

# ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

## SECOND & THIRD SUNDAYS OF LENT



The Gospel passages for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of Lent present the glory and divinity of Jesus through the Transfiguration; and Jesus breaking the established human boundaries of His time by reaching out to, and interacting with an outcast (i.e. the Samaritan Woman).

We are hereby reminded that the Jesus we follow is not merely human, but divine too; and we should follow His example and not close in on ourselves, but reach out of our comfort zones to spread the message of the Gospel to everybody.

"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony [...] And many more believed because of his word." (Jn 4,39-41). Our Lord invites us to cooperate with him in spreading the Good News about him. May we have that courage in this season of Lent to spread the Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ so that all of Ellesmere Port may come to know the love and peace which only come from the God who suffered, died and rose from the dead to set us free in the person of Jesus Christ.

Fr G



### The Pope's Intention for March

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### 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.



### Stations of the Cross



- 11.30am on Fridays during Lent
- 4.15pm on Saturdays during Lent

### 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

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction



Come spend some time with Jesus!

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

### DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

As the Parish office will be closed from 26<sup>th</sup> February until 16<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no newsletter on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> March, so please retain this week's copy for Mass times during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> March. A reminder that newsletters do not need to be returned to church once you have finished reading them.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. For any urgent enquires please speak to Fr Godlove or Deacon Tony. Non urgent enquiries will be dealt with when the office reopens. The answerphone messages will be checked regularly.

### COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL

Holy Mass will be celebrated next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15pm in the hospital chapel. Stations of the cross are prayed each Thursday of Lent at 12:15 in COCH chapel, All are welcome. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### WELCOMERS

Parishioners are highly encouraged to take it in turns to act as welcomers at each Mass. We are blessed to have many people attend Mass, and some are visitors to the area, not Catholic, and/or may need some guidance. Welcomers would therefore welcome people with a smile and kind word as they come into church and hand them hymn books, orders of service, point them to the sacristy, toilets, confessional, etc if needed, and help return hymn books after Mass, especially from our elderly parishioners and those with reduced mobility. If you are interested in doing this individually or as a family, please approach a member of the clergy or send an email or WhatsApp message to the parish office. Many thanks in advance for your help with this, as we strive to make everyone feel welcome in this lovely Christian community.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

The children from the Parish primary schools will be joining the weekday Masses over the next few weeks. These Masses are not exclusively for the schools, and all Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – UPDATE

13 children from our parish (not in Catholic schools) are receiving catechesis in preparation for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. The meetings take place on Tuesday evening in the parish centre, and it has been great to see these young Christians actively learning about their faith, under the guidance of Fr G, Dcn T, Pauline, Ann, Amy, & Chris. During these sessions, whilst the children immerse themselves in the learning activities in one part of the room, their parents/guardians engage in thought-provoking questions on Faith and Morals in another part of the room. Last Tuesday, while the children looked at the ripple effect of love of God and our neighbour, the parents discussed how to determine what is good and what is bad based on reason and how this could lead to a belief in a timeless and objective lawgiver (God).

The catechesis for our children in Catholic schools will take place in the respective schools. St Saviour's School began theirs this week with their headteacher Ms Baird and Ms Millard (Vicky). As a parish, may we pray for all these children and their families, as they take this step on their faith journey. May we equally encourage them to attend Mass weekly and be actively involved in the life of the parish (as Altar servers, readers, welcomers, musicians, Children's liturgy, SVP, Social & Events Committee, Wednesday Church cleaning, etc).

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes boxes for 2026/27 will be available for collection from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church from 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March. At this time of year we are also asked by the Diocese to contact Parishioners who have made a Gift Aid for Our Lady and St Bernard to confirm their tax status. Patricia Jenkins will be in Church on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March for you to confirm/update your Tax Status for 2026/2027. Patricia will also have standing order forms available should you wish to move from using weekly offertory envelopes or if you wish to move your donation from St Saviour's to Our Lady's.

**CAFOD QUIZ**

The CAFOD quiz will go ahead as planned on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome, raising funds for CAFOD with free tea and coffee for all participants.

**IRISH NIGHT**

There is an Irish Evening of Music (provided by Ant Hunt), Dancing and Raffle on Saturday on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre to raise funds for EPCHS Lourdes Fund. The proceeds from this would help sponsor some of our students to enable them to take part in the Lourdes pilgrimage this year. £5 entry fee.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who organise, coordinate and lead the Children's liturgy; and 'Thank you' to YOU, the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for bringing our young parishioners to Mass and other church activities. They are an important part of our parish family.

Here is the beautiful Lenten message our children sang to us at the end of the 11am Mass last Sunday:

**Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving,**

**We are meant, to repent.**

**40 days of sacrifice,**

**Being super, extra nice,**

**This is Lent. This is Lent.**

**WIRRAL WALK 2026 – SIGN UP NOW**

Our annual Wirral Walk will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, following the Wirral Way from West Kirby to Hooton. This 12-mile sponsored walk is open to all and raises vital funds to support our parish.

You can sign up online at [ourladystar.co.uk/wirralwalk](http://ourladystar.co.uk/wirralwalk) or collect a sign-up form from the back of church.

Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part! For further information please email [events@ourladystar.co.uk](mailto:events@ourladystar.co.uk)

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – THANK YOU!**

We raised over £1100 for the Priests' Retirement Fund. A huge THANK YOU to each and everyone for this very kind gesture and show of love for all our retired priests as we thank God for their ministry and service in & for our Diocese of Shrewsbury. These funds will be forwarded to the diocese, and we are sure our retired priest would be very grateful and appreciative.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI**

Pope Leo has declared 2026 as a Jubilee Holy Year for St Francis. Maria Fryer from St John's Parish on the Wirral is organising a special pilgrimage to Assisi on 28<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The cost is £995 and 20 people are required to make the pilgrimage viable. If you would like to know more, please telephone Maria on 07576-243-343.



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

- **Linda Borowski RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm at Chester Crematorium
- **Theresa Sheils RIP**- Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm at Landican Crematorium
- **Joseph Charles Price RIP** – Funeral MASS on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Paul Lacey RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at Our Lady Star of The Sea
- **Agnes Mulvihill RIP** – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Veronica Page, Doreen Baxter, Steve Brittain, Shirley Stephen, Roy Mark and Eliamma Thomas

*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 | March is dedicated to St Joseph

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Second Sunday of Lent	4.00pm 4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>Monica Rand (Sick)</b>
	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b>	<b>The People of the Parish</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>Giuseppe Contilli (RIP) + Children's Liturgy</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Ferial	11.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Peggy Lewis (Birthday Remembrance)</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Ferial	9.00am <b>9.30am</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Patrick Sixsmith (RIP)</b> / (St Saviour's Primary School Mass)
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	<b>6.15pm</b>	<i>Rosary &amp; Novena</i>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	6.00pm <b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Maciej Budel (50<sup>th</sup> Birthday)</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	<b>10.00am</b> 11.30am <b>12.15pm</b> <b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Joseph Price (RIP)</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>Bernie Garner (RIP)</b> <b>Funeral Service for Paul Lacey (RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	11.00am 4.00pm 4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>Bridget Harris (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Sunday of Lent	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sheila, John &amp; Jean Farley (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>The People of the Parish+ Children's Liturgy</b>

### MARCH RETIRING COLLECTION

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March: SVP

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	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am 11.00am	<b>Sheila, John &amp; Jean Farley (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>The People of the Parish + Children's Liturgy</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	11.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Tony &amp; Margaret Connolly (53rd Wedding Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	9.00am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Funeral Mass for Agnes Mulvihill (RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	6.15pm	<i>Rosary &amp; Novena</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	6.00pm <b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Coiln Wood &amp; Martin Hague (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	11.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>Hilda McCullagh (RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ferial	11.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm 4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> Baptism of Clara Grace McEvoy <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>Mary O'Neill (RIP Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent  <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Margaret Mathershaw (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>Peggy &amp; George Walker (RIP)+ Children's Liturgy</b>

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