

2 May 2021

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.

St Elizabeth's is open for the celebration of public Mass each Sunday and Weds at 9.30am.
St Anne's is open for public Mass each Sunday at 10.30am and each Saturday at 6pm.

Please note that Funeral ceremonies must have no more than 30 people attending.

Priority will be given to family members and close friends whose names have been submitted in advance for track and tracing.

Mass at St Anne's				Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sun	2	10.30am	Colette McGrath <i>Streamed & Public Mass</i>	9.30am	Joe & Peggy Vose <i>Public Mass</i>
Mon	3				
Tue	4				
Wed	5	Noon	Requiem Mass: Graham Flynn	9.30am	Audrey Mitchell <i>Public Mass</i>
Thu	6				
Fri	7				
Sat	8	6.00pm Vigil Mass	Adrian James <i>Public Mass</i>		
Sun	9	10.30am	All Parishioners <i>Streamed & Public Mass</i>	9.30am	Adrian Mott, Elizabeth Reavey & Christopher McLoughlin <i>Public Mass</i>

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Dear Parishioners and Friends

We can never exhaust our understanding of the Bible! I still find it exciting to read a passage of Scripture, often one that is familiar, and discover depths which I had not encountered before. It can grip me in a new way and this Sunday's Gospel passage is one of those inspiring sections of St John's account of the Good News which captures my imagination.

'I AM the true vine,' said Jesus to his disciples. Those opening words, 'I AM', immediately alert the observant listener or reader to the One who speaks with authority, the One who claims equality with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the One who made Himself known to Moses in the burning bush by disclosing his name as being, 'Yahweh' in Hebrew, 'I AM who AM' in its English equivalent. There are seven significant 'I AM' sayings in St John's account of the Gospel: 'I AM - the bread of life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, the way, the truth and the life.' When we hear this, we must prick up our ears!

This particular image of 'the vine' recurs often in the Old Testament and those early followers of Jesus would immediately identify what Jesus was saying with God's love for his chosen people, the people of Israel. 'I planted you as a choice vine, from the purest stock. How then did you turn degenerate and become a wild vine?' (Jer 2:21) 'You brought out a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80: 8) Jesus develops the imagery: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; cut off from me, you can do nothing.' 'Remaining' or 'abiding' in me, vividly describes Jesus' longing to be with his followers in the most intimate way. Over the past few days I have been thinking back to last week's passage from St John. 'I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep!' How blessed we are to be caught up into this most wonderful of mysteries.

Godric OSB

Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to Sat 8 May 2021)

St. Anne: Margaret Ann Bober, Donna Marie Grundy, John Leonard Baker, Barbara Monica Pope, Paul Donleavy, Mary (May) Forshaw, Joseph Wright, Audrey Mitchell, Olive Howell, Jack Daniel Hobson, Eleanor (Nellie) Melia, Doreen Donnelly.



St. Elizabeth: Philip Halsall.

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: Mary Adams, Georgia Addy, Brenda Allt, Teresa & Terence Blaney, Derek Campbell, Mark Condon, Anne Corrin, Fr Cassian Dickie OSB, Tony Edwards, Liam Gilchrist, George Grimes, Jim Holland, Margaret Johnston, Alun David Jones, Joyce Malone, Dorothy Nankivell, Dougie Ross, Gregory Rutherford, Maureen Taylor, Per Tinberg, Fr Gerry Tuite, Tony Walsh, Clare Walton, David Whittaker.

Please keep in your prayers Andrew Colwell, our organist at St Anne's who is currently unwell.

St. Elizabeth: Michael Bill, Jim Charnock, Gaynor Foster, Susan Foster, Sarah Gibbons, Alan Jackson, Terry Turner.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah (Ronnie) Veronica Cliffe who died recently.

Mass Intentions:

*Colette McGrath, Patricia Grimes, David McGurnaghan, Marie Edwards, Maureen Seasman, Emma Waggett, Margery Seed, James Stevens.
These intentions will be offered in house during the pandemic.*

Review of Parish Websites

As it is nearly 3 months since our new websites went live, we are looking for your views on the following:

- * how easy is it to find your way around the site?
- * which page/s do you access most often?
- * what other information would you find useful to have on the web?
- * what might encourage you to access the web or access it more frequently?

It would be very helpful if you could let us have your feedback by contacting either Mary at St Elizabeth's or Colette at St Anne's (email, phone or put a note through the letter box at the Priest's House/Priory) by Tuesday 4th May. Thank you.



Prayer for Victims of abuse. The Day for prayer is 4 May.

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.
Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.
Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Zoom Coffee Morning

After the public & streamed Mass on Sundays, we are having an online Zoom coffee morning for parishioners to meet 'virtually' while we are not able to do this face to face.



You will be able to join the session via a link that will be sent out by email, if you would like to be added to the parish e-mailing list to hear about this, or other parish news, please send an email to the parish council email address:

ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk and put 'Zoom coffee morning' in the subject bar.

Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82231034171?pwd=UGYzZjVmM2RHUjJ6VC9QTFJvbGNvUT09>

Joan Bill

World Day of Prayer 2021

This year's service, postponed from March, will be held on **Friday 21st May** in **Ormskirk Parish Church** at **7.30pm**. Due to Covid restrictions, numbers are limited and those attending are required to book a place. Please could anyone who wishes to attend the service contact Colette at St Anne's parish office or ring her on 077468 55340 or email paxorm@btconnect.com to provide their name and contact number. These will be forwarded to Ormskirk Parish Church to reserve a place and to comply with Track & Trace. For more information about the World Day of Prayer, see www.wwdp.org.uk

Margaret Daunt

Synod 2020-Update

As you know we have been preparing for some time now for the Archdiocesan Synod which will be meeting on June 19th this year, after having to be postponed due to Covid. Many parishioners have contributed their thoughts over the last couple of years, and we now have one last chance to reflect on the final recommendations that will be made by the Synod for inclusion in the Pastoral Plan drawn up by Archbishop Malcolm.

I will be sharing those recommendations with you over the next few weeks, but you can also see them on the Synod website [Welcome - Synod2020](#)

Thank you for all your contributions so far and please keep an eye on this bulletin for more information.

Joan Bill

St. Anne's News:

St Anne's Parish Office: The parish office will re-open from Thursday 6 May at 9.30am till 1pm. All emails to Colette on paxorm@btconnect.com and messages received from St Anne's website will be read & replied to within office times only.

Bulletin: The deadline for bulletin entries to paxorm@btconnect.com is now **midnight each Wednesday**, for publication on Fridays. Any request after this will be in the following week's bulletin. Many thanks, Colette.

Red Mission Boxes (Missio): If any parishioners have any boxes to pass in, or would like a new box, please contact the parish office, or ring Frank Haynes on 07484 851900. Many thanks.

St. Elizabeth's News:

Churchyard & Parish Gardens –After Mass today, (weather permitting), we are going to have a short meeting in the priest's garden to discuss what changes we might make in the church grounds in favour of the environment. Everyone is welcome to bring their ideas.

Outside Display: As we move into May – look out for changes in our outside display. May is the month of Mary.... (cont'd)

(Cont'd, St Elizabeth's News)

Vases Project: We are very lucky at St Elizabeth's to have so many items which belong to the history of the parish. One such set of items are the brass vases shown in the attached picture. We regularly use the set of 8 but the others have become so discoloured over time they have been left lurking in the back of a cupboard.

A few people have said they would be happy to contribute to the vases' renovation in memory of a loved one whom they have lost. I have obtained a quote for removing scuffs and blemishes, repolish and lacquering (which will mean no further polishing needed). The total cost for all 22 vases is £1300 plus VAT. The supplier has indicated if we have all the vases done at once there will be a discount.



National Lockdown. Reminder of the Regulations. Attending Mass at St Anne's and St Elizabeth's.

Although we are still in a National Lockdown, it is a support to know that public Masses are being celebrated.

But please do not attend church if you are vulnerable or have been advised to shield.

Due to safety precautions **capacity at St Anne's Masses may be reduced.** Please take this into consideration when coming to Mass.

St Elizabeth's will continue to have a pre booking system. Please phone **01704 880451** to book a place.

Legally, all those attending church are required to abide by the following:

- face covering to be worn in church **at all times** and may not be taken off or moved away from the mouth or nose, except at the moment of receiving Communion.
- a face visor or shield may not be worn on their own but always with a mask or other face covering which fits securely round the side of the face
- name and contact details required for Track & Trace each time attending church - it is a great help if you bring these written out ready to drop into the box in the entrance
- *Or* use the app on your phone to register on arrival, through the NHS QR.
- sanitise hands on arrival, then move through to the main church as quickly as possible
- ensure a safe distance when entering and leaving church and when going to receive Communion
- on exiting church, not stopping to mingle with anyone outside of your household/support bubble
- arrive in good time so that the stewards can guide you to a safe place without too much disturbance of other people.
- **always** follow the guidance of the stewards

Thank you for keeping to these legal requirements and so enabling the celebration of public Masses.

St Anne's and St Elizabeth's PPCs.



Our Common Home

This is a space on the bulletin for everyone to share their ideas and tips about practical things we can do to respond to Pope Francis's call to hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.



Do you have a good suggestion of something we can do to help with the climate crisis?

Share it with everyone by e-mailing Colette on paxorm@btconnect.com

From Mary Ormsby:

Seasonal Vegetables

As we move into summer there are a wider range of locally grown fruit and veg. Here's a reminder of what is in season over the next couple of months.

<h2>May</h2> <p>BEST FOR: Rhubarb & Asparagus</p>	<p>ALSO IN SEASON Spinach Sage</p>	<p>Gooseberry Radish Chicory Crab Morels</p>	<p>Cauliflower Elderflower Nectarine Cucumber New Potatoes</p>	
<h2>June</h2> <p>BEST FOR: Peas, Broad Beans & Strawberries</p>	<p>ALSO IN SEASON French Beans Chicory Crab Mackerel</p>	<p>Mangetout Courgette Asparagus Spinach Carrots Radish Rocket</p>	<p>Spring Onion Tomato Watercress Lamb Cucumber Rhubarb</p>	
<h2>July</h2> <p>BEST FOR: Cucumbers, Lettuce & Cherries</p>	<p>ALSO IN SEASON Apricot Aubergine Blackcurrant Beetroot Celery Spinach</p>	<p>Rhubarb Raspberries Runner Beans Carrots Peas Fennel Courgette</p>	<p>Globe Artichoke Kohlrabi Iceberg Lettuce Peach Strawberries Braunley Apples Blueberries</p>	

Amplify Youth Group

Amplify Youth group is back running their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Currently unable to meet indoors, they are meeting on the former bowling green and helping the young people with expedition skills and also giving them advice and guidance on their skills, physical and volunteering sections.

You may have noticed some young people around the parish grounds over the past few weeks, we have some Bronze participants helping to keep the parish grounds free from litter and on their first session managed to collect seven bin bags full of rubbish. We also have some Silver participants helping with the secret garden.

We have also managed to get Father Godric to hand out some Bronze certificates to those who have moved onto Silver, which helps with the young people to understand that the parishes are supporting them on their journey.

We have our young people volunteering with local Scout, Guide and other community groups and if they go from Bronze to Gold, they will have given over 210 hours, nearly six weeks full-time work, towards their local community and most carry on as volunteers after the finish.

The parishes of St Anne's and St Elizabeth's should be proud of the young people of the parishes and the wider community who they have helped through their prayers and support. Sadly, we may have lost the founder of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, but we have not lost our enthusiasm to help our young people.

Mike Price





CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Sunday 2 May 2021
John 15:1-8
5th Sunday of Easter

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grow on.

GROWING GOOD FRUIT!

Can you fit the fruit into the grid?

apple
banana
grape
lemon
orange

Bearing good fruit

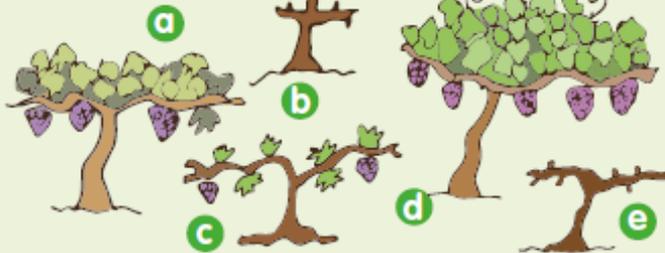
The good things we do are "good fruit". How will you share God's love and grow good fruit this week? Add some of your own ideas.



Colour in the grape when you complete the mission.

Growing vine

Can you put these vines in size order, starting with the smallest?



Which fruit?

Here is a vine, a tree and a bush. Which fruit grows on which plant?



Draw a line to match each fruit to the right plant.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow in your love and bear good fruit. Amen.

Answers: 1.Banana, 2.Apple, 3.Grape, 4. Lemon, 5 Orange. Size order is b, e, c, a, d.

2nd May 2021 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Introduction: Together make the sign of the cross.
Have you ever grown any plants?
How did you look after them?
What about parts that died back– did you cut them off?
What happens after you have done that– does the plant grow better?



St Anne's Ormskirk Children's Liturgy of the Word



Gospel (You may like to light a candle)

Jesus told his disciples: 'I am the true wine and my father is the gardener who tends the vine. Any of my branches which don't bear fruit are cut away, and the branches which carry fruit are pruned by him so that the following year they will produce even more.

Because you have listened to and understood my message, you will bear much fruit. A branch that is cut off from the vine will wither and die without producing any fruit. If you stay close to me and carry my words in you heart, then you will bear much fruit and truly be disciple.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



If you are happy to share your work with the us, please email a scan or photos of what you have done to the parish council email address,
ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk
with 'Children's Liturgy' in the subject line

Reflection

If Jesus is the true vine, what are the branches?
Does Jesus mean us?
What are the fruits –are they the good things that we do?
What about cutting off the branches don't bear fruit-what does that mean?
Is it that we need to cut off any of the bad things that we do?

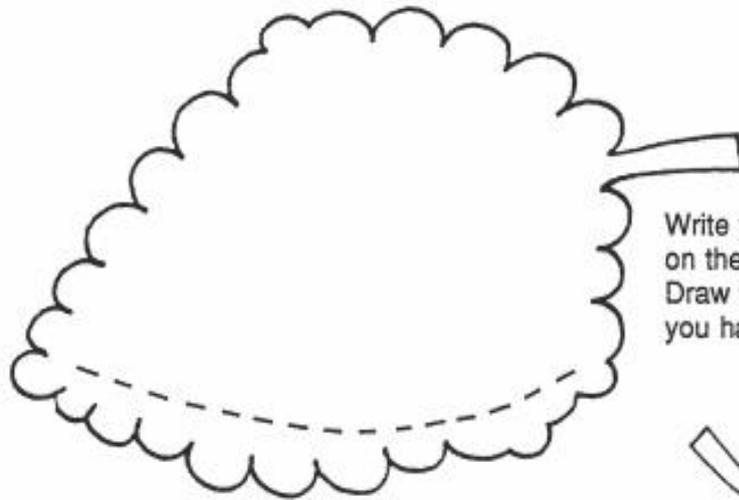
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Are you able to draw a vine and write some good things that we can do in the bunches of grapes?
Look at the handout to help you.

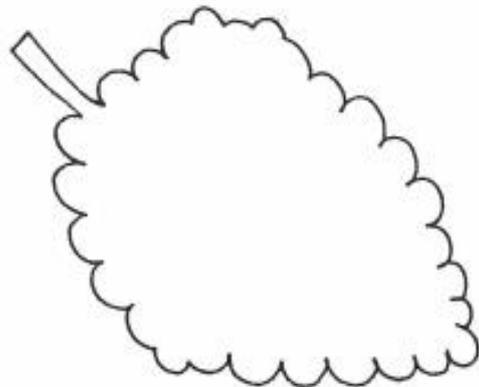
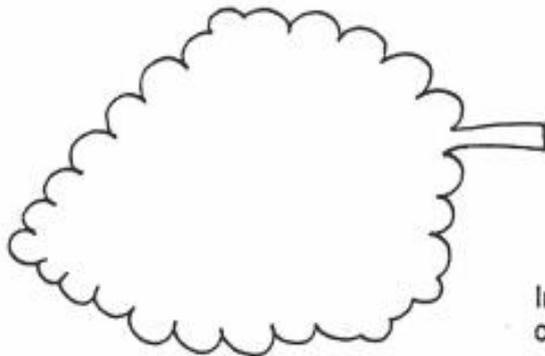
JESUS IS THE VINE

On the vine there are many branches.
Some are full of beautiful fruit
but some have none.

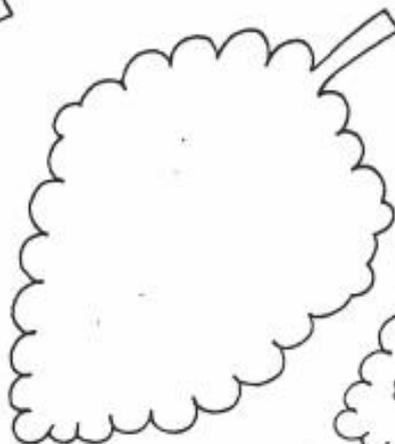
Jesus says, 'I am the true vine,
so remain in me and you will
bear much fruit to the glory
of my Father.'



Write your name
on the grapes.
Draw the best thing
you have ever done.



In the grapes, draw some
other things you are good at.



Alleluia, alleluia!
Those who bear fruit
give glory to the Father.
Alleluia!