

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

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9th March 2025

***First Sunday of Lent***

*Readings: L1 244; Dt 26; Ps 91; Rom 10; Lk 92*



**St Elizabeth's Mass Times**

Sun	9	9.00am	<i>Mary Ashcroft</i>
Wed	12	9.30am	<i>George &amp; Margaret Wright</i>
Sun	16	9.00am	<i>Mary Ashcroft</i>

# St Anne's Mass Times

<b>Sat</b>	<b>8</b>	<p>Noon 4.00pm</p> <p>5.00pm</p>	<p><b>Mass for the Religious, all welcome to join us</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</p> <p><b>David Scragg</b> (vigil Mass)</p>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Noon</p> <p>4-5pm</p>	<p><b>Philip Purcell</b> (streamed) Followed by Session 6 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school</p> <p>Baptism: Avery Alexander</p> <p><b>Quiet time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament &amp; to pray for Pope Francis. Please come and go as you wish.</b></p>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10</b>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</p> <p><b>Tom Petty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.30pm</li> <li>• Men's Lenten Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>11</b>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</p> <p><b>Rev Fr Anthony Hayne OSB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12</b>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</p> <p><b>Marie Rule</b></p>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>13</b>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</p> <p><b>Phil Swift</b></p>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>14</b>	<p>9.30am</p> <p>7.00pm</p>	<p>Lent Fast Day for Cafod</p> <p>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</p> <p><b>Gary Owen</b></p> <p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> led by Fr Godric</p>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>4.00pm</p> <p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</p> <p><b>Mary Ellen Farrell</b> (vigil Mass)</p>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Noon</p> <p>4-5pm</p>	<p><b>The Glennon &amp; Hopkins Family</b> (streamed)</p> <p>Baptism: Scarlett Warner</p> <p><b>Quiet time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament &amp; to pray for Pope Francis. Please come and go as you wish.</b></p>

## Cafod Family Fast Day begins on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Cafod envelopes will be available next weekend**

This Lent, by giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day collection, it will ensure that we can continue to work with our international Caritas family to help people experiencing the worst impacts of poverty, conflict and climate change.



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*

***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

***Let us continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers. He is still in hospital in Rome and reports continue to tell us of his critical condition. No doubt, before going into hospital he had prepared some thoughts for the beginning of Lent. Here is a summary of his message for Lent 2025.***

*Godwin O'SB*

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. [...]*

*This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.*

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*First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? [...]*

*Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience. [...]*

*Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. [...]*

## **Francis**

**St Anne's Anniversaries to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Last 10 yrs):** Joseph Pope, Sheila Margaret Farrell, Joan McGrath, James Brash, James Bradshaw, Philip Swift, Gwendoline McParland, Emily Slater, Marcelle Robinson.

**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:** 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.

**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:** Margaret Vose, Hannah, Tony Williams, Maureen O'Connor, Michael Brooks and special prayers for Mina and Adelina Nada in Australia, friends of one of our parishioners.

**Please pray for the repose of Jean Daunt who died recently.**

## St Anne's News:

***Building work in St Anne's Church. The builders are hard at work on the church tower and it is likely that it will be some weeks before they have finished. So that we don't interfere with the work, please can we observe the following points.***

- 1. Coming from the car park road behind St Anne's, please enter the church by the main door.*
- 2. Coming from Prescott Road or the path alongside the church from the PC direction, please enter the church through the side door.*
- 3. Please do not gather in the narthex (the back of church).*
- 4. After Mass, please exit through the door through which you came in. After the 1030 Mass we can gather for coffee and chat in the Pastoral Centre.*
- 5. I shall keep you informed about progress with the building work*

***UCM tomorrow, 10th March 'Vera a Murder Mystery'. guests of UCM welcome and meeting will be held in the Hall.***

***Loretta, Phil & Billy wish to thank everyone who supported the Rock n Roll event last Friday. And a huge thank you to Loretta for her hard work in organising such a great evening for everyone and for raising £1000 for the Roof Fund.***

## St Elizabeth's News

**Food Bank** -A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously to St Elizabeth's Foodbank collection. It was heartwarming to see such a good response and very much appreciated. Please keep your donations coming, even one item a week makes a difference. Mary Selby

**Graveyard**- please can parishioners remove wreaths from family graves to help Ted as he starts to once again mow the grass in the graveyard. Thank you

**Lent Lunches continue next Friday 7th March.** 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.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Sunday 27th April:** Outdoor Mass **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

Given that this is a Holy Year, if anyone is interested in going on a pilgrimage to Rome, please will you contact St Anne's parish office.

## 22<sup>nd</sup>& 23<sup>rd</sup> March Retiring Collection

There will be a National Collection throughout all parishes on 22<sup>nd</sup>& 23<sup>rd</sup> March to support the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham

## LENT - A Time to Reflect

Ash Wednesday leads us into Lent and our preparations for Easter. The following may help us with our reflections during this sacred time:

**Stations of the Cross:** St Anne's church, every Friday at 7pm, to 11th April led by clergy and parish groups. Deacon Des will lead the Stations on 7th March.  
St Elizabeth's church: 10am Good Friday.

**Talks:**Talks are planned

**Quiet time:** St Anne's church will be open Sundays in Lent 4pm to 5pm, from 9th March to 6th April.

### 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.

More details later.

*During this time of Lent, we pray for all those soon to be received into the Catholic Church. We pray especially for Angela, Debbie, Jessica, Karen and Paula. May they continue their Journey of Faith supported by family, friends and the church community and may we, like them, continue to walk in the light of Christ.*



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> March in the lounge - Theme is fasting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the hall - Theme is temptation

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 12.30-3.30 at St Anne's RC Church

Tours of the Church

Tours of the Grounds and Tree Trail

Sustainable Craft Demonstrations

Flower Arranging Demonstrations

Regifted and Recycled Raffle

Gardening Swap Shop

Plant Sale

Teas and Coffees

All proceeds to the Roof Fund

**ALL WELCOME**

### Do You Have Green Fingers?

Do you have cuttings that need a home?

Have you seeds or bedding plants left over?

Has your spider plant had babies?

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SELL THEM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
THE ROOF REPAIRS?**

**YES?**

**PLEASE BRING THEM TO SPRINGBOARD TO SUMMER ON  
SATURDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**All garden and house plants welcome**

**THANK YOU**



## **“When you give to my little ones – you give to me”**

Problems hit us all, and sometime a little assistance can make a huge difference. Are you, or someone you know in need of some help, so that at least the family can eat? If so, in total confidence, we are here to help. Contact any of the clergy, one of our SVP members or the parish office and we'll get back to you to offer any assistance we can, always in total confidence.

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

## **Volunteers Needed – Hospice Africa**

Can you volunteer some time? A few hours per week? The Hospice Africa Ainsdale Charity Shop (207, Heathfield Road, PR8 3HE), is looking for trustworthy and cheerful volunteers to help support its important work of bringing palliative care and pain relief to the dying in Africa. Hospice Africa relies heavily on the income from its charity shops and so we really need more volunteers to help in shop related duties.

If you are interested in volunteering or in the work we do, please contact me directly at [merrimanm2@gmail.com](mailto:merrimanm2@gmail.com) or [hospiceafrica.uk@gmail.com](mailto:hospiceafrica.uk@gmail.com) to find out more. Alternatively leave a message on 01695 578209. Thank you.

***Maria Merriman***



***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 OBB*