ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This week's Gospel illustration was drawn by Annabelle (Year 6) of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Parable of the Talents: Faith versus Fear

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we are presented this Sunday with the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), and the account we'd have to render, at the end of our earthly life, on how well – or not we made use of our talents.

These talents represent the different skills we have on the one hand, and the resources around us on the other, and how we use these to serve others and lead to the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are equally invited to understand the difference between faith and fear. Whilst we should have utmost respect and love for God (i.e. Fear of the Lord), we should not be afraid of God. Authentic faith would and should lead us to make use of our talents to glorify and honour God in the way we serve each other and look after the world (i.e. our common home). Fear on the other hand makes one behave as the servant who received one talent. When called in to give an account, he says "...so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground..." (Mt 25:25).

Dear friends, may we not be afraid to use our skills in ways pleasing to God. The same gospel passage tells us that each servant was given talents "each according to his ability." (Mt 25:15). God won't ask of us what is outside our ability. May we be courageous in not burying our talents but using them in ways pleasing to Him. By the grace of God, at the end of our lives, may we hear similar words addressed to us as were addressed to the servants who had put their talents to good use: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Mt 25:23).

Fr G

The Pope's Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth:

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Online Donations to the Parish

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

Church facts & Trivia:

The sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle indicates the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In other words, it is the Church's ancient version of a "Someone is home" light.

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

CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY

Next Sunday 22nd November which is the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will join together as a multicultural family of God. Everyone is invited to come in traditional/cultural attire and to share a prayer in their own native language during our Universal prayer. There will be a shared table in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass. Everyone is encouraged to bring **LOTS** of food and/or drinks (so there is plenty to share around) from their culture for the shared table, and we can all celebrate the beauty of being from different places, cultures, and backgrounds, but united in our Faith.

RCIA PROGRAMME

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme will commence with Mass at 5pm this Saturday, 14th November, followed by a meeting with Fr Godlove in Church afterwards.

FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Martha and Archie Flood who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday.



Photo shared with permission

HOLY SOULS AND THE TREE OF LIGHT

November is the month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. If you would like your family and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month please take an envelope from the back of Church, put their names in it and place it in the basket on the Sanctuary. Please do not put any money in these envelopes.

As in previous years, our 'Tree of Light' has been assembled for the month of the Holy Souls. You may wish to write and attach a label in memory of deceased members of your family or friends. Donations will be for Charity.

MUSICIANS WANTED!

We are looking for Parishioners who are able to play an instrument to join our Musicians Team! This is a good opportunity for our younger Parishioners who have enrolled in the Sacramental Programmes to be actively involved in our Parish life. Please contact Fr Godlove or the Parish Office for more information.

ST SAVIOUR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MASS

On Tuesday we welcomed pupils and staff from St Saviour's Primary School to Mass.

Emily:

"Fr Godlove taught us that we should do good things for God by doing things for other people. I will help someone when they need it and I'll also help my parents."

Travis:

"Fr Godlove taught us to remember someone called Leo the Great. He also taught us that we need to help our parents without expecting a thank you. I'm going to help my parents clean the living room."



Friday we will be welcoming St Bernard's Primary School. These Masses are open to **all** Parishioners so please do join the pupils and staff at these Masses if you are able.

ALTAR SERVERS

As we have had a number of new altar servers recently can **ALL** altar servers please complete a Regular Volunteer form. If you are over 18 please complete The Adult Regular Volunteer form.

Parents/Guardians please complete the Junior Regular Volunteer form in respect of your child.

Having up to date contact information will help us in the planning of the Sunday Mass rotas and services especially as we approach Christmas.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for the next financial year will be ordered soon. If you do not currently use an envelope and would like one, or if you currently use a St. Saviour's envelope and would like future donations to be made to Our Lady's please pass your details to the Parish Office or Patricia Jenkins (email gwpajenkins@live.co.uk,phone 07913819048) so that an envelope can be ordered for you. However, this maybe a good opportunity to consider moving to Standing Order to replace cash giving.

STANDING ORDER FORM REPLACING CASH GIVING

Thank you to those Parishioners who have kindly completed Standing Order Forms and/or Gift Aid Forms. Please let the Parish Secretary know either via email: parishoffice@ourladystar.org.uk or by dropping a note into the Parish Office that you have moved from envelopes to Standing Order so know how many boxes of envelopes we need to order this year

CAMINO PARISH PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 2027

Are you interested in joining the Parish Camino pilgrimage? All interested pilgrims are invited to attend a meeting where the practical arrangements will be shared, including dates, accommodation, walking schedules, and other important logistics. This will also be a great opportunity to ask questions and find out more; no commitment is necessary at this point – just an interest in participating.
This meeting will take place on Saturday 28th November after the 5pm Mass.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION:
21st/22nd November: SVP

CHRISTMAS FAIR – DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th December 2026 and would be incredibly grateful for any contributions.
We are happily accepting donations of:
raffle prizes, bottles, chocolate and sweets, beauty products, children's books and toys. Cakes and baked treats can be brought in the day before the fair or on the day itself.
Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help make our Christmas Fair a wonderful event for everyone!
Thank you so much for your kindness and support. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PARISH QUIZ

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our quiz on Saturday night! We had a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter and great company and raised £207 for the Parish & SVP. We look forward to welcoming you for our Christmas Quiz on Saturday 5th December!







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

- **Patricia Brocklehurst RIP –** Funeral MASS Tuesday 17th November 12.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Lue Ellis RIP** – Funeral SERVICE Friday 20th November 10.45am at Christ Church, Willaston
- **Roy Mark RIP** – Funeral SERVICE Monday 23rd November 1.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Shirley Stephen, Mark, Angela Yarnell, Marcus Vernon, Tom Berry, Wayne Statham, Arthur Harrington, Oliwia Dorocki, Mike Burton and Veronica Page.

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 | November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

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Sunday Missal Page: 433

Sunday 15th November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time World day of Prayer for the Poor	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm **5.00pm** 6.30pm ——— **9.00am** 10.00am **11.00am**	*Confessions available until 12pm* *Confessions available until 4.50pm* *Rosary* **Ian Hobson (RIP)** RCIA Meeting ——— **Mary & Jim Kilgallon, Delia & James Fullerton & Hugh Bradley (RIP)** *Confessions available until 10.45am* **The People of the Parish + Children's Liturgy**
Monday 16th November Ferial	*11.30am* **12.15pm**	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* **Giuseppe Contilli (RIP)**
Tuesday 17th November Ferial	*11.00am* **12.00pm**	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* **Funeral Mass for Patricia Brocklehurst RIP**
Wednesday 18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul	*9am –11am* *6.15pm*	*Church cleaning* *Rosary & Novena*
Thursday 19th November Ferial	*6.00pm* **7.00pm**	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* **Pat Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance)**
Friday 20th November Ferial	~~11.00am~~ **10.00am**	~~*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction*~~ **St Bernard's Primary School Mass in Church**
Saturday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm **5.00pm**	*Confessions available until 12pm* *Confessions available until 4.50pm* *Rosary* **The People of the Parish**
Sunday 22nd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	**9.00am** 10.00am **11.00am** 12.15pm	**Maria & Yan & Family** *Confessions available until 10.45am* **Parish International Mass Elizabeth & Richard O'Connor** Shared Table for the Prish Celebration of Christ the King Solemnity

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