

**Ellesmere Port & Hooton Local Pastoral Area (LPA 10),**

**Parishes of**

**St. Saviour & St Mary of the Angels and Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Bernard of Clairvaux**

**“Working Towards Building Missionary Parishes for the future”**

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**6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C**

**Sat: Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Angela Mather  
Our Lady's 6.30pm Robert Henricus

**Sun: 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.00am Deceased of the Keenan Family  
St Saviour's 11.00am Parishioners  
St Bernard's 9.00am Parishioners  
Our Lady's 11.00am James Connally &  
James & Kathleen Brennan

**Mon: 7<sup>th</sup> January**

St Saviour's 9.15am James Rooney  
Our Lady's 9.15am Seamus O'Connell

**Tue: 8<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's 9.15am Gemma Snigzer  
Our Lady's 12.noon Claire Murphy

**Wed: 9<sup>th</sup> January**

EPCHS 8.45am School Intention  
St Saviour's 7.00pm Maureen 'B' Thanksgiving

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> January**

St Saviour's 9.30am In School – John Jarvis Anniv.  
Our Lady's 9.30am In School – School Intention

**Fri: 11<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's 9.15am Helen Hinds  
St Saviour's 2.15pm Funeral Service for Ann Coll  
Our Lady's 12.noon Henry, Elizabeth &  
Harry Monaghan

**Sat: 12<sup>th</sup> August**

St Mary's 11.00am Father Louis' Intention  
Our Lady's 12.noon Priest's Intention

**Sat: Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord**

St Saviour's 5.00pm Jordan Lahaye  
Our Lady's 6.30pm John & Kath Edwards' Int.

**Sun: 13<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of the Lord**

St Mary's 9.00am Parishioners  
St Saviour's 11.00am Spec. Int. Chris Fernandes  
St Bernard's 9.00am Pat & Nora Grant Intention  
Our Lady's 11.00am Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Our Lady's Saturday 11.15am – 11.45am*  
*St Saviour's Saturday 4.20pm-4.50pm*  
*Sunday 10.30am-10.50am unless delayed*  
*St Mary's Sun 8.30 -8.50am*  
*And on request at any Parish*

**EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**

*St Saviour's Holy Hour Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm*  
*St Mary's 8.30am Adoration prior to*  
*9.15am weekday Masses*  
*Holy Hour 10.00am Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Our Lady's 11.00am to 11.45am Fridays*  
*(Except when there is a Funeral that day)*

**ROSARY & NOVENA**

*St Saviour's Wednesday 7.30pm*

**BAPTISM**

Please pray for and all the newly baptised as they begin their journey of faith together.

**WEDDING**

We pray for all newly married couples and for all couples who are celebrating anniversaries at this time, May their lives continue to be filled with love and many blessings.

**Upcoming Funerals:** see opposite and, **Roy Baker** – Funeral Service will take place at Chester Crematorium Chapel at 11.20am on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, **Peter Reck** – Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's Church at 10.30am on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January

**Our Lady & St Bernard Tote:** 30<sup>th</sup> December – First Prize, No. 168 K. Henricus, Second Prize – No. 157 K. Thompson For collection: No. 83 McInerney, No. 167 Denney

**Luncheon Clubs:** St Saviour's, Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 12.noon to 2.00pm; Our Lady's Parish Centre, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am.

**LPA Junior Youth Club:** Meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall this coming Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. This group is **open to all of our children** of Primary School age Year 3 and over.

*We remember in our prayers Ann Coll, Patricia Jones, Christine Morning, Barbara Forshaw, Roy Bake, Peter Reck and all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray that they may rest in peace*

**PLEASE DO LET THE PRIESTS KNOW IF SOMEONE IS SERIOUSLY ILL OR WISHES COMMUNION**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

**COLLECT**

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

60:1-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 71

**Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

- 1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R)
- 2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R)
- 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R)
- 4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R)

**SECOND READING**

3:2-3.5-6

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*The word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

2:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel'. Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**



Do you search for Jesus in your daily life? What happens when you find him where you least expect?

What are your "stars," the things that guide you to find Jesus in your life? Is your life ever the "star" that someone else may need in order to find and identify Jesus?

Does the message of Jesus sometimes trouble you? Do you think that his message troubles the world at large? Does his message trouble some who profess to be Christian?

*What gifts would you bring to the Christ child? Are these gifts tangible or intangible? What talents or abilities do you have that would be fitting gifts for others? Do you use these talents for your own good but not for others?*

How do you honour and praise Jesus?

With very little to guide them, the Magi set out to find the Christ child. Are you as trusting as they were in following your own "star"?

**GOSPEL ACTION**

*Share your gifts with Jesus this week by sharing these gifts with others. Resolve to actively search out the gifts of someone you dislike, and ask them to share those gifts with your community.*

**Next Sunday's Readings –**

**The Baptism of the Lord in Year C**

- First Reading:** Isaiah. 42:1-4, 6-7
- Second Reading:** Acts 10: 34-38
- Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22