

# The Parish of

# St. Anne, Ormskirk

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21st April 2024

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; 1 Jn 3: 1-; Jn 10:11-18.

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| Sat | 20 | 4.00pm<br>5.00pm            | <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i><br><b>Sylvia Croston</b> (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retiring Collection: Lourdes Youth Fund</li></ul>  |
| Sun | 21 | 10.30am<br><br>Noon         | <i>Church Parade</i><br><b>Fran Morley</b> (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retiring Collection: Lourdes Youth Fund</li></ul><br><i>Baptisms: Daphnie &amp; Sabine Crabb &amp; Aoife &amp; Myla Jackson</i> |
| Mon | 22 | 9.15am<br>9.30am            | <i>Morning Prayer</i><br><b>James Patrick Glennon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium at 12 noon for Nora Hopwood</b></li><li>UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm</li></ul> |
| Tue | 23 | 9.15am<br>9.30am            | <i>Feast of St George</i><br><i>Morning Prayer</i><br><b>Eddie Dodson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am</li></ul>  |
| Wed | 24 | 9.15am<br>9.30am            | <i>Morning Prayer</i><br><b>Anne Woods</b>  |
| Thu | 25 | 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am | <i>Feast of St Mark</i><br><i>Morning Prayer</i><br><b>Greg Rutherford</b><br><i>Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>   |
| Fri | 26 | 10.30am                     | <b>Requiem Mass: Maureen Purslow</b>  |

*Continued overleaf*

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| <b>Sat</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>Noon</b><br>4.00pm<br>5.00pm | <b>Altar Servers Mass – All Welcome</b><br><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i><br><b>Tony Horner (Vigil Mass)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Retiring collection: Survive Miva Appeal</i></li></ul> |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>28</b> | 10.30am<br><br>Noon             | <b>Elizabeth Hughes (streamed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Retiring collection: Survive Miva Appeal</i></li></ul><br><b>Baptism: Oliver Scully</b>  |



### ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

For the past few days I have been staying with my family in Hythe on the south coast. Folkestone and Dover are a short distance away so the whole of that stretch of Kent is subject to asylum seekers and refugees landing. I celebrated the Sunday Masses for the local priest while he was away and was taken aback to see how warmly the local parish welcomes the hundreds of young and old seeking refuge in the UK.

Most of the refugees are qualified and talented young men, a large majority of whom come from Afghanistan. We are familiar hearing about the Taliban and their extremist, evil ways. One young man whom I met, he is now 17, witnessed his father being taken from his house and killed outside. The mother paid much money for criminals to secrete her son away before 'they' came for him as well. His journey to the UK was hazardous and frightening, but he made it. A family gave this young man a home for two years. He was able to communicate with his mother by phone but he also received photographs of the bodies of friends of his one age who had received the same treatment as his father. The Taliban don't bother too much about females and that seems to be the reason why most of the refugees are male. All the men have horror stories to tell

The parish plays an active role in welcoming these homeless people. The Home Office has strict regulations about how they are dealt with. Accommodation and food are provided but after 60 days (I think) they are sent to different parts of the country. While in Dover and the surrounding area men are unable to undertake paid work but they welcome the opportunity to go to places such as Hythe parish and help to do jobs for the benefit of the local community. The parishioners truly benefit

from the work done and in this parish these men have transformed the parish garden. Until recently, when a new priest arrived, the people didn't even know there was a parish garden!

When appeals are made for particular items, people are extremely generous. Clothing is especially needed. A week or so ago an appeal went out for suitcases so that the men will have something in which to carry their belongings when they have to leave the area. About 40 cases arrived within a couple of days! A large number came from a local retirement convent for Religious Sisters. One of the sisters commented that her colleagues wouldn't be needing cases for the next part of their journeys!

No doubt there are some people who protest about what they call an 'invasion', but I found it heartening to see our Catholic brothers and sisters reaching out to help our other brothers and sisters in their great need. *'When I was hungry you gave me food... when lacking clothes, you clothed me... when a stranger you made me welcome...'*

Godric OSB



**Anniversaries to 27 April 2024 (Last 10 yrs).**

*Teresa Sharp, Ralph Hunter, Sarah Cliffe, James West, John Edward Nickson, Fran Morley, Richard Anthony Cruise, Neil Duncan Gordon, James Douglas (Dougie) Rose, Raymond Riley, Thomas Robinson, Margaret Carlyle, Sylvia Croston.*

**Please pray for the sick in our parish:**

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

***Recently Sick: Stella O'Keefe.***

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

## **St Anne's News:**

**Today, Sunday 21 April:** Pre-loved items on sale after 10.30 Mass, proceeds for Roof Fund.

**1st Holy Communion cards and gifts** now on display in the church shop and in the parish office during office hours. Separate rosaries, gift rosary & missal sets, pens, photo frames, metal crosses in pink, blue and white, medals and a good range of cards at £1 general & boxed for daughter, son, grandson & granddaughter £1.20.

**Altar Servers Mass next Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at 12noon. Please do come along and join us.

### **Forthcoming Retiring Collections:**

Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April, Survive Miva Appeal. Survive-Miva is a catholic lay association, based in Liverpool and founded in 1974, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May, Priests' Training Fund

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May, World Communications



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

Suggested donation £10

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**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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk) or speak to Claire on 01695 422491*





Sunday 21 April 2024  
John 10:11-18  
4th Sunday of Easter

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD!

Jesus says he is like a good shepherd who knows and loves each one of his sheep. He will do anything to care for them and keep them safe. Jesus loves each one of us in the same way.

### Jesus can help

Colour in the speech bubbles that describe how a good shepherd looks after his sheep.

- ...is kind
- ...frightens me
- ...loves me
- ...hurts me
- ...feeds me
- ...leads me
- ...runs away
- ...doesn't care
- ...looks after me when I am hurt



Some of the good shepherd's sheep are playing Hide and Seek. Can you find them?

Draw a line from Jesus to the hidden sheep.



### Spot the difference

A good shepherd takes care of the sheep.

Ethan is taking care of his sister Ava and helping to fasten her shoes.



Ethan is being a good shepherd!



Can you find the five differences between the two pictures?

### Maze



Jesus wants to gather all his friends together.

Can you help this lost sheep find her way back to the rest of the flock?



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for looking after me. I know you are always with me. Help me to trust you. Amen.