

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

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24th November 2024

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
 UNIVERSAL KING**

Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Ps 92:1ab, 1c-2, 5; Apoc 1: 5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	24	9.00am	Charlie & Joyce Culshaw <i>During Mass we will remember and light a candle for those of our parishioners who have died during the last year.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please join us for coffee in the Presbytery after Mass
Wed	27	9.30am	Margaret & Horace Staniforth
Sun	1	9.00am	Andrew Horner

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	23	<p>Noon</p> <p>4.00pm</p> <p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Annual Bereavement Mass (streamed) <i>Followed by light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre</i></p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</p> <p>Special Intention (Vigil Mass)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retiring Collection: Animate Youth
Sun	24	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Noon</p>	<p>Bebe King (streamed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retiring Collection: Animate Youth <p>Baptisms: George Robert & Charlotte Rose Liggett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas Fayre & Swap Shop after Mass in Pastoral Centre ▪ Ormskirk Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch-On at 4.30pm
Mon	25	<p>9.15am</p> <p>9.30am</p>	<p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>Graham Houlton & Holy Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm
Tue	26	<p>9.00am</p>	<p>Fr Basil Walker (N.B. Earlier Mass time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre
Wed	27	<p>9.15am</p> <p>9.30am</p>	<p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>Alan Birkett Hughes</p>
Thu	28	<p>9.15am</p> <p>7.00pm</p>	<p>N.B. Earlier Mass, no Morning Prayer</p> <p>Andrew Rule – St Bede's Year 9 will join us</p> <p>Sacrament of Confirmation with Abbot Paul Gunter OSB</p>
Fri	29	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>No Morning Prayer</p> <p>Tony Woods – St Anne's Year 4 will join us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts Prize Bingo in Pastoral Centre
Sat	30	<p>4.00pm</p> <p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Feast of St Andrew</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</p> <p>Michael Scanlon (Vigil Mass)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retiring Collection: Church Flowers
Sun	1	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Noon</p>	<p>Bill Adams (streamed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retiring Collection: Church Flowers <p>Baptism: Jessica Ann Corish</p>

Fr Godric's talk on the Book of Revelation has been cancelled because he is away from the parish taking a funeral.

Dear Parishioners and Friends

The Irish Scripture scholar, Fr Kieran O'Mahoney, whose background notes to the Sunday Scripture readings I find very helpful, wrote the following as a background to the feast of Christ the King.

It is often said we live in changing times and of course we do. A hundred years ago, things were even more dramatic. As a result of WWI, great empires had crashed: the Romanov, Ottoman, Hohenzollern and Habsburg empires all disintegrated. The Bolsheviks had taken power in Russia while western Europe saw the rise of nationalism in the form of fascism and increasing secularisation triggered by the tragedy of the war. Inflation such as we could never imagine took hold in Germany. There was more to come: the great crash of 1929 and the grim rise of antisemitism and all that followed. Such was the broad context for the new feast of Christ the King, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, not quite a hundred years ago.

The gesture was timely and can still speak to us today. Pius XI wanted to remind people that in the midst of destruction, tragedy, radical instability and despair, there is an utterly stable point of reference and a very different set of values to guide us: the person of Jesus and the visionary values of the Sermon on the Mount. In the words of Pius XI: The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we shall start using the new Lectionary readings. For decades, the Scripture readings we have heard in church, have been taken from the New Jerusalem Bible translation; and for decades there has been controversy about how true this translation is to the original Hebrew and Greek. After much debate the bishops of England and Wales have adopted the 'Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version'. It is said to be a vibrant, more lively translation, more true to the original texts. Let's have an open mind to receiving the Word of God in this new version!

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 30th November 2024 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's Eileen Hart, Olive Margaret Evans, Cyril Samuel Ainscough, Rosemarie Bernadette Campbell, Dennis Leonard Sproson, Peter Michael McGee, Michael Hart, Bernard Rice, Eva Byron, Frederick Arthur Payne.

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, Katie, a parishioner in distress, and all in need of grace.

Recently Sick: Mary Linton, Sally Kirkby, Rev Fr Gerry Tuite.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tracey Agger, Maureen Brash, Sr Eileen Moore OSC & Rev Fr Joseph Robinson who died recently. For 62 years Sr. Eileen served as a parish sister in the archdiocese. Fr Joseph was the former parish priest of St John's Burscough.

St Anne's News:

UCM Monday 25th 1pm: We welcome Father Joseph to tell us about his life & vocation. All ladies welcome.

SHOP: Christmas cards, nativities, diaries, advent calendars & candles now on display in the shop. Also, a stall at the Christmas market on Sunday 24th after 10.30am Mass.

After weekend Masses on Saturday 7th & 8th Dec, Sr. Noreen from Pauline Books & Media will have a display of Missals and other books for sale at the back of church.

Christmas Swap Shop Today, Sunday 11.30-12.30

Do you have Christmas wrapping, bags, decorations that you don't need? They are expensive and contribute to mounds of waste when the festive season is over. Do you need paper, bags, decorations ready for the start of the celebrations? Why not come to the PRE-CHRISTMAS SWAP SHOP in St Anne's Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass today. Have a coffee and either pass on your unwanted but good paper, bags etc or pick some up. Everyone is welcome. You can drop off what you are bringing to swap before Mass. You can also buy sustainable crafts or get some ideas about how to make your own, buy Christmas cards, take part in the Scouts' tombola and buy gifts made by St Bede's Faith in Action group. All proceeds to Mary's Meals or the roof fund.

St Elizabeth's News:

Coffee after Mass today: *There will be coffee after Mass today, as we are holding our Remembrance Mass for those who have died during the year. Please join us in the presbytery if you can.*

Christmas Meal: Tomorrow, Monday 25th Nov. is ABSOLUTELY THE LAST DAY to book for ST. ELIZABETH'S CHRISTMAS MEAL on Wednesday 4th December 7.00pm for 7.30 at Master McGrath's. The booking form with menu choices is available at the back of church. Please ensure these are returned to Mary at the presbytery or by email by Monday evening as we need to confirm numbers etc. with Master McGraths on Wednesday. We are holding a raffle at the meal. Can you help with a donation of a prize? See Derek, Barbara or Christine.

Christmas Mass & New Year Times: *Mass will be at 5.30 pm on Christmas Eve and 9.30 am on Christmas morning. Carols will be held before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass New Years Day: Mass at St Elizabeths will be at 10*

Carol Concert: *Scarisbrick Hall School are holding a Carol Concert in church on December 16th to which everyone is welcome.*

Holy Communion under both kinds: *We plan to reintroduce the Holy Chalice from Easter 2025. The date is so far in the future to allow the necessary training and DBS clearance. So we can ensure we have the appropriate number of Eucharistic Ministers please can you indicate if you would like this on the form at the back of Church.*

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.

Hi Everyone,

For those of you who have one of the Missio Red Boxes I'm pleased to confirm that we have now received the 2025 Calendars. Over the next few weeks our wonderful volunteers will get in touch to drop off your calendar and collect any monies from your Red Boxes.

It's also a chance for those of you who responded to World Mission Sunday's appeal to meet your volunteer collector as well. (And receive your Red Box if you haven't already).

If you have any questions or perhaps you are interested in donating online to Missio/having a Red Box in your home then please do get in touch via:
Email- kstoppy1@hotmail.com

Text- 07809 511592

Sincere Thanks to all of you who have donated this year and continue to support the much-needed work of Missio

Best Regards, Keith

Advanced notice!

Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 4th December 7:00 - 8:00pm

Ormskirk Community Choir would like to invite all parishioners, their family and friends to an **informal carol concert in church** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in St Anne's Parish Centre.

We will be singing a medley of traditional carols and modern festive favourites with plenty of opportunity for you to join in!

Please do join us to welcome in the festive season. Donations towards church funds welcome on the night.

We look forward to seeing you!



Advanced notice: Advent Talk 'A Journey to Christmas through Art and Scripture' by Fleur Dorrell.

The Parish Council are delighted Fleur Dorrell is joining us at **7.00 pm in the Parish Centre on 17th December**. In this meditative style talk, Fleur will illustrate how artists show us the truth of Christ's birth. Through some beautiful paintings, Fleur will explore how Scripture and art shed light and colour on our Advent journey.

Fleur is an author, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference for England Wales and hosts the 'God who speaks' website encouraging greater engagement with the Scriptures: www.godwhospeaks.uk

St Anne's Church Roof Update

Thank-you to everyone for your ongoing support for the Church Roof Appeal...through regular Direct Debit Donations or from the events that groups are kindly running to support us. I am also pleased to say that we are receiving Gift Aid payments as a result of the donations.

We are now in a position to start the Tower restoration, the most complex and therefore expensive phase that we have taken on. At this point, the Roof Fund does not have all the funds needed, so I am grateful to the Parish who have extended a 'loan' to enable the work to start.

We will completely replace the roof of the Tower and its guttering. In addition, we will replace the louvres on the sides of the tower and remedy other stonework problems in this area. Much of the work will be undertaken at height and following a bat survey we must also complete it during Bat hibernation season.

At the start of January, you will start to see scaffolding being erected, with the whole project targeted to be completed around Easter 2025.

There may be some restrictions on Church access routes and services in this time, which we will communicate in the Bulletin.

I will issue a more detailed Newsletter early in January to keep you updated on the progress of the penultimate stage of our project. Once again this would not be possible without your very generous and ongoing support

Phil Wilkinson

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

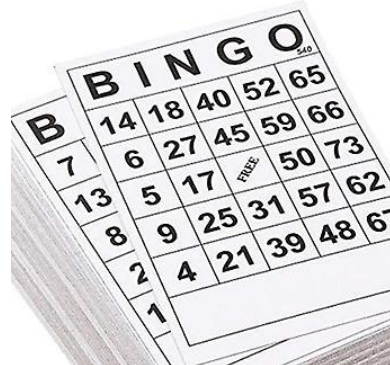
We are having a Christmas Prize Bingo on **Friday 29th November**

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 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

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

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

