

St. Saviour's



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The parish of St. Saviour's was officially formed in 1959 and dedicated to St. Saviour (from the Latin Sanctus Salvatore, or Holy Saviour), becoming the first Catholic parish in the country to bear this title since the Reformation.

St. Saviour's Parish was formed in anticipation of a rapidly expanding population in Ellesmere Port, created by the relocation of thousands of young families from Liverpool under a large-scale "housing overspill" scheme that began in 1959.

St. Saviour's first parish priest, Father Joseph O'Donnell, began the life of the new parish by celebrating two Masses each Sunday – one in the Overpool Cemetery Chapel and another in Great Sutton Village Hall. Soon after this Father O'Donnell began saying daily Masses in the front bedroom of his rented home on Brooklyn Drive.

A major milestone in the history of the parish was the opening of the Church Hall, designed to serve as a temporary church just in time for Easter Services in 1960. As the new Church Hall was being completed, plans were being laid for two schools (infants and juniors) to serve the ever-increasing numbers of children in the parish. St. Saviour's, with adjoining parishes, was also involved in the construction of a Catholic secondary school in Ellesmere Port (Ellesmere Port Catholic High School).