

ELLESMERE PORT & HOOTON

Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Bernard | St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels



My apologies for the abrupt cancellation of weekday Masses this past week. I began the vigil Mass on Saturday evening feeling somewhat under the weather, but by Sunday morning, it was clear I was not well at all. The past week has been a battle with 'flu and I must admit to being completely floored by it. It came on very suddenly and has left me feeling very weak. I apologise to those who came expecting Mass this week and also the Luke Talk on Wednesday evening. I also had to stand back from a funeral this week, the first time in 12 years of Priesthood that sickness has prevented me for caring for a family in this important way. My thanks to Deacon Tony for stepping in and to the bereaved family for their forbearance at such a difficult time for them. This coming week, too will be a reduced programme, with no Luke Talk, and seeing Fr Neill Robb coming from Chester to supply a Mass on Wednesday and then next weekend's Masses, too. Thank you for your patience. I will endeavour to celebrate this weekend's Masses for you, at the time of the Newsletter going to print; I won't greet you after the Masses, however as you will understand. Thank you for all the kind offers of *Red Cross* Parcels; thankfully, I am well supplied, and could open a branch of *Boots The Chemists* in the Presbytery with the remedies I have at hand. Thank you.

As the Lord begins His ministry of healing and teaching by submitting to baptism at the hand of St John, His cousin, let us ask that God, Who began His work in us through our baptism, may bless us in the week ahead.

Father Edmund

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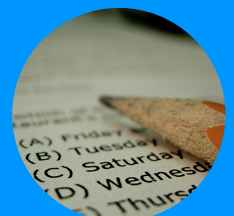
CHRISTMASTIDE

Church decorations come down this Sunday - if anyone might be willing to lend a hand (briefly) after 11am Mass to take the small Crib and trees down, that would be much appreciated



PARISH OFFICE

Closed due to staff illness at present. Please bear with us



CAFOD QUIZ

The popular CAFOD Quiz - the first of 2025 - takes place this coming Friday evening at 7.30pm

PARISH HOLY MASS & LITURGY

Monthly devotion | January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday Missal Page: 74

Sunday 12 January The Baptism of the Lord	Our Lady Our Lady — — — Our Lady Our Lady	4pm 5pm — — — 9am 11am	Confessions available until 4.55pm Hilda Dobson RIP — — — Luella Coleman RIP Parishioners
Monday 13 January Feria	Our Lady	12.15pm	
Tuesday 14 January Feria	Our Lady	12.15pm	
Wednesday 15 January Feria	Our Lady Our Lady	12.15pm 6.15pm	Fran Cassidy RIP Novena
Thursday 16 January Feria	Our Lady	12.15pm	
Friday 17 January St Antony			
Saturday 18 January Saturday of our Lady	Our Lady	11am	Confessions available until 12noon
Sunday 19 January Second Sunday	Our Lady Our Lady — — — Our Lady Our Lady	4pm 5pm — — — 9am 11am	Confessions available until 4.55pm James and Eileen Connolly RIP — — — Shelagh O'Keefe RIP Mary Galvin RIP

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