The Parishes of

St. Anne, Ormskirk &
St. Elizabeth, Scarisbrick

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St. Elizabeth's office email: stelizabeth.southport@rcaol.org.uk
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Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday

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25th October 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: L1 605: Ex 22; Ps 18; 1 Th 1; Mt 22

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	**25**	9.00am	***Kathleen O'Neil***
Wed	**28**	**9.00am**	*Feast of Saints Simon & Jude* ***Special Intention*** *(NB Earlier Mass time)*
Sun	**1**	9.00am	*All Saints Day* ***Robert & Agnes Wright***

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	**24**	4.00pm 5.00pm	*Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* ***In Thanksgiving, surgeon, anesthetist & theatre staff*** *(Vigil Mass)*
Sun	**25**	10.30am	***Ann O'Neill, 1st Anniversary*** *(streamed)* *Fr Joseph's Leaving Party after Mass in the Pastoral Centre*
Mon	**26**	9.15am 9.30am	*Morning Prayer* ***Terence Manning*** • *UCM in Pastoral Centre Hall at 1.00pm* • *Marriage Preparation in P/C Hall at 7.00pm*
Tue	**27**	9.15am 9.30am	*Morning Prayer* ***Brian Smith, lately dead*** • ***Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium at 10.30am: John (Jack) Wright*** • *Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre Lounge at 10.30am*
Wed	**28**	**9.00am**	*Feast of Saints Simon & Jude* ***Sheila Reid, lately dead*** *(NB Earlier Mass time)*
Thu	**29**	9.15am 9.30am	*Morning Prayer* ***Valerie Swinnerton***
Fri	**30**	9.15am 9.30am	*Morning Prayer* ***May & Daniel Feeley***
Sat	**31**	4.00pm 5.00pm	• *J & P meeting at 10.30am in Pastoral Centre, please see details in bulletin* *Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* ***Alan Williams*** *(Vigil Mass)*
Sun	**1**	10.30am	*All Saints Day* ***Deceased members of St Anne's UCM*** *(streamed)* *Baptisms after Mass: Clayton, Kai & Archie Crowley & Sebastian Madden* • *Meeting in the Pastoral Centre to discuss its future, all welcome*

Father Joseph's Leaving Celebration

We shall be holding a leaving celebration for Father Joseph after Sunday Mass today. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along and join us as we celebrate and wish Father Joseph well. Please bring along your own food and drinks to share and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together.

Dear Parishioners & Friends

I want to say thank you!

Time is moving quickly and my days here are numbered easily to move from St. Anne's and St. Elizabeth parish churches to St. Mary's church, Chorley on 30 October 2026. I am just moving from Ormskirk historic market to Chorley market! It has been more than two years being in the parish, and it has been an amazing experience to be at St. Anne's and St. Elizabeth's. I have truly enjoyed my pastoral ministry, being with the people, serving as a chaplain at Southport, Ormskirk hospitals and visiting care homes. Moreover, it was a remarkable and memorable to work with Rev. Fr. Godric who helped me integrate and become involved in the pastoral ministry of the parishes. His wealth of pastoral experiences, prayer life and guidance have been a source of inspiration in my life. It has been an enriching learning experience for me to be in the parish.

I have a great appreciation for all well-established structures in running of St. Anne's and St. Elizabeth parish churches. I would like to thank all the members of the leadership team, deacons Des and Peter, Parish Pastoral Council, UCM, SVP, Men's Group, Prayer Group, Environment Group, Choir, Eucharist Ministers, Children's Liturgical Animators, Readers, Welcoming Team, Altar Servers, Maintenance Team, Volunteers, Uniform Group children and Guides, RCIA Team, Church Cleaners, Church Flower Team, Colette, our parish admin, Norah, Claire and Natalie. Without any doubt, my interaction with different groups and pastoral programs gave me a wealth of new experiences that will surely help me enhance my future mission. I also thank all those who gave me a lift to travel to St. Elizabeth's in the beginning and all those helped me to learn driving well. I was edified by your service, commitment, dedication, and hospitality and helping nature all through my journey of pastoral ministry. My special thanks to every parishioner of St. Anne's and St. Elizabeth and you are welcoming, loving, special and wonderful in so many ways to shape my life to be at the service of the church. I am happy to remember you and pray for you and wish you all the best.

My heart wells up with thankfulness for being what you are to me. I really had peace of mind, joy in ministering in these parishes. I can join with the Psalmist and thank God for all that He has done to me. "Bless the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, my soul, and do not forget all his kindness" (Ps 103: 1-2).

It is hard to depart but I am not far away from you. I warmly welcome you all when you have chance to visit St. Mary's Chorley, Liverpool and the marketing day is on very Tuesday! I go with a sense of joy and satisfaction from the ministry that was assigned to me and I seek your prayers to walk continually in the path of my priestly vocation and future ministry. I thank you one and all from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all.

St. Anne's Anniversaries for October 2026 (Last 10 yrs):

Joan McLarnon, Charles Dowling, Charles Geraghty, Maxine Fitzsimmons, Mark Condon, John Arnold, Jose Guedes, Brian Bostock, Margaret Moss, Stephanie Blackman, Maureen Parry, Mary Marron, David Wright, Veronica Sumner, Michael Lumby, Sheila Thompson, Marian Williams, Carol Daly, Theresa Houghton, David Collict, Valerie Swinnerton, Paul Rawes, Elizabeth Croft, Monica Gamble, John Roberts, Alan Williams, Hilda Keating, Edith McMillan.

St Elizabeth's Anniversaries for October 2026 (Last 10 yrs:)

Christopher McLoughlin, Ann Loftus, Joan Macken, Maurice Appleton, Sheila Thompson, Bob Critchley, Lillian Charnock, Robert Marshall.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: *Jean Ball, Lauren Bradley, Sylvia & Jim Burgess, Ruth Charnock, Anne Corrin, Geraldine Crompton, Elizabeth Culshaw, Mike Devlin, Barbara Dobson, Leanne Emmett, Mike Gilmartin, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Helen Hesketh, Angela Lindon, Mary Linton, Ann Melia, Maureen O'Connor, John Orritt, Mike Pendergast, Stella Potter, Richard Sutherland, Sandra Sugden, Maureen Taylor.*

St Elizabeth's: *Terry Turner, Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Joe Ackers, Katie, Derek Murphy, Gerrard Witter, Wendy, Tom Ireland, Robert Wright, Ann Barlow, Susan, Veronica Massam, David Mullan, Michael Mullan, James Hardacre, Dennis McKiernan.*

Recently Sick: *Andrew Colwell.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Dobson, Dorothy Ryan & Norah's brother-in-law John O'Neill who died recently.

St Anne's News:

Blessing of Graves: *This will take place after morning Mass on All Souls Day, Monday 2nd November.*

Next SVP Meeting: *Monday 2nd November at 8.00pm.*

Annual Bereavement Mass: *Saturday 21 November at 12noon. All welcome.*

Shop: *Candles both wick & LED for graves on display at back of church.*

Retiring Collections: *Fr. Joseph – 8th November, Animate Youth - 22 November, SVP - 6th December & Church Flowers - 13th December.*

CHARITY BRING & BUY SALE

For church & roof fund in St Anne's Parish Centre
MONDAY 26th October
1.30 p.m.
All Welcome!

St Elizabeth's News

The Requiem Mass for Barbara Dobson *is Friday 6th November at 1.30pm*
Our Bereavement Mass *is Sunday 22nd November 9am.*

There is a book of Intentions *on the table at the back of church that the children will take up to the altar at the beginning of Mass before they go out for Little Church.*

There will be tea/coffee after every Sunday Mass – *everyone is welcome.*

Little Church *will continue during Half term holidays for children aged 3-11. All children will be very welcome.*

November Intentions – *there is a basket on the altar rails for your intentions envelopes/mass donations.*

There is a thank you poste*r at the back of church from Ormskirk Foodbank for the Harvest food donations.*

Christmas events-
We are once again having a parish Christmas meal on Tuesday 1st December at Master McGraths, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to join in with this enjoyable get together.

Instead of sending Christmas Cards please consider buying and sending a piece of carved olive wood from Bethlehem at the back of church – The monies will be sent over to the Holy Land in time for Christmas to help in their time of need.

Scarisbrick parish council ecumenical carol service *will be held at the Heatons Bridge on Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm*

Today, Sunday – Farewell party for Fr Joe in St Annes Pastoral centre at 12pm – 2 pm Please bring a contribution for the shared table. Everyone is welcome and am sure Fr Joseph would appreciate seeing many of the parishioners from St Elizabeth's. We will be holding a collection for Fr Joseph on Sunday 8th November.

Future of St Anne's Pastoral Centre

All parishioners are invited to a meeting to review the future of St. Anne's Pastoral Centre at midday **Sunday November 1st** - directly after the 10:30 mass for those attending. Over the years there have been many discussions about the future of the current Pastoral Centre, how it could be developed to fulfil our parish needs, or how we might replace it with a new facility that is less of a drain on parish resources. There have been significant developments over recent weeks that the trustees would like to share with the parish community.

“The Social Doctrine of the Church is a living reality, in dialogue with history, cultures and sciences.” Pope Leo, Magnifica Humanitas 40.

Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Commission shares the Church’s Social Doctrine throughout the Archdiocese. It is reforming, to suit the issues and opportunities of our times, and would like to invite people with new and exciting ideas for the future to join in.

Interested? Come for a drink and a biscuit to St Anne’s Parish Centre on Saturday 31st October 2026 10.30-12.30 to find out more.

Everyone is welcome.

Streamers Wanted at St Anne’s Church!

Every wondered what that camera up on the Organ Balcony is for?

For the last several years our team of live streamers have streamed Sunday, Easter, and Christmas Masses for those of our Parish (and further afield) who can not make it to Mass in person. However, our numbers are thin and to keep this valuable service going we need a few extra hands to add to our monthly rota to ensure the streams can continue.

If you are over 18, comfortable with technology, able to climb a spiral staircase, and interested in joining our team (not to mention getting to see mass from the best view in the church!), or simply have any questions, please feel free to reach out after Sunday Mass or contact me at:

Mike Clayton-Brown
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Phone: 07912356950

BECOMING A SYNODAL PARISH

Around 40 parishioners attended a talk in early October by Fr Philip Inch on the subject of " Becoming a Synodal Parish". It was very enlightening to hear both the key drivers of this as well as the discussion afterwards with those of you who attended.

The Key message was about how we might become more of an outward looking Parish, embracing all of our Talents and supporting our Priest and Deacons in how the Parish develops.

It's also about to the marginalised, encouraging those who are not Catholics to join us and perhaps encouraging Catholics who have lost Faith to come back to hear God's message of Love and Forgiveness.

Here are the key aspects of what a Synodal Parish could look like:

- Listening comes first- to all in our Parish- especially those who are silent
- Shared responsibility- to involve more lay people and bodies such as the PPC in decision making
- Many gifts are used-embracing all the Talents of our Parish
- Discernment over voting- recognising where the Holy Spirit is leading us and having the opportunity to discuss and debate this
- Openness and Transparency- in Parish decisions and how everyone can get involved in the Parish
- Outward Mission- Looking beyond our Parish Community to the marginalised and those who have maybe lost hope.

I know we are already moving towards becoming a Synodal Parish based on these descriptors but there is much more to do.

In the New Year I will be working with the PPC to bring more of You into the discussion about what we are doing already, what more we could do and who would like to join our army of volunteers in the Parish to make this happen.

HERITAGE TALKS

Autumn 2026

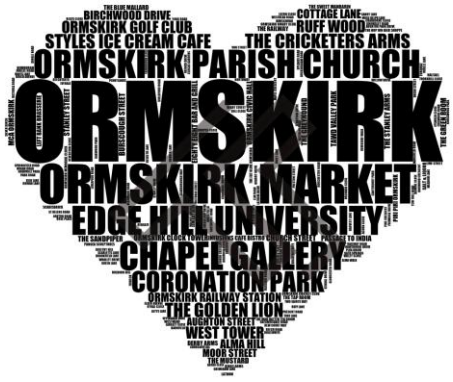
The popular Ormskirk Heritage Talks start a new season on Tuesday 13th October 2026 in St. Anne's Pastoral Centre Hall. Starting at 1.30pm, the talks are free of charge and people from all over the area are very welcome to attend.
Each talk will last approximately 1 hour and will take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

THE PROGRAMME

· **Tuesday 10th November**
The Fascinating History of the Overhead Railway, Gavin Hunter

· **Tuesday 8th December**
What the Dickens (a Taste of Ormskirk Christmas), Dot Broady Hawkes
All talks commence at 1.30pm.

Doors open at 1.00pm when tea and coffee is served.

Talks and refreshments are free of charge and donations are welcome which are used towards funding further talks.
These talks are arranged by ORMSKIRK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, which is a voluntary organisation which relies on fundraising from local charities and organisations.

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