

The Parish of
St. Anne Ormskirk



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Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 20: 1-7; Ps 18:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2: 13-25

Sat	2	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Patricia Quinn (Vigil Mass) • Retiring Collection: SVP
Sun	3	10.30am Noon	Sylvia Croston (streamed) • Retiring Collection: SVP • After Mass, session 6 of First Holy Communion Preparation for children not attending St Anne's Primary School (p/centre) <i>Baptisms: Primrose Price & Ivy Quirk</i>
Mon	4	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Alberto & Norma • UCM in pastoral centre at 1.00pm • SVP in pastoral centre at 8.00pm
Tue	5	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Deceased members of the McManus Family • Prayer Group in pastoral centre at 10.30am
Wed	6	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Don McGair
Thu	7	11.00am	Requiem Mass: Mary Philomena Forshaw • Men's Lenten Prayer Group – details in bulletin
Fri	8	Noon 7.00pm	Requiem Mass: Denis Feeney <i>Stations of the Cross – led by the U.C.M</i>

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Sat	9	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Dougie Rose (Vigil Mass) • Retiring Collection: Nugent
Sun	10	10.30am Noon	Mary Melody (streamed) • Retiring Collection: Nugent <i>Baptisms: Gabriella Zeinali & Mark & Olivia Tyrer</i>



Dear Parishioners and Friends

This Sunday's first reading comes from the Book of Exodus. The Hebrews were still journeying, on pilgrimage to the promised land. From the time of leaving Egypt they had to learn how to live at peace with one another in a strange land, on the move, facing new situations every day. Through their leader, Moses, God assures His people that he is with them. The cloud signifies God's presence. He gives 10 commandments to guide the people.

The commandments are not presented to curtail peoples' freedom, rather the contrary. They enable all of us to find that true, inner freedom which can only ultimately be found in God. They help us to realise that true freedom is not putting myself at the centre of my every action. Rather, fulfilment in this life is found in making God the focal point of my life. In this way we find what Jesus offered us, namely, life in abundance.

I recall a bishop, some years ago, visiting a prison to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. From the moment he arrived at the prison gate he was all too well aware of the bars on windows, locks on doors, prison officers in attendance. At the end of the service an old inmate, who had spent years in and out of prison, came up to the bishop, and with tears in his eyes, said, 'I have finally found real freedom'.

The 10 commandments are simply common sense ways of living in harmony. In his teaching, Jesus didn't speak all that much about rules and regulations. In his ministry he concentrated on healing and forgiving people, reaching out and encouraging them to be loving and listening people. The weeks of Lent are concerned with helping us take the Gospel seriously.

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 8 March 2024 (Last 10 yrs).

Robert John Stanley, Bryan Henry Hostler, John Patrick Sweetnam, Kathleen Philomena Sproson, Julie Elaine Ashcroft, Eileen Elizabeth King, Derek Whalley.

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, Teresa Howard, Margaret Johnston, Sheila Lavin, 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.

Recently Sick: George Hunt.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Fr Anthony Hayne and Michael Ryan, who died recently.

St Anne's News:

Church Shop: Mother's Day, St Patrick Day & Easter cards are now for sale in the shop.

Forthcoming Retiring Collections:

Weekend of 9th & 10th March, Nugent

Weekend of 23rd & 24th March, Lenten Alms

Weekend 13th & 14th April, Church Flowers

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 information please email trinitysnap17@gmail.com

Joan Bill



Wed, 14 Feb 2024 – Thu, 28 Mar 2024

Lent dates for your diary:

- **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 7.00pm
- **Lenten Talk** - Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross on Monday 11th March 7.00-8.00 pm in the Parish Centre

Men's Lenten Prayer Group

Following the first well attended meeting of the Men's Lenten Prayer group, the next session will take place on **Thursday 7th March at 7.00 pm**. For anyone attending for the first time, please contact Paul Spencer at pjspencer@sky.com for details of the venue.



Lenten talk by theologian and scripture scholar
David McLoughlin
Monday 11th March 7.00 – 8.30pm
St Anne's Pastoral Centre

As part of our preparations for Lent, St Anne's PPC are delighted to announce a talk by David McLoughlin titled:

Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross

In this talk, David will explore the key events, clashes, and challenges that led to Jesus death in St Mark's Gospel and re-examine with him the meaning of that death.

About David

David is the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham and is widely sought as an engaging and inspirational speaker. He has taught Theology for the last 45 years and trains Christian activists and ministers in mainly urban environments. He is a former President of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain and former Vice President of the European Association of Catholic Theology.

His most recent work is a seven-part open access introduction to the Bible "Echoes of God: Journeying with the world of God" at <https://godwhospeaks.uk>

Paul Spencer

Lent Fasting and Almsgiving with CAFOD.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day was Fri 23rd February.

This year's theme is fishermen in Liberia, who are needing to go further and further to find fish as the climate changes. The often catch nothing despite this, and five drown every month CAFOD is providing life jackets, GPS equipment so they can navigate safely and fridges to keep the fish they catch fresh. Training is given and all the equipment is solar powered – one thing there is plenty of in Liberia is sunshine.

You can read more about James, whose photo is on the Fast Day envelopes, and watch a short film about the project in Liberia, on CAFOD's website at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>

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!



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

- Light one votive each week and say the Lenten prayer, one for each week of Lent.

Prayers for the Sundays in Lent

Third Sunday of Lent

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that she may be a sign of God's love for all people and a beacon of hope for all who are in need.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We pray for world leaders: that the Holy Spirit may guide them to speak out for what is right and take action to build a better future.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We pray for everyone who is ill with coronavirus or afraid, bereaved or isolated; and we pray for all who support them. May God grant each of them peace and comfort, courage and perseverance.

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.

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.

LOOK

Sunday 3 March 2024
John 2:13-25
3rd Sunday of Lent

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

Standing up for God!

Jesus goes to the Temple, a very special and holy place, to worship God and pray. He is very cross to see it being used as market. Jesus does not want God's house to be turned into a shopping centre.



- In church I sing
- I listen to stories about Jesus
- I say prayers
- Babies and adults are baptised here



Draw lines matching the actions to the pictures.



My home is a special place

Draw the place where you live in this garden. Then draw the people and things that make your home special.



In church we find...

ALTAR, GOD, PEW, CANDLE, BREAD, WINE, BIBLE

Can you find these words in the word search?

Z	Q	K	C	B	M
A	L	T	A	R	B
T	P	J	N	E	I
P	G	O	D	A	B
E	H	F	L	D	L
W	I	N	E	X	E

A PRAYER TO SAY

You were cross, Jesus, when you saw people mistreating God's house. Help me to respect and look after the people and places which I know are special. Amen.

Feelings

Jesus was angry because the traders were stealing and not respecting God's house.



What makes you angry?
Talk to a grown up about your feelings.