

# The Parish of St. Anne, Ormskirk

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## 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.

Sat	27	Noon 4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Altar Servers Mass – All Welcome</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> <b>Tony Horner (Vigil Mass)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Survive Miva Appeal</li> </ul>
Sun	28	10.30am  Noon	<b>Elizabeth Hughes (streamed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Survive Miva Appeal</li> </ul> <i>Baptism: Oliver Scully</i>
Mon	29	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Tony Walsh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Tue	30	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Mary Dodson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am</li> </ul>
Wed	1		<i>No Mass today</i>
Thu	2	11.00am	<i>Feast of St Athanasius</i> <b>Requiem Mass: Maureen Maesschalck</b>
Fri	3	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of Saints Philip &amp; James</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Angela Lynam - Year 3 from St Anne's Primary School will join us</b>

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<b>Sat</b>	<b>4</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of The English Martyrs</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> <b>Fr Boniface</b> (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	10.30am  Noon	<b>Tony Walsh</b> (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund</li> </ul> <i>Baptism: Charlie Hagan</i>

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

Last Sunday was 'Vocations Sunday' when Archbishop Malcolm wrote to us about our Christian vocations and, in particular, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I just wanted to follow up what the archbishop said, because unlike most other parishes, we here in St Anne's – and also in St Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick – have a vested interest in both the ordained priesthood and Religious Life. For centuries the priests in both parishes have been Benedictine monks as well as ordained priests.

When I joined the community at Douai many years ago, more than 30 of the monks lived away from the monastery in parishes around England and Wales. Now, 7 of us are in priestly ministry away from the monastery. It is a familiar scenario in the Catholic Church in Western Europe – fewer priests and a declining number of men and women in Religious Life.

Our Lord told his followers, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest, to send out laborers into his harvest.' Mt 9:37-38. In our synodal Church we are seeing a greater number of lay men and women playing a more active role in the life of the Church, and my personal hope is that the voices of women and men will continue to be more vocal and respected in these coming months and years; but there is still a great need for ordained ministers to lead us in the sacramental life of the Church, and consecrated women and men to give visible witness to the joys and fulfilment found in following Christ.

May I encourage all our parishioners to pray to the Lord that God will not only guide the way the Lord wishes us to take, but that, if God calls men to have a vocation to our community at Douai, they will 'listen to the voice of the Lord'. (The prologue to the Rule of St Benedict)

*Godric OSB*

**Anniversaries to 4 May 2024 (Last 10 yrs).**

*Wilfred Helme, Norah Frances Bradburn, Bridget Mary Howard, Brian Joseph Starr, Kenneth Joseph Sullivan, Clare Marie Walton, Beryl Westhead, Jean Holden, Donna Marie Grundy, John Leonard Baker, Barbara Monica Pope, Marie Gertrude Maughan, Paul Donleavy.*

**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.*

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret McVey and Maureen Maesschalck who died recently.***

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

***1st Holy Communion cards and gifts*** now on display in the church shop and in the parish office during office hours.

***Forthcoming Retiring Collections:***

*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*

*Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May, Daughters of Divine Love Appeal*

## **SAVE the DATE. SATURDAY 1st June.**

An evening parish party to celebrate Fr Godric's special birthday. More details coming soon.



## ***St. Bede's Catholic High School : Report by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate***

*Following a recent two-day inspection, the Catholic Schools Inspectorate graded St. Bede's as an 'Outstanding Catholic School'*

*Our congratulations to all those involved and we look forward to continuing the good relationship between the school and the parish.*

*Full report on St. Bede's website.*

## **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***



## Deanery Synodal Council- West Lancashire Deanery

You may have seen the photographs near the Sacred Heart statue of the parishes that make up the West Lancashire deanery with us but are divided into 3 'family' groups.

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

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

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

At the meeting of the Synodal Council for the deanery this week [April 23rd] the representatives from each parish were talking about the ways that we could share with our parishes what was happening elsewhere in the deanery, but that might be of interest to us all. A starting point seemed to be listing events in each other's weekly bulletins and this is the list we have so far.

Tuesday 30th April 7pm Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold-An evening of recollection for men. Starting with Mass at 7:00pm the evening will include a talk by Fr Daley, followed by Night Prayer (Compline) and supper in the Priory. All men of any age are welcome.

Sunday 26th May 3pm St Teresa's Church, Up Holland. May Procession and crowning of Our Lady's statue

Saturday 22nd June 6pm, St Teresa's Club, Upholland-It's a Knockout

Sunday 21st July 2pm St Teresa's Church, Up Holland -Rounders on the lawn St Teresa's Church Upholland

We also talked about what parishioners would like to see from the Synodal Council and any questions or feedback that you may have about it. If there is anything you would like to know about what is happening in the deanery, perhaps could you ask me if you see me at Mass [usually 10:30] or drop a note through the priory door for my attention and include your contact details so I can reply to you.

There is more information about Deanery Synodal Councils and Families of Parishes on the Archdiocesan website Families of Parishes confirmed | News ([liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk))

**Joan Bill**

## Sudan Appeal Cafod

**Food:** Millions of families who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and are now facing yet another urgent crisis – hunger.

Donations now will help provide emergency food packages, as well as other essentials like medicine.

**Water:** Water pipelines have been damaged, meaning that families are having to fetch water from unsafe locations. With your support, we can work to repair damage to pipelines and build new ones so that clean water can reach the communities who need it.

**Sanitation:** We are providing emergency sanitation in several of Sudan’s largest refugee camps. This is a desperate need especially for the sick, the elderly, those with young children.

To make a donation please go to the website below or click on to the hyperlink.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>



## The Year of Jubilee 2025. “Pilgrims of Hope”.

The Pope has declared that from December 2024 to the Epiphany 2026 will be a year of Jubilee.



Over the next few months, we are asked to spend time in prayer so that we might “rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world” Pope Francis.

The Pope also suggests that we might-

- Focus in particular on the Our Father.
- Offer this prayer of Praise: “We praise You, Lord, for Your infinite goodness. In the upcoming Jubilee, open our eyes to the beauty of Your creation so that our hearts may rejoice in the wonder and greatness of Your works.”
- Join in the Jubilee prayer: “Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom”.





Sunday 28 April 2024  
John 15:1-8  
5th Sunday of Easter

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### Maze ★ ★ ★

We need to stay with Jesus. He will help us to love other people. Can you find your way to Jesus through this maze? ★ ★ ★

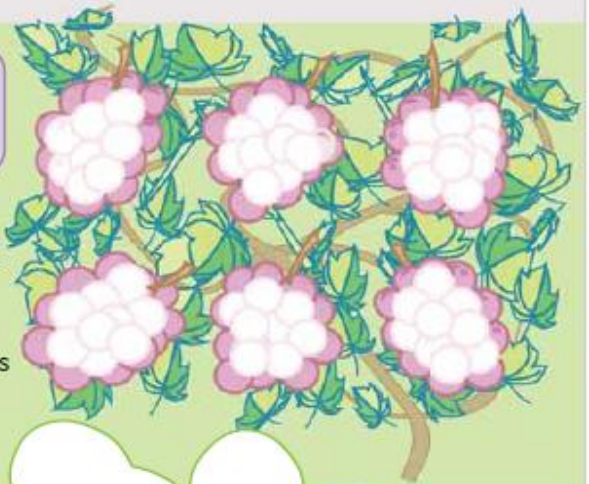


Jesus says that he is like a vine and we are the branches. If we are attached to the vine, we will grow lots of fruit. The fruit we grow is all the good things we do.

I AM THE VINE!

Jesus is like a vine and we are like the bunches of grapes!

Draw your face on one of the bunches of grapes - and the faces of your family and friends on some of the others.



### Growing Jesus' fruit

When we love Jesus we try to do what he asks. We are growing Jesus' fruit when we love other people. Draw a picture of you helping someone.

"I will share Jesus' love this week when I..."



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me to grow good fruit, Jesus. Help me to be kind today. Help me to always trust you and stay in your care. Amen.

### That's grape!

This vine only has one bunch of grapes growing on it. Can you draw on some more?



Add vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to make these words.

v\_n\_    br\_nch    fr\_\_t    gr\_p\_    l\_\_f

Draw lines from the labels to the right place on the picture.