

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

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19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace Sunday

Readings: L1 782; Is 62; Ps 96; 1 Co 12; Jn 2

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	19	9.00am	<i>Tess & Eric Mills</i>
Wed	22	9.30am	<i>Marie Mousley</i>
Sun	26	9.00am	<i>Anna Ackers</i>

St Elizabeth's News:

Gift Aid Envelopes: The envelopes for the New Year are available in the porch. Please take your box. Thank you for Gift Aiding for every £10 you give the church receives £12.

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	18	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Fran Harris - Birthday Celebration (vigil Mass)
Sun	19	10.30am	<i>Peace Sunday</i> • Church Parade Angela O'Neill (streamed)
Mon	20	9.15am 9.30am	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Cyril Ralph • UCM at 1.00pm in Pastoral Centre • PPC at 7.00pm in Pastoral Centre
Tue	21	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Agnes</i> Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Maura Roche • Prayer Group at 10.30am in Pastoral Centre
Wed	22		No Mass today
Thu	23	9.15am 9.30am	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Rev. Fr. Benjamin OSB
Fri	24	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Francis de Sales</i> Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Peter & Margaret Devlin
Sat	25	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Pat Tant (Vigil Mass)
Sun	26	10.30am Noon	Tom Marsh (streamed) <i>Baptisms: William & Joseph Fenton</i>

Diaconate information evening is on **30 January**.

An information evening with the Archbishop for men who may feel called to the diaconate. The evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm, and finish by 9.00pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome.

Event location:

St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, Wigan, WN1 1XD

Dear Parishioners and Friends

Today we begin the week of prayer for Christian unity.

“Do you believe this?”

It is 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, so this year our prayers for Christian unity centre on the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. In particular we are invited to reflect on the story of Martha’s confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus’ provocative question to Martha: “Do you believe this?”

Jesus said to Martha: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’

Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has written the following:

Read in isolation the question posed to Martha might appear as a stark challenge, but from the Gospel story it is clear that the words of Jesus are spoken in love and experienced as invitation as well as challenge. Similarly, while the Council of Nicaea, 1,700 years ago, was not without its challenges as a wounded and scattered church sought to discern the truth of the Gospel message, there was an obvious desire to deepen connection and belonging, and to live faithfully as disciples of Christ.”

At the heart of our reflections for this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: ‘Do you believe this?’ (John 11:26). This same question resonated throughout the deliberations of the first Ecumenical Council, meeting in Nicaea in 325, which gathered Christian communities from around the world to strengthen their relationships as the Church of Jesus Christ. Read in isolation the question might appear as a stark challenge, but from the Gospel story it is clear that the words of Jesus are spoken in love and experienced as invitation as well as challenge. Similarly, while the Council of Nicaea was not without its challenges as a wounded and scattered Church sought to discern the truth of the Gospel message, there was an obvious desire to deepen connection and belonging and to live faithfully as disciples of Christ.

Reflecting on these moments we are reminded that the gift of our faith brings both support and challenge. The 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea this year has been embraced with a hopeful enthusiasm in the global Church and in ecumenical bodies, inspiring a wide range of events and dialogues. It is valued as a significant moment of shared history across the different Christian traditions, despite the many ways in which our paths may have diverged in the years since. Some have remained closer to the Church envisaged at Nicaea with the Nicene Creed continuing

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.....to be of central importance as a statement of faith, while others have adopted non-credal models of Church placing greater emphasis on other forms of expression of shared Christian faith. Looking back together from our different perspectives presents an opportunity to deepen understanding and relationships, strengthening our unity in diversity.

While recognising the value of this looking back, we have also been conscious of the need to reflect on how we are responding to Christ's question in the circumstances of today, considering as we do so what we might learn from the example and experience of Nicaea. An important question in that regard, and one to which this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resource seeks to respond is: what is the relevance to the life and mission of the local church?

Our polarised and fracturing world is in need of a new vision for peace, centred on the recognition of our inter-connectedness and shared humanity. As we gather to mark this

anniversary, we have an opportunity to ask the hard questions about what may be getting in the way of our shared identity as Christians and our collective witness to the world. We are reminded of the transformative power of our faith which gives hope in suffering through the promise that all will be renewed in Christ.

Godine OSB

RED BOXES - MISSIO

Happy New Year Everyone!. I'm pleased to confirm that we have collected over £1075 during December for Missio and their work both in the UK and Overseas. This is wonderful result given the difficult times many people are still going through. **Thankyou** to all of our Red Box Holders. We also have a growing community who donate online in St Anne's- **thankyou to You**. Once I have the total figure for 2024 including these, I will let you know via the bulletin.

Can I also take the time to thank our volunteer collectors without whom none of this would happen- **THANKYOU!**

Our next round of collections will be in Late May/Early June when our wonderful volunteers will call to empty your Red Box.

If you would like to contribute to Missio or for some reason we have missed you on our collection rounds do please get in touch.

Best Regards

Keith

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Anniversaries to 25th January 2024 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's: Rosemary Helme, James Peter Kuivala, Patricia Mary Grimes, George Grimes, Rose O'Brien, Doreen Scatchard, Helen Brady, Edna Murphy, Mary Gallagher, Joseph Henry Thompson.

St Elizabeth's: Frederick Hook, Joe Lewis, John Houghton, Joseph Thompson, Ray Iddon, Paul Manchester, Joan Forshaw, Anna Ackers.

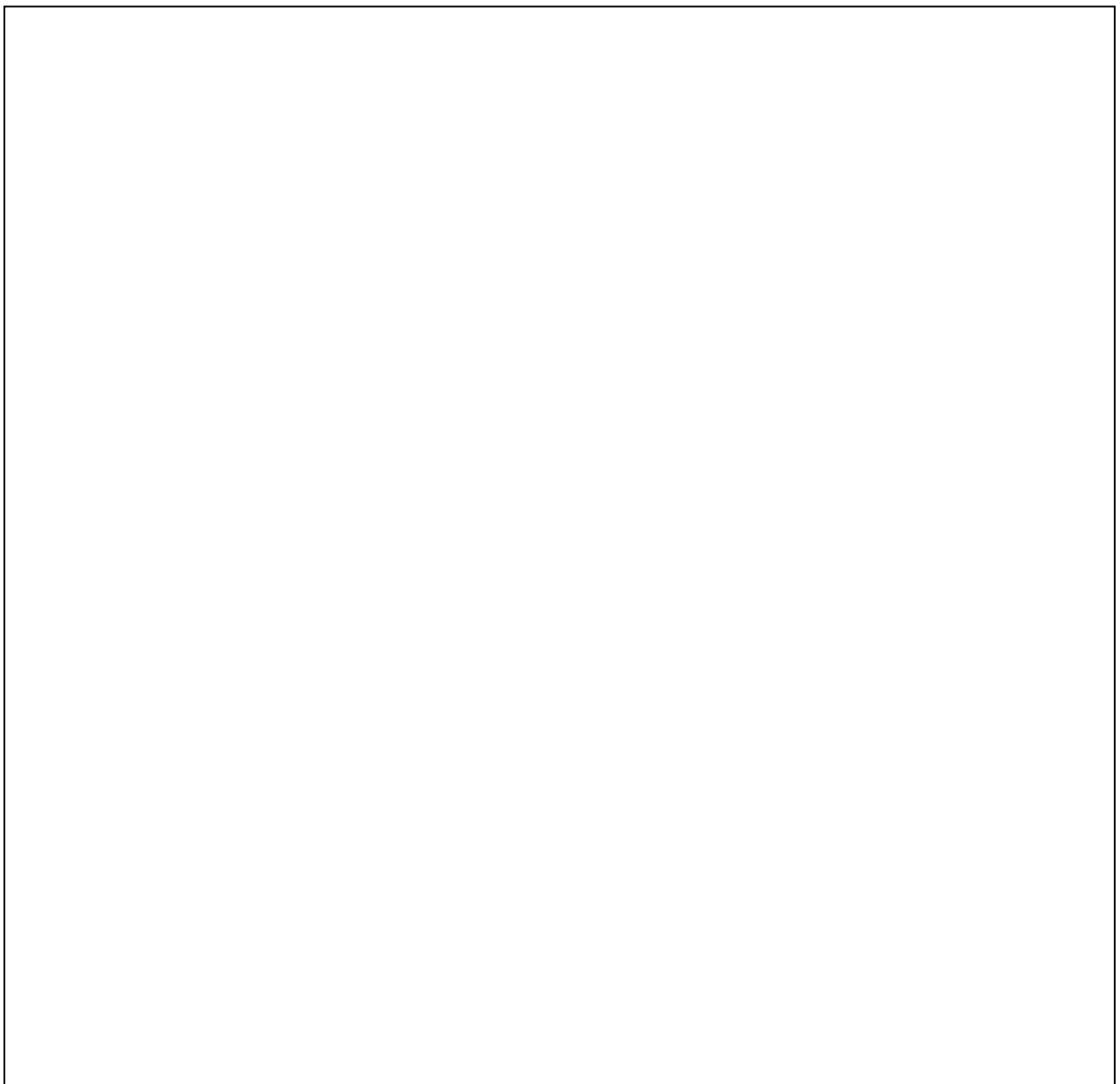
Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Rev Fr Gerry Tuite, Joan Whelan.

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

Recently Sick: David Hankin-Hallsworth, Adrian Jones, Ann Melia & Jean Ball.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antoinette (Nita) Kirwan who died recently.



INTERESTED IN ORMSKIRK AND ITS HISTORY?

Heritage talks 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 4th February West Lancashire Military Heroes Remembered

Tuesday 4th March The Manor of Ormskirk

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.

In aid of St Anne's Church Roof Fund

Songs from 50's & 60's Billy Scott Vocalist



St Anne's Pastoral Centre

Friday 28th February

Doors open at 7.30pm

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

For tickets £7.50, contact Loretta 07807 854857

or

Colette in the parish office 01695 572168 Ext 948



To all parishioners, parents, pupils and visitors who are using the church premises for dropping off picking up or parking please read the following information.

St Anne's Church Tower Refurbishment

On the 5th of January 2025 work started on the refurbishment of the Church Tower which will last **at least 16 weeks**. Due to the amount of work required and the need for complete compliance with Health and Safety requirements there will be restrictions in place for the whole period.

Outline of restrictions

Prescot Road entrance to church grounds (NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

Church rear car park (NO PARKING ON WEEKDAYS drop off/pickup only AT SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES)

Church rear car park parking only for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass
Footways around the church (closed)

Rear sacristy door (limited access)

Graveyard to left of rear turning circle (limited access during material deliveries)

Graveyard to right of rear turning and side of church (limited access during the hours of 8:00 and 17:00)

We would really appreciate if all staff, parents, pupils and visitors could make the effort to avoid using the car parking areas to reduce the chance of bottle necks and leave space for those who really need to use the car park and the contractors to complete the work without hindrance.

Could you also please keep clear of the area around the Tower scaffolding once erected.

Please observe the yellow and red NO parking areas in the car park and DO NOT PARK in front of the entrance and emergency exit doors and walkways at anytime. If you have any queries please contact the parish office in the first instance giving your full details. Many Thanks

Godwin OSB