

The Parish of
St. Anne, Ormskirk

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Holy Week
 Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 21:9-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1-15:47

Sat	23	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Jake Green (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring collection: Lenten Alms
Sun	24	10.30am	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Christina Lee (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring collection: Lenten Alms
Mon	25	9.15am 9.30am 2.00pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Phil Swift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCM in pastoral centre at 1.00pm Funeral Service: Teresa Howard
Tue	26	9.15am 9.30am 7.00pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Tony Walsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Group in pastoral centre at 10.30am <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Wed	27	9.15am 9.30am 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Jim Astley Funeral Service: Sheila Lavin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chrim Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.30pm
Thu	28	7.00pm	<i>The Sacred Triduum - Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> Joan & Ray Nixon <i>Keeping Vigil with the Lord till 11.00pm</i>

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Fri	29	11.20am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 11.40am <i>Gather in the p/centre carpark for procession to the Clock Tower</i> Noon <i>Ecumenical Service at the Clock Tower</i> 3.00pm <i>Good Friday Liturgy</i> <i>(Children's Liturgy in the pastoral centre at 3.00pm)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Retiring Collection: Holy Places</i>
Sat	30	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 8.00pm <i>Mrs Mary Finnigan (Easter Vigil) - please see opposite page</i> <i>Clocks go forward at 1.00am tomorrow morning!</i>
Sun	31	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 10.30am <i>Mike Hart (streamed)</i>



Dear Parishioners and Friends

If only we could put aside the matters that take up our days and concentrate on the events of this coming week, Holy Week; but life is not like that! Speaking for myself, almost everything I do has significance. Sometimes, though, I just have to give time to what is important and this week celebrating the final week of Jesus' life among us, takes priority.

A couple of weeks ago we had a wonderful and inspiring talk in the Pastoral Centre, given by David McLoughlin, an eminent theologian and a great communicator. He based his lecture on Jesus final days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. I jotted down some of the points he made. I hope I have recorded him accurately. Here are some of my random reflections:

- The Passion of Jesus is not just about his suffering and torture, but about his Passion for proclaiming the Kingdom of God. For St Mark Jesus' passion underpins our faith and it was his passion for the kingdom that led to his passion and suffering.
- On Palm Sunday Jesus entered East Jerusalem in triumph – riding on a donkey. In West Jerusalem another celebration was taking place to mark 30 years since the Romans overcame Jerusalem and established their rule over the Jewish people. One can well imagine the chariots and horses and the grandeur of a Roman triumphal procession. It was the time of Passover and the Roman authorities were prepared for any disturbances or riots!

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· On Monday the temple was the focal point of life. The Romans raised taxes and the temple authorities and the temple authorities colluded with the Romans in the huge increase in what the Jewish people had to pay.

· Tuesday: Jesus debating with the Jewish 'intellectuals' about paying taxes to Caesar – but if they were sincere in following their faith, they shouldn't have had a Roman coin in their pockets!

· Wednesday: A woman anoints Jesus in a house using very precious and expensive oil. In doing so she is preparing Jesus' body for burial – and Jesus commends her for her insight in doing such a beautiful deed.

· Thursday: Jesus' final meal with those whom he loves. The language is of love – and death.

· Friday: death and sacrifice – sacrifice = making something sacred, holy; because of his passion for the Kingdom of God, Jesus suffers at the hands of those who are God-less.

· Saturday: Time for reflection on God's love for humanity.

· Sunday: We are all invited to participate in Jesus life, death and resurrection; invited to share God's life, God's life, God's life.

I wish you all a very happy Easter with blessings that spill over you for the rest of your lives.

Godric OBB

Children's Liturgy on Good Friday 29th March

(while parents are in Church)

Children (aged 3-11yrs) Come and hear about

The Story of Easter

3.00pm at the Pastoral Centre

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

At the service we have great joy in baptising Lee Bennett.

If you have time afterwards, please stay and join us in some light refreshments at the back of church to welcome Lee into the Church.

Godric OBB

Anniversaries to 30 March 2024 (Last 10 yrs).

Elsie Peacock, Evelyn Alexandra Quinn, Jon David Corrin, Peter Turner, Mary Joyce Forrest, Leslie Jones, Sheila Whitby.

Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Carl Abols, Lola Ajibade, Matthew Bennett, Rev Fr Boniface, Ann Brown, Mamadi Camara, John Casey, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, George Hunt, Margaret Johnston, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, John Orritt, Stella Potter, Frances Smith, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Richard Tedford, Fr. Gerry Tuite, Marcella Varey, Joan Whelan.

Please pray for the souls of Teresa Howard, Margaret Halsall, Frank Eaves, Fulvio Saporito & Liam Keegan who died recently.

St Anne's News:

UCM, tomorrow, Monday 25 March: Who's Who!

Forthcoming Retiring Collections:

Good Friday, 29 March, Holy Places

Weekend 13th & 14th April, Church Flowers

No UCM or SVP on Easter Monday.

No Prayer Group on 2nd April.

The parish office will be closed from Good Friday until Monday 8th April.

DBS Checks

Responsibility for oversight of Safeguarding and DBS checks at St. Anne's parish was recently transferred from Liverpool Archdiocese to Religious Life Safeguarding Services (RLSS), on behalf of Douai Abbey Parish Trust.

Confidentiality issues concerning volunteers' personal details mean the archdiocese was unable to transfer St. Anne's DBS records to RLSS, consequently fresh DBS checks will be required for all our volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults.

The parish groups and volunteers affected will be contacted over the coming weeks; meantime, please feel free to contact me on 01695 574374 or via the Parish Office if you have any queries.

Terry Graham, Parish Safeguarding Rep

As you will have heard in the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm recently, we are moving towards a network of 'Families of Parishes' across the Archdiocese. This means parishes will be able to work together to support each other, it is not about closing churches but more about sharing resources within a deanery. There is more information on the Archdiocesan website

[Families of Parishes confirmed | News \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/families-of-parishes-confirmed)

In our deanery there will be 3 'families' as follows

Area 1. St Richard, Skelmersdale; St John the Evangelist, Burscough; Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold; St Joseph, Wrightington

Area 2. St James Orrell; Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette, Standish and Shevington; St Teresa, Upholland

Area 3. St Anne, Ormskirk; St Elizabeth, Scarisbrick

All the families will be formally announced at the Chrism Mass in the cathedral in Holy Week.

The Archdiocese is suggesting that a starting point is for families to get to know each other, so in many ways it is easier for us at St Annes and St Elizabeths due to our shared history.

Watch this space for more details of how we can develop our relationship, both in our 'family' but across the deanery too.

Joan Bill

5th Ormskirk (St Anne's) Rainbows are celebrating their 30th Birthday on 5 June 2024 upstairs in the pastoral centre from 6.00pm.

We would like to invite past leaders and rainbows to join in the fun and of course have a slice of cake.

Please email 5thormskirkgirlguidesgroup@gmail.com if you would like to join us so we can keep you in the loop and gauge what size cake we need.

Jacqui McDermott aka Indigo

Trinity

A group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities meet every month in the Pastoral Centre to share information, advice and support about issues that relate to their children. The group is called Trinity and is open for any parent or carer who would like to drop-in, there is a warm welcome along with tea, coffee and biscuits with lots of chat and laughter.

The group meets in the small lounge on the 2nd Thursday each month from 9:30-11:30 and is facilitated by Joan Bill, if you would like any more please email trinitysnap17@gmail.com

Joan Bill

Can you help?

At one of the parish meetings last year, a suggestion was made that we should organise an event to recognise and celebrate the range of cultures represented in our parish.

Whether your roots lie in places close to St Anne's such as England or Ireland, or further afield like France, Argentina, Nigeria or the Philippines, would you like to be involved in organizing an event?

If you have any ideas on how we could celebrate together, please get in touch by emailing ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk or speak to Claire on 01695 422491





Fasting and Almsgiving Ideas for Lent

Fasting and alms giving are two fundamental parts of Lenten observance. This Lent, why not put the two together? Rather than giving up a particular thing for the whole of Lent, what about fasting from a variety of foods at different times? Could we give up some item of food that we'd enjoy and replace it with a donation to the Food Bank? What about having a meat free day and donating a tin of meat? Or miss some chocolate and give an Easter Egg for a child?

If you have done something, let us know. The Food Bank box will be in the narthex all through Lent – why not put a note about what you have done in too? We will collect the ideas and share them with the parish.

Thank you!



IRENÆUS LENTEN EVENINGS

For more information about all our events contact

jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

or Tel: 0119391199



Arrange 6 votive lights or tea lights on a tray in the shape of a cross.

Prayers for the Sundays in Lent

Palm Sunday

We pray for the Church and for the world: that God may grant us the gifts of courage, compassion and wisdom as we face challenging circumstances together.

A promotional poster for Chrism Mass 2024. The background is a photograph of three large, ornate glass vessels (amphorae) filled with golden oil, set on a table in a cathedral. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top left, it says "Chrism Mass 2024". In the top right, it says "Wednesday 27 March 7.30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral". At the bottom, it says "All Welcome!". In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool, which features a stylized cross and the text "Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool".

Chrism Mass
2024

Wednesday 27 March
7.30pm
at the
Metropolitan Cathedral

All Welcome!

Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

Prayer

- **The Lenten Prayer Basket:**

Choose a list of people or things to pray for, write each one on a slip of paper. Put the papers in the basket. Draw one paper from the basket each day/week and pray for that intention.

Some Prayer Ideas

Children who will go to bed hungry

Anyone who is sick

Family and Friends



Ormskirk Prayer Anchorhold, now to Easter

Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in the Mansergh Room in New Church House, to the left of Ormskirk Parish Church.

Walk in for just a few minutes or stay a while. Join this pop-up Anchorhold to pray for God's care and His. Much more for everyone living around – and everything going on – in Ormskirk.

With a focus on different aspects of life in Ormskirk each weekday, e.g. Market and businesses and Town Council etc.,

Contact Simon Andrews on 07752 637823.



Sunday 24 March 2024
 Mark 14:1 – 15:47
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

In the GOSPEL TODAY

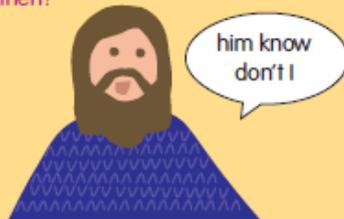
Jesus' friend

Peter was one of Jesus' best friends. He loved Jesus.

Unscramble these words to see what Peter said to Jesus at the Last Supper



Peter got very scared when Jesus was arrested. What did he say about Jesus then?

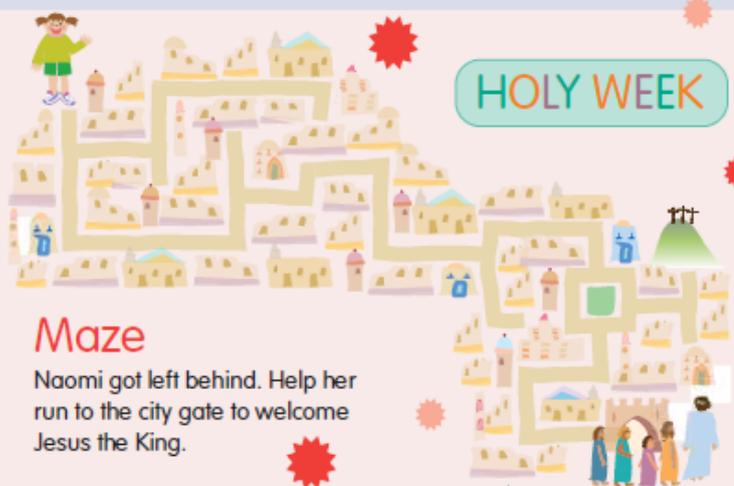


Jesus loved Peter too. Even though he let Jesus down, Peter was sorry and put it right. Peter was the first leader of the Christian Church.

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so sorry, Jesus, that you suffered. Please help me to always be a good friend and never let people down when they need me. Help me to treat others fairly and to stand up for anyone I can see is in trouble. Amen.

We hear the story of holy week today. Jesus is welcomed as a king by the crowd – but later this week they turn against him. Jesus is taken and treated cruelly by lots of different people.



Maze

Naomi got left behind. Help her run to the city gate to welcome Jesus the King.

Matching up

Match the picture and draw a line to the day it goes with.



Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

What happened to Jesus?

Fill in the missing letters to find out.

Jesus eats his last meal with his _____ ds (rifen).

One of his friends b _____ ys (eart) him.

Peter is afraid and pretends that he does not _____ (nwok) Jesus.

The priests want Jesus to _____ (ied).

Pilate orders for Jesus to be cru _____ ied (fai).

Joseph takes Jesus' _____ (dyob) away and buries him in a tomb.

Answers: Jesus' friend: I will never leave you. I don't know him. What happened: betrays, know, die, crucified, body.