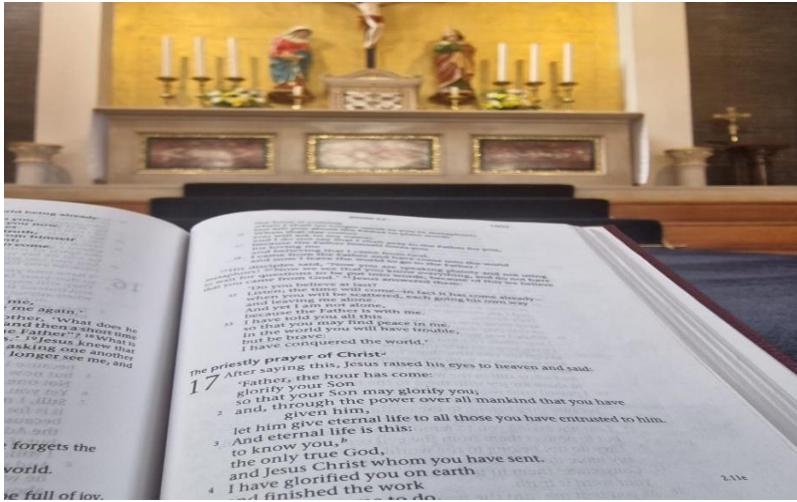


# ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Saint Saviour

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



This Sunday we are presented with part of Jesus' Priestly Prayer (John 17) which is his longest recorded prayer offered before his crucifixion, in which he prays for himself (Jn 17, 1-5), for his immediate followers (Jn 17, 6-19) and for future believers (Jn 17, 20-26). Through this prayer, Jesus' role as Mediator between God and humanity is noted.

A priest's role is to offer prayers and sacrifices to God, and Jesus is the perfect priest because he offered the perfect prayer and sacrifice to the Father on our behalf.

A line which we might miss from this gospel passage is one in which Jesus declares his Divine Nature. In verse 5, Jesus says: "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence **with the glory I had with you before the world existed.**" By saying he had the same glory with the Father before the world existed, Jesus is saying that he existed before the creation of the world and was with the Father. Through this, Jesus is presenting his equality and oneness with God the Father, thereby unveiling his divine nature.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded that the Jesus we follow is both God and Man (Divine & Human), and consequently able to represent humanity to the Father, and Divinity to the human race. May all of Ellesmere Port believe in, and follow this God revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Fr G



### The Pope's Intention for May

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### Online Donations to the Parish

To make giving easier, please consider donating online via the Parish Website [www.ourladystar.co.uk](http://www.ourladystar.co.uk) or via the QR code printed here. Thank you for your generosity.



### Church facts & Trivia:

*Pope John XXIII joked that he sometimes wakes up at night thinking, 'I have so many problems, I should go talk to the pope about them'—then remembers, 'Oh, that's me.'*

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*"St. Sixtus V walked up to a 'bleeding cross' miracle, saw it was fake, and basically said, 'As Christ, I adore you; as wood, I cut you'—then hacked it to pieces with a hatchet.*

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation



### Confession Times:

30 mins before weekday Masses

- Saturday
  - 11am-12pm
  - 4pm-4.50pm
- Sunday
  - 10am-10.45am
- By requesting a different day/time:
  - In person
  - Via email to parish office
  - Via WhatsApp on 01513555877

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction



**Come spend some time with Jesus!**

- Mon & Tue
  - 30 minutes before Mass
- Thursday
  - 6pm-7pm
- Friday
  - 11am-12pm

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Congratulations** to Ryan, Emily, Thomas, Immanuel, Ashin, Rosin, Eloisa and Travis (from St Saviour's School) who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday at the 11am Mass. It was a joyous occasion for the parish, as these young and active parishioners took this important step in their faith and sacramental journey. We keep praying for them as they continue being involved in the life of the parish, and we also pray for the other young parishioners who are currently undergoing formation to celebrate First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion in the weeks and months ahead. A big expression of gratitude to the Headteacher and Staff of St Saviour's for all the work put in the above first communicants' sacramental preparation. To the families, thank you for bringing our young parishioners to church and encouraging them to live and lead an active sacramental life.

As a reminder, the preparation and reception of the sacraments are a moment of joy for the Christian community and should naturally flow from active participation in the life of the parish, since these sacraments are nurtured and lived out within the context of a Christian community. This is why the children are undergoing four stages of preparation which include catechesis, weekly reflections to be shared with the clergy, Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and active participation in one of the groups of the parish. The children must be actively engaged in all four areas before receiving the sacraments. Find here, some photos from the FHC of the 8 parishioners (*shared with permission*):



## PENTECOST – PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS & CELEBRATION

Pentecost is traditionally known as the birthday of the church because it is when the followers of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and overcame their fear, becoming courageous and fearless disciples who spread their faith the world over. As a parish, we are invited to celebrate the 'birthday' of our faith. Since this date falls during the half-term break when some of our parishioners plan to be away, we'll have our **International Parish Mass at 11am on Sunday 31st May, followed by a shared table and games in the parish centre and car park.** For those who can, please bring along some food from your culture, and put on your traditional attire to reflect the diverse and beautiful composition of our parish community. We plan to have the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages, so please fill the sheet at the back of church with your name & language, if you'd like to lead one of the prayers.

## CHURCH CLEANING

We like to thank our parishioners who show up on Wednesday mornings to clean the church, sacristy and parish centre. Your amazing work for the parish. Thanks for the time you take to come sure the church, centre and surrounding areas are neat and tidy for services, etc. If there are any more parishioners willing to volunteer to join our Church and Parish Centre cleaning team on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11am, it'll be a great boost. Even if you can only help occasionally or can commit regularly. All help is appreciated with tea and coffee provided!

## DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or married within the last year can apply for an invitation from the Bishop to the Diocesan Marriage Mass to be celebrated on 13 June at 12 noon at St. Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA.

Any parishioners who are interested please contact the parish office with the couple's name, address and the anniversary being celebrated.

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

The Pilgrimage Team is very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage

website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system. Deacon Tony and many parishioners will be staying in the Hotel Lyes de Maria in Lourdes if you would like to join us, speak with Deacon Tony for more information.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Trip to St Anthony of Padua Franciscan Church, in Mossley Hill, Liverpool on Saturday 20th June. A pilgrimage is being organised joining together with Christ the King and St Mary of the Angels. Coach departing 9am from St Mary of the Angels and 9.15am from Christ the King, cost is £10 and accompanied children free. Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Christ The King office if you wish to secure a seat or seats on the coach.

St Saviour's School is turning 60 this year. The junior school was opened in April 1966 and the infants school 8 months later. A celebration will be taking place on Friday 26th June. More details about this will be sent out soon.

We are looking for any photos/articles/information about our school that you may have. Perhaps you attended St Saviour's as a child; or perhaps you have older children who attended the school some years ago.

Please email anything you have that may be of interest to –

[admin@stsaviours.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stsaviours.cheshire.sch.uk)

*Of your charity, please keep the following recently deceased parishioners in your prayers:*

- Myfanwy Bebb RIP - Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 21st May 10.30am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Margaret Groome RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 11am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Monica Beatty RIP – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10.00am at Our Lady star of the Sea
- Marian McCrave RIP – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 8.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Peter McCrave RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Angela Brennan RIP – Funeral MASS on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am at Our Lady star of the Sea



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Steve Brittain, Shirley Stephen, Roy Mark, Eliyamma Thomas, Angela Bedward and Marcus Vernon

*Written requests for prayers to be included in the newsletter can be sent to the parish office, given to the clergy, or handed into the sacristy. Please include on the written request; your name, the person you are requesting prayers for, and state that the person is happy for their name to be included in the newsletter. May the Lord watch over, guide and protect all the sick and housebound of our parish. Amen.*



# PARISH HOLY MASS & LITURGY

Monthly devotion | May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> <b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b> 12.30pm	<b>Thomas &amp; Elizabeth &amp; family (Thanksgiving)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>Chris McFadden (Sick) + Children's Liturgy</b> Baptism of Thierry Otugo
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> Ferial	11.30am <b>12.00pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> Ferial	9.00am <b>9.30am</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Angela Brennan (RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> Ferial	9am – 11am 6.15pm	<i>Church cleaning</i> <i>Rosary &amp; Novena</i>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> Dedication of the Cathedral	10.30am 1.30pm 6.00pm <b>7.00pm</b>	Funeral for <b>SERVICE Myfanwy Bebb</b> <b>St Saviours school mass for Marcus Vernon (Sick)</b> <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Doreen Baxter (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Ferial	11.00am <b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Ferial	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<del><i>Confessions available until 12pm</i></del> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> <b>Tony Lyth (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> Pentecost Sunday	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Michael Dean (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>John Cull (RIP 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) + Children's Liturgy</b>

### MAY RETIRING COLLECTIONS

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May: World Communications Day

Parochial Administrator:  
Parish Deacon:  
Parish Deacon Emeritus:  
Parish Secretary:  
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