

The Parish of

St. Anne, Ormskirk

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5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

Sat	4	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of The English Martyrs</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> Fr Boniface (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund
Sun	5	10.30am Noon 1.00pm	Tony Walsh (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Retiring Collection: Priests' Training Fund <i>Baptism: Charlie Hagan</i> <i>Baptisms: Olivia & Sophia Li</i>
Mon	6		<i>No Mass today</i>
Tue	7	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Holy Souls <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am
Wed	8	9.15am 9.30am 12.30pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Evelyn Bannon Funeral Service: Margaret McVey
Thu	9	Noon 7.00pm	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Veronica Hanlon All Parishioners
Fri	10	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Ann Gray

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Sat	11	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation till 4.45pm</i> Margaret & Jim Geraghty (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring Collection: World Communications
Sun	12	10.30am Noon	Andrew Blow (streamed) Children will be making their First Holy Communion during Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring Collection: World Communications <i>Baptisms: Florence Nelson & Henry & Sophie Tebb</i>

Dear Parishioners and Friends

This week in Rome there was an international gathering of parish priests with Pope Francis. I only heard about it when I received a copy of the letter which Pope Francis sent out to all parish priests throughout the world. After thanking priests for sowing seeds of the Gospel in every kind of soil the pope I include some of the comments which Pope Francis made and which apply not just to priests but to all of us who do our best to live by the Gospel and be missionary disciples of Jesus.

Godric OSB

We will never become a synodal and missionary Church unless parish communities are distinguished by the sharing of all the baptized in the one mission of proclaiming the Gospel. If parishes are not synodal and missionary, neither will the Church be. The Synthesis Report of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops is very clear in this regard. Parishes, beginning with their structures and the organization of parish life, are called to think of themselves “primarily as being of service to the mission that the faithful carry out in society, in family life and the workplace, without concentrating exclusively on their own activities and their organizational needs” (8.1).

Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness (cf. Lk10:17). As pastors, we are called to accompany in this process the communities that we serve, and at the same time to commit ourselves with prayer, discernment and apostolic zeal in ensuring that our ministry is suited to the needs of a synodal and missionary Church. This challenge is set before the Pope, the bishops and the Roman Curia, and it is also set before you, as parish priests. The Lord who has called us and consecrated us asks us today to listen to the voice of his Spirit and to advance in the direction that he points out to us. Of one thing we can be sure: he will never leave us without his grace. Along the way, we will discover how to set our ministry free from the things that wear us down and rediscover its most authentic core, the proclamation of God’s word and the gathering of the community for the breaking of bread.

I encourage you, then, to accept this, the Lord's call to be, as parish priests, builders of a synodal and missionary Church and to devote yourselves enthusiastically to achieving this goal. To this end, I would like to offer three suggestions that can help to inspire your lifestyle and activity as pastors.

1. I ask you first to live out your specific ministerial charism in ever greater service to the varied gifts that the Spirit sows in the People of God. It is urgent to "discover with faith, the many and varied charismatic gifts of the laity, be they of a humble or more exalted form" (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 9), which are indispensable for evangelizing any number of human situations and contexts. I am convinced that in this way you will bring to light many hidden treasures and feel less alone in the demanding task of evangelization. You will experience the joy of being true fathers, who do not dominate others but rather bring out in them, men and women alike, great and precious possibilities.

2. With all my heart, I suggest that you learn to practise the art of communal discernment, employing for this purpose the method of "conversation in the Spirit", which has proved so helpful in the synodal journey and in the proceedings of the synodal Assembly itself. I am certain that you will reap from it many good fruits, not only in structures of communion such as parish councils, but in many other fields. As the Synthesis Report makes clear, discernment is a key element in the pastoral activity of a synodal Church: "It is important that the practice of discernment be exercised also in pastoral settings, in a way adapted to differing contexts, in order to illumine the concreteness of ecclesial life. This will help to recognize better the charisms present within the community, to distribute wisely different responsibilities and ministries, and to plan in the light of the Spirit pastoral projects that go beyond the mere programming of activities" (2.1)

3. Finally, I would like to urge you to base everything you do in a spirit of sharing and fraternity among yourselves and with your bishops. This is something that emerged forcefully from the International Conference for the Permanent Formation of Priests, on the theme, "Fan into Flame the Gift of God that You Possess" (2 Tim1:6), which took place last February here in Rome, with over 800 bishops, priests, lay and consecrated men and women, engaged in this area and representing some 18 countries. We cannot be authentic fathers unless we are first sons and brothers. And we cannot foster communion and participation in the communities entrusted to our care unless, before all else, we live out those realities among ourselves. I am quite aware that, amid the constant call of our pastoral responsibilities, this commitment may seem burdensome, even a waste of time, but the opposite is true: indeed, only in this way will we be credible and our activity not end up scattering what others have already gathered.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 2 May 2024 FRANCIS

Anniversaries to 11 May 2024 (Last 10 yrs).

Audrey Mitchell, Terence Blaney, Francis Michael Bramhall, Jack Hobson, Joan Threlfall, Doreen Donnelly, Mary Adams, Joseph Farley, Evelyn Jaworski, Anne Caine, Joan Blundell, Aileen O'Sullivan, William Bennett, Catherine Pinnington, Paul Condon, Patricia Swayne-Butterworth, David Ellis.

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 & James Rolfe.*

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

Fr Godric's Birthday Celebration – Saturday 1st June 24

(although actual birthday is 7th June 24).

To celebrate Fr Godric's 80th birthday, there will be a bring your own food and drinks party (perhaps bring a few little extras in case of last-minute guests?) on Saturday 1st June, from 6pm to 10pm, in the Hall.

During the evening there will be entertainment from the Swivelers and from the Community Choir and we will raise a toast when the birthday cake is cut.

So that we know how many places to set in the Hall, please put your name and the number of peoples coming with you on the sheets at the back of church, by Sunday 26th May.

If you wish to drop off your food items before Mass on the day, the kitchen will be open from 4.15pm to just before 5pm.

For those who have asked about a gift, there will be a box at the back of church for donations or put the donation in an envelope addressed to Colette at the office with a note inside to say, "birthday gift".

If you have any questions, please do contact Sue Mawtus on 07971 775782.





My name is Keith Stopforth and I have recently taken on the role of Area Co-Ordinator for Missio (The Red Boxes) and am looking forward to continuing this important work to support our missionaries working overseas.

I'm hoping to meet many of you who collect the monies from or hold red boxes over the coming months but in the short term I need your help.

Firstly if you are a Promoter (Collecting monies every 3-4 months from box holders) can you please contact me directly on 07809 511592 or email me at kstoppy1@hotmail.com to introduce yourself.

Secondly if you are a Red Box holder and have monies to collect but do not know who your Promoter is please contact me via the above Telephone/email contact.

Thirdly if you would like to know more about becoming a Promoter please do get in touch.

In May if you have a Red Box, you will receive our latest bulletin from Missio and I'm hoping we can organise a Promoters get together once diaries permit.

Thankyou to Everyone who contributes to this wonderful cause!

Keith

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 [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.

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)

Joan Bill

St. Anne's Scout Group

For many years, our Scout Group enjoyed the services of our very own sewing fairy – Martina Duncan, who used to sew badges onto uniforms for our members, if their parents couldn't manage it, for whatever reason. Remember, needlework stopped being taught in schools many, many years ago and some parents have just never learned to sew, others, due to work pressures don't have the time, and others just prefer to pay someone to do it.

Martina charged a small sum per badge which was then donated back to the Scout Group.

However, Martina has moved to Ireland, and lots of our members are struggling to get badges sewn on, and at almost £1 per badge, this is an awful waste of Scout Group money and the time taken for the young people to earn the badges.

So, we are trying to set up a 'sewing team' and are appealing to parishioners or anyone, who can sew, and can spare a couple of hours a month, to get in touch and we will get organised and get the children wearing their badges proudly.

Once we have a few volunteers, we will get together and work out a way forward that suits everyone.

Please contact Anne for more details or to volunteer. Annegilham@gmail.com 07803 706389

Many thanks from the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from St. Anne's Scout Group



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”.

THANK YOU

Now that we approach the end of the season of Easter it is a good time to thank everyone in the parish for the very generous support for CAFOD’s Lent Appeal for fishermen and their families in Liberia.

The collections during Lent came to just over £1400. This will enable many more fishermen to work safely and improve their lives.

Thank you very much, from James and his family, and all their community in Liberia.
St Anne’s PPC





Sunday 5 May 2024
John 15:9-17
6th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Fruits of love

Draw a picture of you doing something kind.



I will share Jesus' love today when I _____

Jesus says he loves us very much – as much as God the Father loves him! Jesus chooses each one of us to be his friend. He has shown us how to love other people. Now that's what we need to do!

Jesus' friends! **YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!**

Friends are very special. We must be very special if Jesus has chosen us as his friends



Draw yourself with this group of Jesus' friends.

Word search

Jesus said, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."

This means that you **CARE**, **LOVE**, and **LISTEN** and that you are **KIND**, **FUN** and **STAND UP** for each other.

Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

Z	K	C	A	R	E
L	I	S	T	E	N
O	N	T	P	L	U
V	D	G	M	X	F
E	S	T	A	N	D
U	P	K	C	K	C



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for choosing me to be your friend. Please help me to be a good friend to the people I meet. Amen.

Maze

Maisie has been left out. She feels sad. Jesus wants us to look out for each other and not leave people out.

Can you help the group of friends find Maisie? Put a big smile on her face when her friends find her.

