

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

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4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: L1 471: Acts 5; Ps 30; Rv 5; Jn 21

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	4	9.00am	Audrey Mitchell
Wed	7	9.30am	People of the Parish <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Meeting at 5.00pm
Sun	11	9.00am	Joe & Dorothy Houghton <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	3	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of Saints Philip & James</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Thomas & Catherine Garstang (Vigil Mass)
Sun	4	10.30am Noon	Marie Rule (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First Holy Communions during Mass for children not attending St Anne's primary school</i> <i>Baptisms: Lottie Hayes, Callum Powell & Lily Field</i>
Mon	5	 10.00am	Mass will be in church <i>Bank Holiday, please note later Mass time</i> Germaine Edwards
Tue	6	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Special Intention for the Edwards Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prayer Group at 10.30am in Pastoral Centre</i>
Wed	7	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Private Intention
Thu	8	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Steve Richardson-Owen
Fri	9	9.30am 10.15am	<i>Mass & Reconciliation Service will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Eddie O'Neill Service of Reconciliation for St Anne's Year 4 pupils
Sat	10	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Andrew Blow (Vigil Mass) <i>Paula Bennett will be received into the Catholic Church during Mass</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund</i>
Sun	11	10.30am	Ted & Therese Bouvier (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First Holy Communions during Mass for children not attending St Anne's primary school</i> • <i>Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund</i>

The 2025 Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

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

"As Christians we are pilgrims of hope, ever seeking the road that leads to contentment and peace. Let us begin no day as we ended another; let no sunrise find us where sunset left us, let the wind, rain and sunshine guide us in following the call of Christ to walk with him on our journey."

Deacon Des

Dear Parishioners and Friends

With Pope Francis' death still fresh in our minds I share the following with you, taken from what he said about death during a papal audience on 27 November 2013. Would that I could grasp what Francis says with such certainty, but what food for thought for people like me who are hot and cold, who meander in and out of faith, yet in our heart of hearts know it must be true! The death and resurrection of Jesus makes sense of everything.

Godric OSB

Among us there is commonly a mistaken way of looking at death. Death affects us all, and it questions us in a profound way, especially when it touches us closely, or when it takes the little ones, the defenseless, in such a way that it seems “scandalous”. I have always been struck by the question: why do children suffer? why do children die? If it is understood as the end of everything, death frightens us, it terrifies us, it becomes a threat that shatters every dream, every promise; it severs every relationship and interrupts every journey. This happens when we consider our lives as a span of time between two poles: birth and death; when we fail to believe in a horizon that extends beyond that of the present life; when we live as though God did not exist. This concept of death is typical of atheistic thought, which interprets life as a random existence in the world and as a journey toward nothingness.

And so, what is the Christian meaning of death? If we look at the most painful moments of our lives, when we have lost a loved one — our parents, a brother, a sister, a spouse, a child, a friend — we realize that even amid the tragedy of loss, even when torn by separation, the conviction arises in the heart that everything cannot be over, that the good given and received has not been pointless. There is a powerful instinct within us which tells us that our lives do not end with death.

This thirst for life found its true and reliable answer in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' Resurrection does not only give us the certainty of life after death, it also illumines the very mystery of the death of each one of us. If we live united to Jesus, faithful to him, we will also be able to face the passage of death with hope and serenity. In fact, the Church prays: “If the certainty of having to die saddens us, the promise of future immortality consoles us”. This is a beautiful prayer of the Church! A person tends to die as he has lived. If my life has been a journey with the Lord, a journey of trust in his immense mercy, I will be prepared to accept the final moment of my earthly life as the definitive, confident abandonment into his welcoming hands, awaiting the face to face contemplation of his Face. This is the most beautiful thing that can happen to us: to contemplate face to face the marvellous countenance of the Lord, to see Him as he is, beautiful, full of light, full of love, full of tenderness. This is our point of arrival: to see the Lord. ***Cont'd...***

.....I prepare myself for death by staying close to Jesus. And how do we stay close to Jesus? Through prayer, in the Sacraments and also in the exercise of charity. Let us remember that he is present in the weakest and the most needy. He identified himself with them, in the well known parable of the Last Judgment, in which he says: “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... ‘as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’” (Mt 25:35-36, 40).

The one who practices mercy does not fear death. Think well on this: the one who practices mercy does not fear death! Do you agree? Shall we say it together so as not to forget it? The one who practices mercy does not fear death. And why does he not fear it? Because he looks death in the face in the wounds of his brothers and sisters, and he overcomes it with the love of Jesus Christ.

If we will open the door of our lives and hearts to our littlest brothers and sisters, then even our own death will become a door that introduces us to heaven, to the blessed homeland, toward which we are directed, longing to dwell forever with God our Father, with Jesus, with Our Lady and with the Saints.

St Anne’s Anniversaries to 10th May 2025 (Last 10 yrs):

Paul Donleavy, Audrey Mitchell, Terence Blaney, Francis Michael Bramhall, Jack Hobson, Joan Threlfall, Doreen Donnelly, Mary Adams, Joseph Farley, Evelyn Margaret Jaworski, Anne Cain, Joan Blundell, William Bennett, Catherine Pennington, Paul Condon, Patricia Swayne Butterworth.

St Elizabeth’s Anniversaries for May (Last 10 yrs):

Vincent Jones, Philip Halsall, Joan Riozzi, Margaret Mary Moss, Bernard Whitty, John Tully, Joseph Bond.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne’s: *Jean Ball, Neil Booth, Sylvia Burgess, Chris Coyne, Shirley Croft, Mike Devlin, Mike Gilmartin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Adrian Jones, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, Ann Melia, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Maureen O’Connor, 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, Joe Ackers, Katie, Hannah, Alan Jackson, a parishioner in distress, and all in need of grace.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Philippe Calon & Deacon Graham Appleyard who died recently.

St Anne's News:

U.C.M. No UCM tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday.

SVP: The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th May.

Reception into the Catholic Church: At the 5pm Mass on Saturday, 10th May, we will be celebrating the Baptism of Paula Bennett and her reception into full communion with the Catholic church. As a parish community, we look forward to welcoming Paula on this joyful occasion.

CHURCH SHOP: 1st COMMUNION. New display of reasonably priced gifts and cards for the forthcoming celebration available before & after all Masses. Please note that the shop only takes cash.

Big selection of rosary beads, greeting cards for all occasions, candles, prayer cards, statues & crosses always available and items can be ordered. **Pat Harwood**

Have you Lost any Property?

If you are wondering where you left your umbrella, gloves, cardigan or rosary beads, please look in the lost property basket at the back of church.

As most of the items have been there for several weeks, anything still unclaimed by **Sunday 25th May** will go to a good home. Thank you.

St Elizabeth's News

SVP: The next meeting will take place at St Anne's Pastoral Centre at 8.00pm on Monday 12th May. If any parishioners of St Elizabeth's would like to attend the meeting to find out more, please do come along.

Diary Dates:

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.



Ormskirk Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm

***Wallace & Gromit's
The Wrong Trousers
with live brass band***

A Cracking Live Show by the Fairey Band For tickets go to Fairyband.yapsody.com

or pay at the door Tickets, £14 adults, £9 children Concessions for family

NEW DATE!

**SPRINGBOARD TO SUMMER -
A Laudato Si Themed Event at St Anne's**

**Saturday 24th May 2025
12.30-3.30pm**

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 DONATE THEM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ROOF
REPAIRS? YES?**

PLEASE BRING THEM TO SPRINGBOARD TO SUMMER ON SATURDAY May 24th

All garden and house plants welcome

THANK YOU





Dear Friends

*To mark the beautiful Feast of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, St Bede's Faith In Action pupils would like to invite you to a youth Pentecost Mass and picnic on the **8th June 2025**.*

St Bede's pupils and children from the children's liturgy are planning the 10.30am Mass which will include drama, music and dance. A picnic will follow at the parish centre.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us with picnics, blankets and suncream for the optimists among us.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th June.

St Bede's Faith In Action Group.



Save the Date

Ormskirk Community Choir will be performing at St Anne's Parish Centre on **Saturday the 28th June at 7pm**. The event will be a parish fundraiser and will include raffles, tea and coffee and importantly, great music. This is a free event with donations accepted on the night. Bring your own refreshments.

Bridget Mawtus



Rome Pilgrimage 1st September – 5th September

We now have confirmed details of the pilgrimage to Rome.

£970 per person sharing

£1135 per person in a single room

Cost Includes: Return flights Manchester – Rome

Airport Duty & Taxes

1 suitcase for aircraft hold, 20kgs

4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

4 Star Hotel Olympic

English speaking guide throughout

If you are interested, please email paxorm@btconnect.com

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