism film series, the first episode we will watch is "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God became Man", please come along if you can, all welcome from across our two parishes.

Foundation Governor Vacancies

Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law. If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

PARISH HOLY MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monthly devotions | September, our Lady of Sorrows | October, the holy Rosary

	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Joyce Fitzpatrick RIP Lisa Miley
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Sunday 26 September Twenty-fourth Sunday		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour	9am 9am 11am 11am	Veronica Herd RIP Parishioners Maisy Portsmouth 1HC Mary Fernandez Hart
Monday 27 September St Vincent de Paul		Our Lady	12noon	Mary Green RIP
Tuesday 28 September Feria		Our Lady	12noon	Pat Fitzgerald
Wednesday 29 September The holy Archangels		Our Lady St Saviour	12noon 7pm	Peter Shannon Novena
Thursday 30 September St Jerome		Our Lady	12noon	Norbert Standen
Friday 1 October St Thérèse of Lisieux		Our Lady	12noon	Sadie Bonna
Saturday 2 October The guardian Angels		Our Lady	11-12noon	Confessions
	Vigil	St Saviour Our Lady	5pm 6pm	Tom Madden RIP Chalkie White RIP
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Sunday 3 October Twenty-sixth Sunday		Our Lady St Mary Our Lady St Saviour St Mary	9am 9am 11am 11am 7pm	Parishioners Peter Sarson RIP Nora & Matthew Glass Betty Fleming Torchlight Procession

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