

# ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



One of the most striking images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd, that we hear about this Sunday. When Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, he shows us about the loving care he has for the human family and how precious we are to God.

Each and every one of us has a special place in his heart, he calls us individually by our name and cares for us with his abounding love. Jesus is our guardian and guide, always there to call us back when we stray from the correct path. With compassion and total love for us, he comes into our hearts, the Good Shepherd, guiding his flock, willing to lay down his life for us, he is the sheepfold, the gateway by which we enter eternal life.

Let us pause and reflect on this consoling truth of how much we are loved by God, and of how we can make God's presence effective to those we encounter on our pilgrimage in this life as we journey please God towards our salvation.

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### The Pope's Intention for April

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### 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:

In church, we genuflect on the right knee for God – the left is for everyone else. So, ladies, if he proposes on his right knee, congratulations you have just been upgraded to divine status!



### 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

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT 11AM MASS 26 APRIL

As our young parishioners continue being actively involved in the life of the parish, we would like to thank their parents for bringing them along and encouraging them. Many of our children take part in the children's liturgy at the 11am Mass every Sunday. Starting this month, one Sunday a month, the children will lead the parish in singing at Mass. This will take place at the 11am Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come along with your children and grandchildren and have them sit around the front where the instruments are. If any of them have and can play any musical instruments, they are highly encouraged to bring these along and join in animating the liturgy.

## 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.

## VACANCIES

Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

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

- **Norma Ann Twigg RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Margaret Flannery RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 12.00pm at Chester Crematorium
- **Brian Moore RIP** – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Lily Wade RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady star of the Sea
- **Myfanwy Bebb RIP** - TBC



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Veronica Page, Doreen Baxter, Steve Brittain, Shirley Stephen, Roy Mark, Eliamma Thomas, Angela Bedward, Mary Bedward & Monica Beaty

*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.*



# QUIZ NIGHT!

— MUSIC-THEMED FUNDRAISER —

**15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

DOORS OPEN 7PM

£3 ENTRY • MAX 6 PER TEAM

*Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish Centre*

Fundraising for **CAFOD** & The Parish



RAFFLE PRIZES



TUCK SHOP



TEA & COFFEE

— BRING YOUR FRIENDS &  
TEST YOUR MUSIC KNOWLEDGE! —

— ♦ FABULOUS PRIZES TO BE WON! ♦ —

# PARISH HOLY MASS & LITURGY

Monthly devotion | April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> Rosary <b>Teasie Magee (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>Helen Lancelot (RIP) + Children's Choir</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ferial	11.30am 12.15pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Stuart Worrall (RIP 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ferial	9.00am 9.30am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ferial	6.15pm	<i>Rosary &amp; Novena</i>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ferial	<del>6.00pm</del> <b>7.00pm</b>	<del><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i></del> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> Ferial	<del>11.30am</del> <b>12.00pm</b>  <b>2.00pm</b>	<del><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i></del> <b>Funeral service for Margaret Flannery at Chester Crematorium</b> <b>Funeral Service for Norma Twigg (RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Ferial	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> Rosary <b>Doris Winrow (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b> 12.30pm 1.30pm	<b>Maureen Keannelly (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>The People of the Parish + Children's Choir</b> Baptism Layton Linford Baker Baptism of Arlo Swift

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