

*The Parishes of*  
**St. Anne, Ormskirk &  
St. Elizabeth, Scarisbrick**

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PRAY AS YOU GO LINK <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

*This bulletin was printed in advance so Mass times may change if a Funeral occurs.*

*St Anne's Parish Office is closed next week*

10th November 2024

***THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***  
***REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY***

***Readings:*** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 145:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.



## St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	10	9.00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Wed	13	9.30am	<b>Ken &amp; Family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Sun	17	9.00am	<b>James Francis Murphy</b>
Wed	20	9.30am	<b>E.B.C.</b>
Sun	24	9.00am	<b>Charlie &amp; Joyce Culshaw</b> <i>During Mass we will remember and light a candle for those of our parishioners who have died during the last year.</i>

## St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	9	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> <b>Charles &amp; Irene Callaghan (Vigil Mass)</b>
Sun	10	9.30am 10.30am Noon	<i>Church Parade – Remembrance Sunday</i> <b>Service at St Anne's War Memorial</b> - followed by toast & pastries in the Pastoral Centre <b>Derek Whalley (streamed)</b> <i>Baptism: Isla Whittle</i>
Mon	11	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Martin of Tours</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>JoJo &amp; Bini Family &amp; Holy Souls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People will gather at the Cenotaph at Coronation Park at 11.00am to commemorate Armistice Day</li> <li>▪ UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Tue	12	1.00pm	<i>Feast of St Josaphat</i> <b>Requiem Mass: Stephanie Blackman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre</li> </ul>
Wed	13	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Madge Chapman</b>
Thu	14	9.15am	<i>Note earlier Mass time, no Morning Prayer</i> <b>Jim Astley</b> - Year 7 from St Bede's will join us at Mass
Fri	15	9.30am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> <b>Rev Fr Boniface OSB</b> – Year 6 from St Anne's will join us
Sat	16	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> <b>The Catenians (Vigil Mass)</b>

# ***Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time***

## ***World Day of the Poor***

**Readings:** L1 Dan 121-3; Ps 15:5 & 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	10.30am	<b>John Moore</b> (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Followed by Session 2 of the With You Always Programme for children not attending a catholic primary school</li> </ul>
		Noon	Baptisms: Brody & Michael Smith
<b>Mon</b>	<b>18</b>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	<b>Bebe King, Elsie Dot Standcombe &amp; Alice Dasilva Aguiar &amp; all their Families &amp; Holy Souls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm</li> <li>PPC in Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>19</b>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	<b>Phyl &amp; Jim Swift</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20</b>		Feast of St Edmund, Patron Saint of Douai Abbey
		9.15am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	<b>Doreen &amp; Dave</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>21</b>		Memorial Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Earlier Mass, no Morning Prayer
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Maureen Seaman</b> – St Bede’s Yr 8 will join us
<b>Fri</b>	<b>22</b>		Feast of St Cecilia
		9.15am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	<b>John Anthony Goodwin</b> – Yr 5 St Anne’s will join us
<b>Sat</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Annual Bereavement Mass</b> (streamed) Followed by light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre
		4.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm
		5.00pm	<b>Special Intention</b> (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Animate Youth</li> <li>Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening in Pastoral Centre</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	10.30am	<b>Bebe King</b> (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Animate Youth</li> </ul>
		Noon	Baptisms: George Robert & Charlotte Rose Liggett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Fayre &amp; Swap Shop after Mass in Pastoral Centre – more details in bulletin</li> <li>Ormskirk Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch On at 4.30pm</li> </ul>

## ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

On 29 November, Labour MP Kim Leadbeater's Private Members' Bill to allow a change to the law on assisted dying, will be debated in the House of Commons. One of our parishioners who is very involved in end-of-life care has produced a paper for our reflection in which she gives some basic facts about the present situation and what is proposed. Please take a copy and read what is soon to take place.

I strongly also recommend that you read the statement from the bishops of England and Wales on this bill which you will find on the internet. Go to Bishops' Conference of England and Wales assisted dying bill; oppose assisted suicide; click on contact your MP. Even I found it very easy to follow these directions. By providing your postcode you can find the name of our local MP and then send the suggested letter urging her to oppose the proposed bill. On the same website you will also find many of the reasons why we Catholic Christians oppose this proposed legislation. I give just some of the reasons why we feel that the sanctity of life is at stake.

1/ Life is a gift and equally valuable even in times of suffering

The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for at all stages until natural death and that it is morally wrong to intentionally end one's own life or that of another person, including at their request.

2/ Assisted suicide is based on a flawed idea of autonomy

Assisted suicide can never be an isolated act but is always deeply relational, involving many beyond the dying person such as family, friends, and healthcare professionals.

3/ Assisted suicide is based on a misleading view of compassion

Appeals for assisted suicide are often based on a false view of 'compassion' which fails to address the reality of suffering that is part of being human. The Catholic Church consistently teaches that 'human compassion consists not in causing death, but in embracing the sick, in supporting them in their difficulties, in offering them affection, attention, and the means to alleviate suffering,' such as through nursing homes, hospices, and chaplaincy work in hospitals.

4/ Calling assisted suicide 'dignity in dying' ultimately passes judgement on the value of human life

Those who propose assisted suicide are, implicitly, denying that life has an inherent value beyond its abilities and capacities. Deliberately bringing about death in the name of 'dignity' denies the innate dignity of every human life which, in turn, has

damaging consequences for how society views those with severe disabilities, those who are dying and those in great discomfort.

#### 5/ Assisted suicide undermines the medical duty to care for patients

Legalising the intentional killing of patients would gravely undermine the vocation of healthcare professionals to care for life until its natural end. Trust between doctor and patient would be undermined by the difficulty in accurately predicting the outcome of terminal illness. No doctors' groups in the UK support assisted suicide, including the British Medical Association, the Royal College of General Practitioners, and the Association for Palliative Medicine.

#### 6/ Assisted suicide undervalues the lives of people with disabilities

The legalisation of assisted suicide would be likely to result in a change in the way society views those with disabilities by effectively reducing the value of life to its physical or psychological capabilities such that those living with disabling, terminal, or progressive conditions could easily become disillusioned with their lives to the extent that they see death as preferable. The dehumanising effect of assisted suicide legislation on people living with disabilities has been highlighted by the United Nations which has expressed serious concern at a growing international

trend in providing access to assisted suicide largely based on whether people have a disability. All major disability rights groups in the UK have opposed any change in the law on assisted suicide, including Disability Rights UK, Scope, and Not Dead Yet UK.

#### 7/ People may choose assisted suicide because they feel a burden

Evidence from countries where assisted suicide has been legalised demonstrates that those who seek it often report a fear of burdening their loved ones with their suffering, which is particularly concerning for those who are elderly and infirm. The fear of being burdensome would be amplified by the current health and social care crises and cost-of-living crisis.

#### 8/ We cannot know for sure if people seeking assisted suicide have full mental capacity

Prescribing lethal medication for individuals suffering from suicidal ideation would be a grave betrayal of the public health duty to save life. Expressions of suicidal ideation by any other group, such as young women suffering from eating disorders, would be treated as psychological distress requiring compassionate care rather than as cause for lethal medication. International experience suggests that there are serious dangers to those who have mental health conditions from the gradual extension of assisted suicide legislation.

## 9/ Legalising assisted suicide is likely to lead to a slippery slope

The experience of other jurisdictions illustrates the slippery slope of assisted suicide legislation from hard cases to more comprehensive provision. Oregon, often referenced as a model template for mild assisted suicide legislation, now allows assisted suicide for non-terminal conditions including anorexia, arthritis, and kidney failure. Canada, legally and culturally very similar to England and Wales, now offers assisted suicide when death is not 'reasonably foreseeable'. Belgium has expanded their provision of assisted suicide to include children. Any legalisation of assisted suicide for terminal illnesses in England and Wales would be likely to be challenged in court on discrimination grounds and extended to allow for cases of non-terminal illnesses and euthanasia in cases of difficulties in self-administering lethal medication.

## 10/ Investing in palliative care is a better way to support people suffering at the end of life

Rather than legalising assisted suicide, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales strongly supports greater Government investment in the availability and accessibility of specialist palliative care across the country. We reiterate the Catholic Church's commitment to protecting and valuing life at all stages, no matter how physically or psychologically limited, and our opposition to assisted suicide as an attack on the inherent dignity of human life.

Godric OSB

### **Anniversaries for the next 2 weeks until 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 (Last 10 yrs)**

**St Anne's:** Alan Bernard Bennett, Mary Patricia Wilson, Pamela Evans, Martha Bucknall, Thomas James Moon, Eileen Veronica Kelly, James Jennings, David Barton, Rev Deacon (Mac) Philip McDermott, John Moore, Anne Teresa Hopkins, Monica Conlin, Jennifer Baxter, Baby Sofia de los Angeles Cebro-Corrin, Patrick McManus, Andrew Edward Jones, Margaret Mary O'Brien, Paul Andrew Culshaw, Peter Sanders, David Gibbons.

**St Elizabeth's:** Marie O'Brien, Anthony Tinsley, Irene Simpson, Joan Latham.

### **Please pray for the sick:**

**St Anne's:** Catherine Allen, John Casey, Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava, Ann Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Joan Whelan.



***St Elizabeth's:*** Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Tess & Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Paddy Mott, Joe Ackers, Robert, Heather, Katie, a parishioner in distress, and all in need of grace.

***Recently Sick:*** Mary Linton, Sally Kirkby.

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephanie Blackman & Joseph Brand who died recently.***

## **St Anne's News:**

***Many Congratulations to Joan and Deacon Des who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November.***

***Former parishioner Joseph Brand.*** The family wish people to know that Joseph died last Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. He lived in Gosport where his funeral will take place.

***Church Flowers:*** We shall have a collection for flowers on the weekend of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

***SHOP:*** Windproof grave candles on sale in shop, various sizes & prices. Christmas cards, nativities, candles etc., will be on display soon. Catholic Diaries £3.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

***Abbot Paul Gunter, abbot of Douai will be celebrating Confirmations at St Anne's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.***

***If any young people in Year 8 upwards who do not go to St Bede's Catholic High School but would like to be Confirmed, please contact St Anne's parish office or email Colette on [paxorm@btconnect.com](mailto:paxorm@btconnect.com) for details.***

## St Elizabeth's News:

**DECEASED PARISHIONERS - Sunday 24th November:** At Mass we will remember and light a candle for those of our parishioners who have died during the last year. If anyone has a relative, from another parish, who they would like remembered at this Mass please let the Parish Office know

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. ELIZABETH'S CHRISTMAS MEAL:** Wednesday 4th December 7.00pm for 7.30 at Master McGrath's. The booking form with menu choices will be available next weekend. This is a lovely opportunity for parishioners and friends to get together in a warm and welcoming environment.

**SEPTEMBER 2025 RECEPTION INTAKE:** The Admissions window is now open for parents to apply for a 2025 reception place at St Mary's. The following link will take you to the Admissions page on the school website <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/admissions/> You are very welcome to come and visit the school and look at the beautiful facilities and see the curriculum in action. Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a tour with Mrs Preston.

You may also know a family friend or relative whose child is due to start school in September 2025. We need your help to remind them that the application window is now open.

## Countdown to Christmas

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am**

- Christmas crafts, gifts and demonstrations
- Christmas cards
- Christmas Decoration Swap Shop
- A festive Tombola
- St Bede's students' fundraising stall for Mary's Meals
- Free Raffle
- Tea & coffee

*Come and join us in St Anne's Pastoral Centre after the 10.30am Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> November*

**The Environment Group**



## **St. Anne's Scout Group - Family Christmas Prize Bingo**

We are having a Christmas Prize Bingo on **Friday 29th November**

The Bingo will be fun for all the family, with prizes on every game for children and for adults.

This is a 'bring your own' food and drink event, so bring a snack, a picnic or a three course meal - and also bring a bin bag, to take your rubbish home with you as we don't have a waste collection. We will also have a Tuck Shop with drinks, sweets and crisps for those who run out or forget to bring anything.

The cost will be £8 for adults and will include everything you need for 6 games of Bingo and the Flier game. The cost for children is £2 for six games and a children's flier.

For more info or to request a ticket please contact [Annegilham@gmail.com](mailto:Annegilham@gmail.com) or 07803706389



## **HAYDOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR – SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER**

In concert at Our Lady and All Saints church, Parbold at 7:30pm, Saturday 30th November. FOR BOTH PARISHES

Tickets priced £10 can be ordered / purchased from the Our Lady and All Saints parish office: (01257) 463248 or by emailing [parbold@hotmail.com](mailto:parbold@hotmail.com)

Address: Our Lady and All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold WN8 7HS. There is plenty of parking available in the carpark. All welcome.

## INTERESTED IN ORMSKIRK AND ITS HISTORY?

*There will be Heritage talks over the next few months in St. Anne's Pastoral Centre based on Ormskirk and its history.*

*Presented by local historian, Dot Broady-Hawkes, and Kathryn MacDonald, Librarian, Ormskirk and District Family History Society, the talks will cover a wide variety of topics and will start at 1.30pm.*

**Tuesday 3rd December** A Very Ormskirk Christmas History

**Tuesday 7th January** History of Ormskirk Inns and Beer Houses

**Tuesday 4th February** West Lancashire Military Heroes Remembered

**Tuesday 4th March** The Manor of Ormskirk

*All the talks are free, but donations are appreciated. Everyone is very welcome - choose to attend which ever ones appeal to you. For bookings and information please contact [dothawkes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dothawkes@hotmail.co.uk)*

***Sponsored by Ormskirk Community Partnership in conjunction with St. Anne's Pastoral Centre.***

