

# ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of the Lord, his baptism marked the beginning of his public ministry and the acceptance of his mission as the Suffering Servant as prophesied by Isaiah. Though sinless, he requested baptism by John the Baptist as sinners did. John was slightly hesitant to baptise Jesus, the sinless one, but when Jesus emerged from the water of the River Jordan, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, resting on him and behold, a voice from Heaven said; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Christ's baptism manifesting the Trinity; the voice of the Father, the baptism of the Son, and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

Jesus of course had no need to be baptised, as he was sinless and full of the Holy Spirit, but we see that at the start of Jesus's ministry, he immerses himself in the waters of the Jordan, joining with sinners, people turning towards God seeking a pathway to repentance. Through being Baptised by John, he identifies himself with each and every one of us, taking upon his shoulders the tremendous burden and responsibility of our sins. Jesus came in humility to share our life and die on the cross for each of us, offering us salvation, eternal life, for those who desire it. All of us surely desire this, a place in heaven, reunited with our loved ones who have gone before us, joining with all the angels and saints in paradise. In recalling the baptism of Jesus, we can relate to our own Baptism, that day when we received the spirit of God taking possession of us, directing us on our pilgrimage of life, uniting us with Jesus, following in his footsteps, living our lives as a disciple of his. The start of the new year provides us with an opportunity to review our commitment, to Christ, and reflect on our calling as a member of God's family.

You all are in my prayers, God bless you, Deacon Tony.

### The Pope's Intention for January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

### 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.



### 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 to 01513555877

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#### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction



Come spend some time with Jesus!

- Mon & Tue
  - 30 minutes before Mass
- Thursday
  - 6pm-7pm
- Friday
  - 11am-12pm

### CAFOD QUIZ RETURNS

Come and join us for three fun-packed General Knowledge Quizzes – always a favourite and guaranteed to get everyone thinking, laughing, and competing in the best spirit! We'll be raising money for CAFOD, helping support communities around the world.

When: 16 January, 13 February and 13 March  
Where: Our Lady's Parish Centre 7.30pm  
Entry fee: £3 each

### PEACE SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use this day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace. Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a second collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting non violence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

### BANK STANDING ORDERS ST SAVIOUR'S

In the new year the St Saviour's bank account will be closed down. In preparation for this, could any parishioners who have a standing order set up through their bank payable to St Saviour's Church please contact the parish office for the bank details for Our Lady's if you wish your offerings to be directed here.

### 9AM MASS ON SUNDAYS

It has been encouraging to see parishioners present at the 9am Mass on Sundays. As mentioned, before it was put on from the First Sunday of Advent, it was going to be reviewed to see if it stays on or if we revert to only having the 11am Mass. It has been decided to continue the trial period over the next couple of weeks for pastoral reasons to properly evaluate it, rather than cancel it now, given the numbers.

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Anyone with Coeliac Disease who requires a low-gluten host is invited to approach the clergy before Mass and notify so that it can be made available for them at that Mass.

### YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Our Young Parishioners are invited to join our Altar Servers, Readers and Children's choir groups to help them be more actively involved in the life of the Parish. Dear Parents/Guardians please encourage your children to be involved in any of these ministries. Please collect a Junior Volunteer form from the Sacristy or back of Church. After completing it please hand to a member of the Clergy or Parish Office next time you come to Church. Remember these Young people are not the future of the Church, they are the Present and we should encourage them to get involved in the life of the Parish.

### RIP

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

- Anne Donnelly RIP – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Margaret Mathershaw RIP - Funeral MASS on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Elizabeth (Betty) Ruddell RIP - TBC
- Annie Wren RIP – TBC
- Audrey Rooney RIP - Funeral MASS on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2pm at St Marys of the Angels

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Mary Mulloney, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott 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 | January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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<p><b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> The Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b></p>	<p><i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> <b>John White (Intentions)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Paula Marshall (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>Tracey Russell + Children's Liturgy</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> Ferial</p>	<p>11.30am <b>12.15pm</b></p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Eileen McInerney</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> Ferial</p>	<p>9.00am <b>9.30am</b></p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Catherine Fernandes (Intentions)</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> Ferial</p>	<p><b>6.15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Rosary &amp; Novena</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> Ferial</p>	<p>6.00pm 7.00pm</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Benediction <b>Kevin Riverol (RIP)</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> Ferial</p>	<p>11.00am <b>12.15pm</b></p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction until 11.30am</i> <b>Mrs Harris (RIP)</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Anthony</p>	<p>11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b></p>	<p><i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> <b>The People of the Parish</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>9.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Ann O'Neill (RIP)</b> <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> <b>Sheilagh Cunningham (RIP)+ Children's Liturgy</b></p>

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# CAFOD Quiz



**7:30pm—16th January 2025**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**



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Contact: [events@ourladystar.co.uk](mailto:events@ourladystar.co.uk) for more information

Free tea and coffee for all participants  
Plus a chance to browse our Fairtrade Shop

Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy a great evening for a great cause!



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