

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



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23rd March 2025

***Third Sunday of Lent***

*Readings: L1 252: Ex 3; Ps 103; 1 Co 10; Lk 13*

**St Elizabeth's Mass Times**

Sun	23	9.00am	<b>Charlie &amp; Helen Simpson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Our Lady of Walsingham</li> </ul>
Wed	26		<b>No Mass today</b>
Fri	28	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun	30	9.00am	<b>John, Connie &amp; Mark Houghton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Nugent</li> </ul>

# St Anne's Mass Times

<b>Sat</b>	<b>22</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<p><i>Reconciliation &amp; Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Youth Room until 4.45pm</i>  <b>Philip Purcell</b> (vigil Mass)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Retiring Collection: Our Lady of Walsingham</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23</b>	10.30am  Noon	<p><i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <b>Alan Denby</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Retiring Collection: Our Lady of Walsingham</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Baptism: Felicity Reardon</i></p>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24</b>	9.30am	<p><i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <b>Sandra Waugh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UCM in Pastoral Centre: 1.00pm–Lenten Retreat led by Deacon Des, all welcome to join us</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Lenten Prayer Group at 7.30pm in Pastoral Centre Lounge</i></li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>25</b>	9.30am	<p><i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>  <i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <b>Patricia Farrell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am</i></li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26</b>		<p><b>No Mass today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lenten Talk by Chris Fallon at 7.00pm in Pastoral Centre Lounge (more details in bulletin)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>27</b>	9.30am	<p><i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <b>John Williams</b></p>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28</b>	9.30am	<p><i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <b>Elizabeth Burns</b></p>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<p><i>Reconciliation &amp; Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i>  <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Youth Room until 4.45pm</i>  <b>Beverley O'Neill</b> (vigil Mass)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Retiring Collection: Nugent</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30</b>	10.30am	<p><i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre Hall</i>  <b>Nancy McNamara</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Retiring Collection: Nugent</i></li> </ul>



***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

How lovely to see flowers blossom in the beginning of spring time that catch our eyes indeed! The first colourful flowers I encountered are snow drops. The plants survived the trying times under the mud and were waiting to grow in a spectacular manner. They were rooted in the same place, underwent the pressures of mud and heat of the sun sporadically and enveloped in darkness and silence. We are like these plants unnoticeable for a while, but constantly make an inward journey. The Lenten journey can be aligned with the life of these plants and we can experience the emergence of new-self at the time of Easter. How joyful is the soul that comes closer to the ineffable holiness of God?

In line with the Jubilee year, we are called to focus on three important things in our spiritual ladder. First of all, we focus on the redemption that Jesus wants to bring to the humanity through his passion, death and resurrection. Secondly, we focus on reconciliation that is a challenge to all us to reconnect ourselves with God, others, ourselves and nature. Thirdly, we concentrate on renewal of mind and heart that is to keep ourselves from disordered affections. As seemingly dead plants take a considerable time to grow in due time, we have a season of lent to grow every year in Jesus Christ who called us out of darkness into his glorious light on Easter Sunday. Let our Lenten observances increase our nearness of God who is compassionate, merciful and loving us beyond human measurements and speculations.

Let our Lenten journey take us to risen Lord who emptied the tomb and brought life to the mortal bodies.

Wishing you a fruitful and graceful time!



*O merciful Father, You have called Your servant Pope Francis to shepherd Your Church with faith and love. In his time of need, we turn to You, the Divine Physician, and humbly ask that You extend Your healing hand upon him.*

*Grant him strength in body, mind, and spirit, so that he may continue to lead Your people with steadfast devotion. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, we place him under Your loving care, trusting in Your divine will. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*



## The 2025 Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

In your house, Lord, I am a passing guest, a pilgrim like all my fathers. Ps 38

Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it.

May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words:

"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).

**Paul Spencer**

### **St Anne's Anniversaries to 29th March 2025 (Last 10 yrs):**

*Anne Elizabeth James, Elsie Peacock, Evelyn Alexandra Quinn, Jon David Corrin, Peter Turner, Nora Hopwood, Maureen Purslow.*

### **St Elizabeth's Anniversaries for March (Last 10 yrs):**

*Dorothy Houghton, Edna Wright, Marie Savage, Mary Horrocks, Margaret Foster, Richard Pope, Mary Ashcroft, Sharon Halsall, Peter Forshaw, Frances Clarkson.*

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

**St Anne's:** *Hannah, Jean Ball, Chris Coyne, Shirley Croft, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Adrian Jones, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, Ann Melia, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Rev Fr Gerry Tuite, Joan Whelan, Tony Williams.*

**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:** *Colin Baxter, Philippe Calon, Maureen O'Connor, Michael Brooks.*

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margarida McCarthy & Lesley Connor who died recently.***

## St Anne's News:

### Temporary Closure of St Anne's Church

As promised, here is an update on the on-going building work on our church tower.

Following further investigation by a structural engineer an issue has arisen which is in the process of being resolved.

In the meantime, **it is necessary to close the church temporarily** and arrangements are as follows:

**Friday evening:** There will be no Stations of the Cross, however, Stations will be every Friday in St Elizabeth's at 7.00pm.

**On Saturday** Reconciliation will be in the Youth Room from 4.00pm until 4.45pm.

**The two weekend Masses** will be held in the Pastoral Centre Hall and Sunday Mass will not be streamed. Please enter by the front door or the outside Lounge door.

As capacity in the hall is less than in the church, if you feel it to be more convenient, then a reminder that Sunday Mass at St Elizabeth's is at 9.am.

The church will not be open for quiet prayer on Sunday afternoon.

Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion outside of Mass will be able to access the church through the Sacristy door.

Thank you for your understanding.

I will continue to provide updates as often as possible.

*Godwin OSB*

## St Elizabeth's News

**Lent Lunches continue next Friday.** Church will be open from 11.30 am and we will say the rosary from 11.45am and then go through to the house for lunch. To give an idea of numbers, **please put your name on the form at the back of church if you think you are likely to come-** thank you.

**Flowers for Easter:** Please put any donations in the box by St Anthony's Statue.

**Raffle Prizes:** If anyone is able to donate wine, spirits etc., that would be much appreciated.

### Diary Dates:

**Sunday 27th April:** Outdoor Mass – more details next week

**Sunday 20th July: Church Open Afternoon 2-4pm.** The church will be open for people to look around and tea & coffee will be available. There will be a guided tour at 3pm. Copies of the Church History will be on sale for £6.

**Sunday 7th September:** Welcome Mass for the New School Year. More details later.

*Cont'd overleaf....*

**.....St Mary's had a recent visit from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. Following a rigorous inspection of Catholic Life, Religious Education and Collective Worship, the school was judged to be 'Good' in all three areas, culminating in an overall 'Good' grading.**

The inspection report captures the true spirit of our school, highlighting our "warm and welcoming Catholic environment" where "relationships at every level are a strength of the school."

It also celebrates the academic achievements of the children by explaining that "pupils' work in Religious Education books is to be celebrated because of standards of presentation, which show that the pupils take a great pride in their work, using a range of creative styles."

The sacramental programme, which is a true collaboration between the school and parish, was also highlighted as a strength of the school.

The full report can be found on the school

website: <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/religious-education/>

The parish is very grateful to Mrs. Preston for her excellent leadership of the school, and to the staff for all their hard work.

The Year Three children at St. Anne's Primary School would like to invite you to their Easter Meditation on **Tuesday April 1st at 11am** in the Junior Hall. We hope to show through a range of music and drama the message of the Easter story.



## Defibrillator Training

To ensure that we can make full benefit of the defibrillator located in church, a training session has been arranged in the Pastoral Centre Lounge on **Saturday 12th April – 10.30am to 12.30**. The equipment is really easy to use, and the training will give you confidence to use it, should the need arise, and that could save a life.

Please give your name and contact details to Colette in the office if you would like to be included in this training. Or get in touch with me if you have any queries, it's really important to our Parish community.

Many thanks Deacon Peter 07711 146259 [peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk)



## LENT- A Time to Reflect

**Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 7.00pm in St Elizabeth's Church.**

**A Date for Your Diary.**

**Wednesday, 26th March, 7pm in the Pastoral Centre Lounge.**

*A talk by Fr Chris Fallon on the development of Our Archdiocese.*

*"Ebbs and Flows" in our Archdiocese. A brief look at our story and responses to change past, present - and future.*

*A unique look at where we are today, how we got here and what might be the challenges and fruits awaiting us all in the future.*

*There will be time for reflection on what we have heard with questions posed for us to consider.*

*Q and A will end the evening.*

*Refreshments will be served after the talk.*



## Men's Lenten Prayer Group

Calling all men of the parish!!!

This year's men's Lenten prayer group will be held in the parish centre, the dates are below.

Each session will be themed with an aspect of Lent, which hopefully will give some lively discussions on each topic.

Each session will consist of relevant readings from both Testaments as well as the Gospels.

Sessions are from 19.30 to 20.30

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** in the lounge - Theme is forgiveness

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** in the hall - Theme is waiting and trust

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** in the lounge - Theme is God's love (Starting at 19.00 to finish in the Greyhound pub for a pint or similar)

All men of the parish are welcome, if interested please let me know via email so I have an idea of numbers.

**The men's group also meet in the front room of the Greyhound pub on the second Tuesday of the month at 20.00, again all are welcome.**

**Peter Butler - [gennsuer20@gmail.com](mailto:gennsuer20@gmail.com)**







## Pilgrimage Walk

On **Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>** myself and some members of the men's group are undertaking a pilgrimage walk as part of the Big Lent Walk for Cafod. This will be from St Anne's to St Elizabeths and back again. The distance is around 9 miles.

The route will take us past the Kicking Donkey and through Heaton's bridge. We are hoping for cafe stops, pub stops and stops anywhere there may be a cup of tea!!

If anyone would like to join us we will be starting from St Anne's at around 10am. Full distance or partial distance isn't a problem, I would just love to see you there.

God bless

Peter Butler - [Gennsuer20@gmail.com](mailto:Gennsuer20@gmail.com)

I'm taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor me!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

I have put some posters in the back of church and also in the pastoral centre with links on to the Just Giving page.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petes-big-lent-walk> or search just giving for Pete's big lent walk.

Thanks Very Much and God Bless, Peter Butler.

**THE BIG LENT WALK**



## Springboard to Summer POSTPONED

Due to the increased building work on the church tower, it has been decided to postpone the Springboard to Summer event on April 26th. Summer will not be postponed (we hope) so the event will be going ahead later in the year – watch this space. If you have plants, seeds etc, please carry on looking after them.

The raffle will go ahead – date will be announced soon.

There are events at St Elizabeth's in the meantime – Open Air Mass on Sunday April 27th in the beautiful garden and Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm.

Everyone from St Anne's is welcome to join in. St Anne's PPC



## Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. **Applications close on the 20th April.**

For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)