

ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The next few weeks are laden with sports competitions such as the FIFA World Cup, Wimbledon, Tour de France, the Commonwealth Games and a host of others. The Pope's intention for June is for the value of sports, and that it may be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that the values of respect, solidarity and personal growth be promoted.

With the World Cup underway with two constituent countries of our lovely UK competing and winning their opening games (hurray!), we are reminded of the importance of teamwork. In sports, success is greater when the team works together. Even in individual sports (tennis, cycling, MotorGP, etc) teamwork is still needed, because the athlete relies on the coach, the physio, the dietician, etc and others working in the background for a common goal: success.

As followers of Christ, here in Ellesmere Port, may we be united under one captain: Jesus Christ! Just as different players on a team play different positions, but with a common objective, may we all use our different skills and talents with the common objective of following Christ and His teachings, and spreading the Gospel far and wide. Even the 'least' of us in this parish has a valuable and valued contribution to make to the life of the parish. As our parish community day comes up on Saturday July 4th from 9.30am, may we turn out in our numbers and work with a common goal.

Fr G



The Pope's Intention for June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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 Church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints — which explains why we're all still here

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The parish parking miracle: everyone wants to be closest to church, except on the way out

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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 FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Lucia Lacy, Alfie Wish, Isla Bailey, Maggie Dainty and Ivy Gardner who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday at the 5pm Mass. *(photos shared with permission)*



We pray for Lizarae Ordoyo, Calvin & Calix Alfaro who will be making their FHC at the 11am Mass on 28th June and for all the other children from non-Catholic schools being prepared here in the parish, and those from St Bernard's school who will be making their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion in the weeks and months ahead. We continue encouraging them to start/continue being active members of our parish community alongside their families, in addition to attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation which is a 'basic minimum' for us as Catholics.

HOLY FAMILY SISTERS OF THE NEEDY

Sister Mary Lucy from The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy writes "I would like to express my profound thanks for your generosity of heart in allowing me to come to your parish for Mission Appeal and for your warm welcome and receptivity. In a very special way, I express my appreciation to your parishioners for their generous donation to the work we do. May God bless and reward you all immensely"

LIVING FAITH PUBLICATION

Thank you to all those Parishioners who support the Living Faith quarterly publication. We have been advised that there will be a price increase from July to £4.95 a copy. The books will be available in the Piety stall in the next couple of weeks so please collect your copy from there and put your donation in the Piety stall wall box.

THANK YOU TO BRIAN CALLISTER

We would like to offer our immense THANKS to Brian Callister who has looked after the Parish Centre for over 35 years, amongst the many other things he does in our Parish. Brian has decided to retire at the end of June and enjoy a much deserved rest. In view of this we are looking for somebody who can take over from Brian to maintain the Parish centre, checking fire alarms, etc. If anybody has a few hours a week to spare please contact the Parish Office for further information.



PARISH BBQ

There will be a Parish BBQ after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th June following the Children’s Choir Mass. This is open to all Parishioners, so please come along and enjoy some social time together.

DAY OF LIFE

The Day for Life 2026 falls on Father’s Day and The Lead Bishops for Life have issued a message which is enclosed in this week’s newsletter.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Thank you to all who joined our Eucharistic Procession two weeks ago. Our thanks go to the Altar servers, marshals, stewards carrying the canopy etc. It was lovely to see so many Parishioners both young, in prams and older parishioners, in wheelchairs, processing through the streets of our town whilst praying and praising God present in the Blessed Sacrament.



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

- Helen Josephine Reck RIP – Funeral MASS on Monday 22nd June 12.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Jean Walker RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 2nd July 2026 10.40am at Chester crematorium
- Carole Hughes RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Monday 6th July 9.15am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Shelagh Roberts RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Wednesday 8th July 10.40am at Chester Crematorium

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 | June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Missal Page: 353

<p>Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i> & <i>Father's Day</i></p>	<p>11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Confessions available until 12pm No Confessions Confessions available until 4.50pm No Confessions Rosary Chris Laycock (RIP 2nd Anniversary) Kevin Brady (RIP 1st Anniversary) <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> The People of the Parish (RIP) + Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Monday 22nd June St John Fisher & St Thomas Moore</p>	<p>11.30am 12.30pm</p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Funeral MASS for Helen Josephine Reck RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd June Ferial</p>	<p>9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Theresa Bailey (Sick)</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist</p>	<p>9am – 11am 6.15pm</p>	<p><i>Church cleaning</i> <i>Rosary & Novena</i></p>
<p>Thursday 25th June Ferial</p>	<p>6.00pm 7.00pm</p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Pat McMahon</p>
<p>Friday 26th June Ferial</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>St Saviour's Primary School 60th Anniversary <i>Morning tea & coffee in Parish Centre</i></p>
<p>Saturday 27th June Ferial</p>	<p>11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 6.00pm</p>	<p>Confessions available until 12pm No Confessions Confessions available until 4.50pm No Confessions Rosary Marie Sherry (RIP 14th Anniversary) FF for LO, CA & CA</p>
<p>Sunday 28th June St Peter & St Paul <i>Peter's Pence</i></p>	<p>9.00am 10.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>The People of the Parish <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> Roger Price (RIP) + Childrens' Choir+ FHC for LO, CA & CA</p>

JUNE RETIRING COLLECTIONS

20th/21st June: Day for Life

27th/28th June: Peter's Pence

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