



# ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SCARISBRICK

*A Mission of the Douai Abbey Parishes Trust  
(Registered Charity № 1063237)  
Within the Archdiocese of Liverpool*

*Parish Priest:  
Fr Hugh Somerville Knapman OSB  
(\*from 14 August, Fr Godric Timney OSB,  
with Fr Joseph Jacob)*

## **11 AUGUST 2024** **SUNDAY 19 (B) *per annum***

Saturday 10/8	Mass – 5.30pm <i>Confessions 5.00pm</i>	† John Forshaw
Sunday 11/8	Mass – 9.30am	† Joe & Peggy Vose
Wednesday 14/8	Mass – 6.30pm	Welfare of the EBC
Thursday 15/8 <i>Assumption of Our Lady</i>	Mass – 9.30am	<b><i>Holyday of Obligation</i></b>
Saturday 17/8	Mass – 5.30pm <i>Confessions 5.00pm</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 18/8	Mass – 9.30am	† Jack, Josie, Derrick & Elaine Prescott

*From Sunday 18 August the weekly round of Masses will continue (Sat [vigil], Sun, Weds, Fri), to be said by either Fr Godric and Fr Joseph of Ormskirk.*

## From the Pastor's Desk



THE LAST FEW WEEKS have raced by, for me at least. After the wonderful Sunday of First Communions and Confirmations on 21 July, I went off the next day on a long-booked holiday with a family in Italy. The heat was extreme which made for good swimming, though not sleeping. While in Italy it seemed England went a little mad in the wake of the horrible attack in Southport. This seems to have triggered other, less acknowledged but quietly simmering issues in our society. As always, we must

beware simplistic solutions. This will be a significant, even defining, test of our new Labour government. One thing is clear enough: violence will not address any of these issues, only make them worse.

This past week I was at Douai for the funeral of Fr Boniface. It was a fine occasion, and Fr Boniface would be most pleased. It was livestreamed and you can watch it on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/2hh2f8c2> Mary Ormsby and Fran Crawley represented the parish and secured a number of memorial cards to share with parishioners who might want one.

At present I am madly trying to get things wrapped up before the moving men come on Tuesday: boxes to pack with books and other baggage; papers to sort and save, or purge; cleaning to be done; the office to get in order and ready for another hand to take on. As someone who hates moving, I find this a trying experience, not helped by the pressure of time. Of course, this is what would be termed by the young a 'first-world problem'! Mine is the sort of stress for which most of the world would happily trade with me.

There is no denying that moving back to the monastery is bittersweet. To be wanted for significant tasks at Douai is gratifying; to be leaving a lovely parish just when I was beginning to get a sense of feeling settled and moving things forward leaves me with a pang of regret. The parish has emerged from Covid in remarkably good shape, and with very little attrition. Slowly, and ever so quietly, we have been consolidating and growing. I am sorry especially to have undone the hope that came from the parish having its own parish priest again, even if he was not a very good one.

Yet, Douai has no plans to walk away from Scarisbrick. We have two monks in formation, and some enquirers on the horizon. We need more! Pray for more so that we can have new, and younger, monks to take on our parishes, such as St Elizabeth's, in the future. Thank you to all of you at St Elizabeth's; you have made it a place of blessing for me. Godspeed till next we meet.

*Fr Hugh*

## **The ill, infirm, and others needing prayer**

Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Tess & Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Paddy Mott, Joe Ackers, Kath Wilson, Andrew, Robert, Sue, Heather, a parishioner in distress, *and all in need of grace.*

## **Recently dead — *May he rest in peace.***

Thomas Olverson

## **August anniversaries (within last 10 years) — *May they rest in peace.***

James Sharrock, John Whittle, Cecilia Marr

## **Confirmations & First Holy Communions**

Many thanks to all involved in making our celebration on 21 July such a lovely day. Abbot Paul very much enjoyed the occasion and valued being with the St Elizabeth's community again.

## **Cathedral Concerts**

The world-renowned choir *The Sixteen* will be singing at the cathedral on Friday 20 September from 7.30pm. Tickets start from only £8.50, with the full price being only £17. You can book at <https://thesixteen.com/book-online/68601/>

On Saturday 17 October, at 7pm, there will be a concert of sacred music by Bruckner and Saint-Saëns given by the cathedral choir and the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra. Tickets are £15 from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral/> At the same link you can book to join the *Come and Sing* concert of Fauré's *Requiem* at the cathedral at 6.30pm on Saturday 28 September. It is part of a 24-hour 'Musicathon.' Tickets are £5.

## **Pilgrimage Mass**

On Sunday 25 August, at 3pm, there will be a pilgrimage Mass honouring the Holy Hand of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith at the church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton-in-Makerfield, WN4 9NP. Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the Mass and after Mass will give a blessing with St Edmund's Holy Hand.

## **From next weekend**

Fr Godric with Fr Joseph at Ormskirk will take on the care of St Elizabeth's from 14 August. The usual schedule of Masses will be maintained.

## **The Pic**

The latest issue of the *The Pic* is available at the back of church.

## **Morning Tea**

There is morning tea in the presbytery garden after Sunday Mass this weekend.

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**Sunday Collection:** – 20/21 July: £536.92, including £110 Gift Aided  
(13/14 July: £304.07, including £95 Gift Aided)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Priests' Training): £105.68  
– 28 July: £292.35, including £122 Gift Aided  
– 4 August: £330.50, including £155 Gift Aided

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