

The Parish of St. Anne, Ormskirk

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14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 6b-7, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48.

Sat	13	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> Dougie Rose (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring Collection: Church Flowers
Sun	14	10.30am Noon	Marie Dobinson (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring Collection: Church Flowers After Mass, session 7 of First Holy Communion Preparation for children not attending St Anne's Primary School (P/centre) <i>Baptisms: Leo Reggie & Sonny James Beckett</i>
Mon	15		<i>No Mass today</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm, Bring & Buy Sale
Tue	16	11.00am	Funeral Service: Anne Elizabeth James <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am
Wed	17		<i>No Mass today</i>
Thu	18		<i>No Mass today</i>
Fri	19	9.15am (NB:Earlier Mass time)	Special Intention - St Anne's Yr 4 school children will join us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race Night in Pastoral Centre from 6.30pm
Sat	20	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> Sylvia Croston (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring collection: Lourdes Youth Fund
<i>Continued overleaf</i>			

Sun	21	10.30am	<i>Church Parade</i> Fran Morley (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retiring collection: Lourdes Youth Fund
		Noon	<i>Baptisms: Daphnie & Sabine Crabb & Aoife & Myla Jackson</i>



Dear Parishioners and Friends

As I was saying in church last weekend, I have especially enjoyed Easter this year, though perhaps I always feel that! Focusing one's energies on the Easter Mystery over a long weekend does concentrate the mind. I have particularly homed in on the variety of characters who have played such a significant role in the story. Our Lady – impeccable! The loving mother, whose strength of character yells out to us with passion, humility and dignity. We want to embrace her as we feel her arms entwined around ours. The other Marys too, attentive and loving; just there. But what of the others?

Our Church is built on extraordinary individuals! Take on board: Peter – the leader who rejects and denies Jesus. Judas who sells Jesus for money. The sons of Zebedee who only want favours and places that put them above everybody else. And my favourite, Thomas. He always seems slow on the uptake, takes a while to understand and tells Jesus he doesn't understand what Jesus is talking about; and that famous occasion when he doesn't believe that Jesus has come back to life. The Church is built on some rum characters!

The Old Testament personnel are even more enigmatic. What about that hero of the Jewish faith, King David, a man of prayer to whom many of the psalms are attributed, the king who wants to build God a grand, sumptuous house; but he is an adulterer and a murderer! How do we make sense of this wonderful and amazing family which we call 'The Church'? The Dominican theologian, Herbert McCabe, once said, 'God's plan is worked out, not in pious people, people with religious experiences, but in a set of crude, passionate and thoroughly disreputable people.' Fascinating!

Better hear from Pope Francis, and excerpt from his Easter Message, 'Urbi et Orbi'.

'The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. Mk 16:3).

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen!"

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 20 April 2024 (Last 10 yrs).

David Caulfield, Frank Mason, Irene McKeown, Anthony Keating, John Colin Oxley, William Hore, Kit Allan, Michael Thomas Gout, Delia Garvey, June Winifred Marshall.

Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Carl Abols, Lola Ajibade, Rev Fr Boniface, Ann Brown, John Casey, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, George Hunt, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, John Orritt, Stella Potter, Frances Smith, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Joan Whelan.

Recently sick: Derek Berkley & Margaret Halsall.

Please can you check the people on the sick list. If a parishioner wishes to be included, do let the parish office know.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nora Hopwood, Anne Elizabeth James and Maureen Purslow who died recently.

St Anne's News:

CHURCH SHOP: 1st Communion cards and gifts now on display.

Forthcoming Retiring Collections:

Weekend 20th & 21st April, Lourdes Youth Fund

Weekend 27th & 28th April, Survive Miva Appeal

Weekend 4th & 5th May, Priests' Training Fund

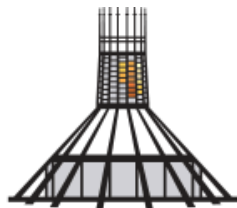
Weekend 11th & 12th May, World Communications

CHURCH ROOF FUND



Monday 15th April at 2.00pm in the Pastoral Centre

If you've nothing to bring please just come and buy as there is a lovely selection of new and pre loved goods. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners and support our Roof!!



Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Sunday 21 April 2024 at 11.00am.

Celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass.

The young people going to Lourdes this summer with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, are hosting a Race Night fundraiser.

Race Night
Friday 19 April in the Pastoral Centre

Doors Open: 6.30pm & first race at 7.00pm
Entry is £5 per adult, children free and includes a chilli supper – bring your own drinks!



4th May 2024
THE POWER
OF THE SACRAMENTS
Led by Fr. Pat Collins

Suggested donation £10

For more information contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk
or tel: 0151 949 1199

Bring a packed lunch

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 Anne's and St Elizabeth's 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 information, 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



LOOK

Sunday 7 April 2024
John 20:19-31
2nd Sunday of Easter

In the GOSPEL TODAY

I BELIEVE!

Before and after Jesus came

Draw lines from the words to the right picture.

Here is Thomas
before he saw Jesus

Here is Thomas
after he saw Jesus



Jesus appears to his friends and gives them the Holy Spirit and the gift of peace. Thomas isn't there. He can't believe Jesus is really alive. When Thomas sees and feels Jesus' wounds he can believe that Jesus is risen!

A gift for us all!

Jesus gave his disciples a special gift. He gives us this gift too.



Use the
code to find
out what
this gift is.

e=		p=	
h=		r=	
i=		s=	
l=		t=	
o=		y=	

Word search

Jesus is in the world in lots of ways today. Here are some of them:
BREAD WINE
GOSPEL CHURCH
PEOPLE

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

Can you find these words?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the gift of your peace. Help me to share your peace with everyone I meet. Help me to be kind and thoughtful today. Amen.



Spot the difference

Find the five differences in these rooms.



Answers: The differences are: Jesus, disciples who are sad/happy, sitting/standing, slouching, background. The gift is: The Holy Spirit.

