

ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners

We have had an urgent message from the Bishops:

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the bill.

"This Bill is wrong in principle" says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for the health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at the Second Reading.

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask you MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through Parliament.

For more information and resources, please visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>
<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>



The Pope's Intention for August

For respect for evangelization in the city:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Fr G

Church facts & Trivia:

Church incense wasn't introduced to make Mass smell nice—it became part of Christian worship because it symbolises prayers rising to God (Psalm 141:2; Revelation 8:3–4)

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The Bible was divided into chapters in the 13th century and verses much later. Imagine trying to find "that bit in Isaiah" without chapter and verse numbers!

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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

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.



FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Lavinia Fincham who made her first Holy Communion last Sunday. *(photos shared with permission)*



We pray for Krystian Norek who will be making his First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass on 9th August. We pray 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – UPDATE

We pray for babies Daisy Peach and Jace Chua who'll be Baptised on Sunday 9th August. And we keep praying for all the other children, parents and sponsors preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism in the weeks and months ahead.

WELCOME TO FR JULIUS SIMOMIA

This week we welcome Fr Julius Simomia who will be on supply here in the parish whilst Father Godlove and Deacon Tony are currently in Lourdes on the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. Father Julius is a priest of the Diocese of Mamfe (Cameroon). He studied in the UK and served as Parish Priest at St Anthony of Padua in Wolverhampton from 2018-2022 before returning to his home diocese. He's helped in the dioceses of Birmingham and Shrewsbury before and has kindly agreed to supply here. I am sure we will make him feel very welcome here in the Port. Father Julius welcome to the Port!

FATHER GODLOVE & DEACON TONY

Father Godlove, Deacon Tony and some of our Parishioners are in Lourdes this week for the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. The intentions that you placed in the basket have been taken with them and they will be praying for all our Parishioners whilst in Lourdes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

As we are now in holiday season there will be **NO** children's Liturgy during August. The Children's Choir at 11am Mass on Sunday 30th August will take place as normal, followed by a BBQ and games in the Parish centre. Everybody is welcome to join in this Parish social time.

EPCHS

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is currently seeking new Foundation Governors to join its governing body. This is a rewarding opportunity to serve the school community, support its Catholic mission, and help shape the future education and wellbeing of our young people.

You do not need to be an education expert—just someone with a commitment to the values of Catholic education, a willingness to contribute their skills and experience, and a desire to make a positive difference.

As a Foundation Governor, you will play an important role in supporting the leadership of the school, ensuring it continues to flourish and provide the very best opportunities for our pupils.

If you would like to find out more about this fulfilling role, please visit: <https://www.olhoc.org.uk/become-a-governor>

PIETY STALL

There is a table in the Piety Stall of items that have been donated to the Parish. If there is anything you would like, please help yourself and if you are able please put a donation in the Piety wall box.

HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHS

Following Father Godlove's reflection where he suggested a visit to a nearby Church as part of your holiday plans, why not send a photograph of you/your family inside a Church you visit so we can share in the newsletter? Email your photograph to the parish office and include your name, the Church and location.

parishoffice@ourladystar.co.uk

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL

Anthony our Altar Server writes "Last Friday, our Parish travelled to St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, for the WeBelieve Festival. We spent the day attending talks, participating in Vespers and celebrating Mass with Christians from across the country. It was a wonderful day deepening our faith, praying together and enjoying a real sense of community."

**CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER**

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk 017687 72711

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th August - Children's Choir Mass at 11am followed by BBQ and games in Parish Centre

27th September - Children's Choir Mass at 11am followed by BBQ and games in Parish Centre

10th October 2026 – TV & Film Quiz Night 7pm in Parish Centre

25th October 2026 - Children's Choir Mass at 11am followed by games in Parish Centre

7th November 2026 – Decades Quiz Night 7pm in Parish Centre

22nd November 2026 – Christ the King International Mass at 11am followed by food and refreshments in the Parish Centre

29th November 2026 - Children's Choir Mass at 11am

5th December 2026 – Christmas Quiz Night 7pm in Parish Centre

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

- Ellen Davidson RIP – Funeral SERVICE on Thursday 13th August 3.20 pm at Chester Crematorium

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Shirley Stephen, Mark, Eliyamma Thomas, Angela Bedward, Marcus Vernon, Tom Berry, Wayne Statham, Maureen Wildman, Arthur Harrington and Oliwia Dorocki.

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

PARISH HOLY MASS & LITURGY

Monthly devotion | August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> Rosary The People of the Parish Barbara Ford (RIP) <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> Dominic's Mum Linda (RIP)
Monday 3rd August St Oswald	11.30am 12.15pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Agnes Rafferty & Kathleen Fury (RIP)
Tuesday 4th August St John Vianney	9.00am 9.30am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Lily & George Rosenthal (RIP)
Wednesday 5th August Ferial	9am – 11am 6.15pm	<i>Church cleaning</i> <i>Rosary & Novena</i>
Thursday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	6.00pm 7.00pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jean Wadelon (RIP)
Friday 7th August Ferial	11.00am 12.15pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Wayne Statham (Sick)
Saturday 8th August St Dominic	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> First Forgiveness for KN Rosary Steve Foulkes, Stephen Foulkes & Daniel Foulkes (RIP)
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 1.30pm	The People of the Parish <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> Eleanor Barnes, Joan Ryan and the Elderly + FHC for KN Baptism Daisy Peach Baptism Jace Chua

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