

# ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

## The First Sunday of Advent



Another liturgical year begins, and we set out on the journey of preparation for the Advent of God in the person of Jesus Christ at Christmas. May this journey be a means for us to grow in hope, peace, joy and love.

In many parts of the world, Christmas decorations, lights and products in stores and shops have already been put up, most at times with no Christian focus. As followers of Christ here in Ellesmere Port, may our journey over the weeks leading to Christmas be focused on what we actually celebrate: The Birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The schedule of Mass times and other events are included here to help us plan well in advance. Have a fruitful Advent!

FrG



## Christmas 2025 Mass Times

**24th December - 17:00**  
Christmas Vigil Mass

**25th December - 0:00**  
Midnight Mass

**25th December - 10:00**  
Christmas Mass During the Day

**26th December - 12:15**  
St Stephen's Day Mass

**31st December - 23:30 to 0:30**  
Eucharistic Adoration  
(to end the year and start the new one in prayer and thanksgiving to God)



### 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.





### HABĒMUS SECRĒTĀRIAM PAROECIAE


We have a parish secretary! We are pleased to announce and welcome Sarah Hardick as our new parish secretary. We are sure Sarah would be a helpful and blessed addition to the parish team as we serve the People of God here in Ellesmere Port. Here's a little introduction from her: *"I grew up in Our Lady's parish, attending the parish schools before leaving for university in London. I lived in the Midlands for a number of years, training as an accountant and latterly as a florist. I returned to Ellesmere Port in 2012 where I continued my accountancy career until retiring in 2024. In my spare time I enjoy travelling and going to the gym."*

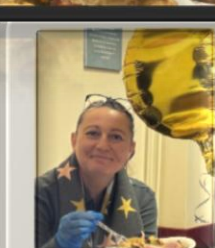
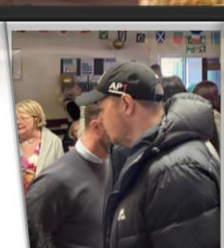
### INTERNATIONAL MASS & PARISH CELEBRATION LAST SUNDAY

A huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed (time, resources, etc) to make our International Mass and post-Mass celebration a success. It was great to have a multicultural celebration as a parish; of the one Faith we share in Jesus Christ. Hopefully, we would have more of such celebrations, so that we can continue building our sense of community which isn't limited to only attending Mass together, but a togetherness which starts from there and continues in our neighbourhoods, etc. May God bless us all. Some photos from the day:



### Advent Online Bible Course

Make the Advent Season relevant! You are invited to register for a FREE Advent Course presented  ONLINE by Mauro Iannicelli, featuring a Bible Study for each Advent Sunday Gospel. The course starts Wed 26th November, and runs each week, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec and 17th Dec from 7pm to 8pm. Please visit [comeandsee.org/advent25](https://comeandsee.org/advent25) to register. The course will break open each Advent Sunday Gospel before attending Sunday Mass. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way!



### Advent Project

*Message from St Saviour's Mini Vinnies:*

We would like to share our Christmas spirit with those in the parish who might need it the most. For this reason, we are making small Christmas hampers to deliver to members of our community. If you would like one, or you know someone who would like one, please contact [admin@stsaviours.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stsaviours.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Proposed Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026

with the Parish of St John Vianney, Northwich: Visiting Shrines in Paris (2 nights), Lourdes (4nights), Nevers (1 night) & Lisieux (2 nights) Full details and booking forms are available at the back of Church. Completed booking forms with deposits should be returned to Parish Office or left in sacristy.

### CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Message from CAFOD: Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support will help more communities have better access to safe water.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality invites everyone to a midday Mass at St Mary's Crewe on 8th December to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Refreshments will be available after Mass, everyone welcome.

### Tuesday Bingo

Marie H. writes: We have Bingo every Tuesday evening in the parish centre from 8pm-9.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Christmas Quiz

Come celebrate the Christmas season with us! Gather your family and friends for a night of festive fun, featuring holiday-themed trivia and tasty treats. Join us for our Christmas quiz on December 6th at 7 PM!

### Red Missio Boxes

We are nearing the end of the year and the Red boxes need emptying. Please bring them into church and place them in the sacristy safe? Thank you all for your continuing support.

### Saturday Evening Teas & Coffees

Veronica would like to thank everybody who supports Saturday evening teas and coffees. All monies raised go to various charities, Church SVP, hospice, just to name a few. Full list of charities supported on the parish centre notice board.

### Parish Christmas Celebration – Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> after the 11am Mass

We are now happily accepting donations for our Christmas Celebration! We welcome donations of bottles, toiletries, chocolates, sweets. Cakes and biscuits (please bring Cakes and Biscuits the day before or on the day of the event). For any inquiries, feel free to email us at [events@outladystar.co.uk](mailto:events@outladystar.co.uk) or speak with Deacon Tony directly.

### RIP

*Of your charity, please keep the following recently deceased parishioner(s) in your prayers:*

**-Marion Andrew RIP** – Funeral SERVICE on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**-Mrs Hilda McCullagh RIP** – Funeral 4<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm at St Mary of the Angels, Hooton

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Ronnie Harrop, Maureen Kenneally, Mary Mulloney, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott

*Written requests for prayers to be included in the newsletter can be given to Fr Godlove, Deacon Tony or passed 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 | December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Missal Page: 5

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November First Sunday of Advent	4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions available until 4.50pm Rosary <b>Tom Marsden (RIP)</b>
	9.00am 10.00am <b>11.00am</b> 12.30pm	<b>Kevin Brady (RIP)</b> Confessions available until 10.45am <b>For the People of the Parish</b> Baptism: Nelly & Margot Campbell
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Ferial	11.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction <b>Margaret Lockhart (RIP)</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Ferial	9.00am <b>9.30am</b>	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction <b>Kevin Riverol (RIP)</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December St Francis Xavier	6.15pm	Rosary & Novena
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December St John of Damascus	6.00pm <b>7.00pm</b>	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (No Confessions) <b>Ann Teresa Harris (Sick)</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December Ferial	11.00am 12.00pm <b>12.15pm</b>	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Angelus <b>Rosy Thomas (RIP 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b> 7.00pm	Confessions available until 12pm Confessions available until 4.50pm Rosary <b>Mary Theresa, Patrick Clarke &amp; Deceased Members of the Clarke Family</b> Parish Christmas Quiz
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December First Sunday of Advent	9.00am 10.00am <b>11.00am</b>  5.30pm	<b>Steve Barr (RIP)</b> Confessions available until 10.45am <b>For the People of the Parish</b>   <i>The Sounds of Christmas concert by Flatpack Music</i>