

ELLESMERE PORT PARISH

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, he said; Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. With these words, John the Baptist affirmed the redemptive Sacrifice Christ would make for the salvation of all people. Christ, the Lamb of God had no need of repentance but he came to be baptised along with sinners so as to identify with sinful humanity.

John the Baptist testified that the Spirit came to rest on Christ. The descent of the Holy Spirit for John and for us confirms that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Through our baptism, we have been called to be disciples of Jesus, each of us chosen to continue the saving work which Christ began. On the day of our baptism, on that grace filled day, the seed of God's life was planted within us, the love of God growing, maturing and blossoming. His spirit at work within the depths of our hearts.

Today let us pray for a greater insight into our role in Christ's mission. Often, we can think that we are not worthy to carry out this work, but remember God certainly works through ordinary people like ourselves, the example we show in our everyday lives clears the way for Christ in others who we encounter on our pilgrimage journey in this life.

When Parents or Godparents light the baptismal candle from the Easter Candle at the Baptism ceremony, receiving the light of Christ; the Priest or the Deacon pray the words; that the newly baptised have been enlightened by Christ, that they are to walk always as children of the light, and may they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.

We pray that God may watch over, guard and protect us throughout our lives and that we will walk always by the light of Faith, following Christ and rejoicing in his spirit.

Let us encourage and pray for each other and for all of God's children. God bless you all.

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 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

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction



Come spend some time with Jesus!

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

PEACE SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

This weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses 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.

HOUSEKEEPER VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a Housekeeper at St Anne's presbytery, Rock Ferry for 12 hours per week @ £13.45 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by Friday 20 February. For more information, please follow link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

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.

BANK STANDING ORDERS ST SAVIOUR'S

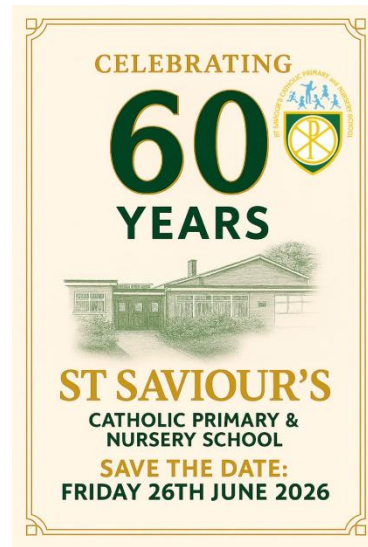
In the new year the St Saviour's bank account will be closed down. In preparation for this, could any parishioners who have a standing order set up through their bank payable to St Saviour's Church please contact the parish office for the bank details for Our Lady's if you wish your offerings to be directed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

ST SAVIOURS 60 YEARS CELEBRATION

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School is turning 60 this year! Please save the date – more details will be sent out in the coming weeks.



RIP

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

- **Anne Donnelly RIP** – Funeral MASS on Tuesday 20th January 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Margaret Mathershaw RIP** - Funeral MASS on Tuesday 27th January 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Elizabeth (Betty) Ruddell RIP** - TBC
- **Annie Wrenn RIP** – Funeral MASS on Friday 13th February 11am at Our Lady Star of the Sea
- **Audrey Rooney RIP** - Funeral MASS on Friday 6th February 2pm at St Mary of the Angels

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Paul Smith, Mary Mulloney, Dot MacDonald, Antoinette Denney, Carol Elliott, Veronica Page, Doreen Baxter and Steve Brittain

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Missal Page: 81

Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	<i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> The People of the Parish Ann O'Neill (RIP) <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> Sheilagh Cunningham + Children's Liturgy
Monday 19th January Ferial	11.30am 12.15pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tom Harley (RIP)
Tuesday 20th January Ferial	9.00am 10.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Funeral service Anne Donnelly
Wednesday 21st January St Agnes	6.15 pm	Rosary & Novena
Thursday 22nd January Ferial	6.00pm 7.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Benediction Evonne & Megan Ryan (RIP)
Friday 23rd January Ferial	11.00am 12.15pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ann Theresa Harris (RIP)
Saturday 24th January St Francis De Sales	11.00am 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Confessions available until 12pm</i> <i>Confessions available until 4.50pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> Tony Phunkett (RIP)
Sunday 25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Steve Brittain (Sick) <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> The People of the Parish + Children's Liturgy

CAFOD Quiz



7:30pm—16th January 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea



7:30pm—13th February 2025

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7:30pm—13th March 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea

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.



Entry: £3 each

Contact: 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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