

*The Parishes of*  
**St. Anne, Ormskirk &  
St. Elizabeth, Scarisbrick**

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PRAY AS YOU GO LINK <https://pray-as-you-go.org>



**A Requiem Mass will take place to celebrate the life of our dearly beloved and greatly missed Fr Boniface on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12 o'clock.**

**This will take place at St. Anne's Church and will also be live-streamed and available to watch on our Facebook channel. If you are able to attend, we would like to invite you to join us in the Pastoral Centre afterwards for light refreshments.**

29th September 2024

## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings:** Num 11:25-29; Ps 18:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jam 5: 1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### **St Elizabeth's Mass Times**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	9.00am	<b>Jack, Josie, Derek &amp; Elaine Prescott</b> ( <i>New earlier Mass time</i> )
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2</b>	9.30am	<b>Private Intention J.C.</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	9.00am	<b>Thanksgiving, Golden Wedding</b>

### **St Anne's Mass Times**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>28</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm <b>Edith (Bobby) Chase</b> ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	10.30am	<b>David Wright</b> ( <i>streamed</i> )
<b>Mon</b>	<b>30</b>	9.15am 9.30am	Feast of St Jerome Morning Prayer <b>Special Intention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm today</li></ul>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>1</b>		Feast of St Teresa <b>No Mass today</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre</li></ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2</b>		Feast of The Guardian Angels <b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>3</b>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning Prayer <b>Ruth Croft (nee Turner)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4</b>	9.15am 9.30am	Feast of St Francis of Assisi Morning Prayer <b>John Madden</b> – Harvest Mass with St Anne's School
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5</b>	Noon 4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass: Rev. Fr Boniface Moran OSB</b> ( <i>streamed</i> ) Followed by light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm <b>David Scragg</b> ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	10.30am	<b>Kath Abraham</b> ( <i>streamed</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Anne's Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre following Mass - All Welcome!</li></ul>

**Dear Parishioners and Friends**

Sunday Reflections to enhance life.

Jesus said, “If your eyes cause you to sin, tear it out and if your hands and feet cause you to sin, cut them off. It is better to go heaven with one eye, one hand and one leg rather than going to hell without mutilation of limbs of the body”. If people were to follow this instruction literally then, majority of people would have self-mutilated their limbs in order to go heaven. Did Jesus mean that way? No, Jesus used metaphorical language to teach us something profound. The question that is worth reflecting today is: Who and what has more influence on my life? What do we mean by eyes, hands and feet that cause so much good or harm to us?

**Caring eyes:** Our eyes can enjoy the beauty of nature and care for others. We can be easily influenced by a load of information and media. There is useful media content that can really help us for our spiritual, intellectual and psychological development. At the same time, there are other internet content that can mislead and badly infect our mind and heart. One has to be aware of its positive and negative aspect and use it what is profitable for one’s own development and eliminate the rest of it.

**Helping hands:** Our hands are made for creative works and helping others. They can become generous and prayerful hands. Our hands can be a source of comfort, blessing, and build up relationship with a handshake. We can encourage others by giving a pat on their shoulder or giving a round of applause. Helping and praying hands are beautiful! At the same time, it can be used for other negative purposes that profit no one.

**Directing feet:** Our feet can be used for dance and sports. It can help us go in a right path and direct others to follow the path of freedom, knowledge, wisdom, good works and salvation. It connects us to the earth; it connects to our roots and heritage. It makes us to be messengers of good news. Leaders, teachers and parents can lead their subjects and children in a right way: focusing on spiritual and eternal riches. At the same time, people can mislead others and it can be a blind leading the blind.

Jesus invites us to be aware of what really influence our mind and heart and what affects our life today. We can discern and decide what we really want in life. We can save our eyes, hands and feet from evil influences so that we can be physically, spiritually, emotionally healthy. St. Irenaeus said, “The glory of God is man fully alive.”

Wishing you all the very best for coming month, October 2024!



**Anniversaries to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Last 10 yrs)**

**St Anne's:** Eileen Munro, Joan Frances McLarnon, Charles Richard Dowling, Charles Michael Geraghty.

**St Elizabeth's:** Gerard Sutton, Christopher McLoughlin, Ann Loftus, Joan Macken, Maurice Appleton, Sheila Thompson, Bob Critchley.

**Please pray for the sick:**

**St Anne's:** John Casey, Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Ann Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Joan Whelan, Nadia.



**St Elizabeth's:** Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Tess & Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Paddy Mott, Joe Ackers, Robert, Heather, a parishioner in distress, and all in need of grace.

**Recently Sick:** Catherine Allen, Paul McWilliams, Pauline McDonnell who is awaiting test results from a recent MRI scan, and more prayers needed for Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava who are improving slightly.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas McFarlane who died recently.**

## St Anne's News:

**UCM:** 30th Sept, Talk by Peter Rogan on the Life of Ken Dodd. All ladies of the Parish are invited to what should be a very interesting & funny talk.

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal** (Friday 4 October): Cafod envelopes will be available this weekend.

**The Annual Bereavement Mass** will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at noon.

## St Anne's Pastoral Centre

**FASHION SHOW by EWS**  
**Friday 11th October @7.00pm**

All proceeds to Church Roof Fund  
£5 includes glass of wine \* Raffle \* Refreshments  
20% voucher for future purchases

Tickets on sale in the shop and any UCM member or ring 07501925388



## St Elizabeth's News:

**St Mary's Nursery:** Did you know St Mary's has a Nursery? The Nursery takes children from 2years old and holds morning and afternoon sessions each day during term time. Children can stay for lunch and attend Breakfast and After school clubs if needed. Children can attend part- time or full time as needed. The Nursery is fully integrated into the school being part of our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and all activities are part of the school's curriculum. And we have recently been awarded an Archdiocesan grant to further improve our EYFS facilities. Please encourage your relatives and friends to visit the school and look at the beautiful facilities and see the curriculum in action. Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a tour with Mrs. Preston.

### **SEPTEMBER 2025 RECEPTION INTAKE**

The Admissions window is now open for parents to apply for a 2025 reception place at St Mary's. The following link will take you to the Admissions page on the school website <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/admissions/> You are very welcome to come and visit the school and look at the beautiful facilities and see the curriculum in action. Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a tour with Mrs. Preston. You may also know a family friend or relative whose child is due to start school in September 2025. We need your help to remind them that the application window is now open.

**HARVEST:** Thank you to everyone who joined us last weekend to make our Harvest Celebration so special.

On Tuesday we went with Fr Joseph to visit the Mercy Sisters in Seel Street and take them the fresh produce which they will use in their soup kitchen this Sunday. In addition to work in the local community the Sisters also run a hostel for homeless men, allowing them to stay for up to 3 months while they find work and more permanent accommodation. When we visited the Sisters said they would be grateful for any donations of toiletries, men's razors etc. perhaps this could be our project for Advent? Let us know what you think.

On Friday the dry goods were taken to Ormskirk Food Bank. Once again they were very grateful for all the items they received.

Did you know the Food Bank, along with the SVP, also supports families in school who need vouchers for food? The help provided makes a big difference to a small number of families we have in school who really need help. Thank you for supporting the Food Bank on a weekly basis.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSAL:** As you know the new lectionary starts on the First Sunday of Advent, and there is going to be a new Sunday Missal to accompany it. We have received an advert from Hooper & Stoughton about their new three year Missal. A single copy is £18.99 but if we order a pack of 10 this reduces to £13. We are happy to co-ordinate a bulk purchase via the office if there is sufficient interest. Please let Mary know by October 16th if you would like to order via this route. This represents good value as the CTS single year Missal for 2025 is £9.95

**With You Always course for the sacraments of  
Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children  
not attending St Anne's Primary School.**

*Please email the parish office [paxorm@btconnect.com](mailto:paxorm@btconnect.com) for an application form.*

*Children must live in the parish of St Anne's and be in Year 4 or above.*

*Application forms are to be returned by **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024***

*Thank you.*



**The Catholics of St Anne's Ormskirk and  
St Elizabeth's Scarisbrick invite you to find out more  
about the Catholic faith through the R.C.I.A**

(The worldwide rite through which adults are Received into the Catholic Church)

Do come along, on your own or with a friend, to St Anne's Pastoral Centre on **Thursday 17th October at 7pm** and for about an hour over a cup of coffee hear a little about this Journey in Faith. An outline of the content and timings of sessions will be covered, with time to ask any questions you might have at this stage. There will be an opportunity to meet the team and other potential group members and time to decide if this might be what you are looking for.

You will be most welcome.

**For parishioners: An invitation Leaflet will be available at the back of church after Masses on 28/29th September and 5/6th October. Should you know of anyone who might be interested, please do pass on one of the Leaflets.**



# St Bede's School

Every week a group of our year 9,10 and 11 pupils meet to discuss current affairs. They reflect on an issue or event and consider how, as young Catholics, scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help them respond to it. During the week they create and record a prayer resource which is shared with the whole school during form time. Following a meeting with St Anne's Parish Council, we were invited to share with parishioners part of the script from the resource. Over the coming months, we hope these scripts will offer you an insight into what our young people feel about a variety of issues and how valuable Catholic Social Teaching is in helping inform all of our responses to a range of issues. We hope this can become a regular part of the Parish bulletin.

Last week the pupils reflected on the Grenfell Enquiry through the lens of scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. Below is part of the pupils' response.

"In 2017 an inferno swept through London's Grenfell Tower, a block of dangerous flats, killing 72 people. The Grenfell report, which has recently been shared with the public, tells us who is responsible for that fire and for the deaths of the people who lived there. The report has blamed "dishonest" companies who put profit and greed before the safety of people. These companies lied and deliberately set about making people feel the cladding on their flats was safe, when actually they knew very well it was deadly and could kill. It would cost money to replace it. So they didn't.

The report also blames governments who since the early 90s missed "many opportunities" to make these buildings safe and hold greedy companies to account. People in power have a responsibility to speak the truth and protect the needs of people. They didn't.

What we find most shocking is the report states that it was poorer, vulnerable people who suffered because the hugely wealthy landlords of Kensington and Chelsea didn't care about fire safety. They didn't live there, in the dangerous buildings. Their lack of action in making the buildings safe, suggests their blind indifference to those who did live there. These people didn't seem to matter. Their dignity and right to life was not seen or respected.

So, it is right and just that the truth about those responsible is made public. People ignored the needs of others who were vulnerable. Truth and justice are essential. Jesus proclaimed and embodied a society ruled by justice and charity. This is the model we should follow. However.....

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.....Are we criticising the splinter in our neighbours' eyes whilst ignoring the log in our own? As we point the finger of blame, let's think about ourselves and our behaviour towards others.

Do we always see clearly?

Do we sometimes fail to see the needs of others? Do we ignore the needs of others? The responsibility of caring for others and respecting their dignity whether that's in a tower block in London, or the streets and homes of Liverpool and Ormskirk, lies with all of us.

Last week we were introduced to the word "Sawubona" in assembly which is a greeting used in South Africa by the Zulu tribe. It means "I see you." I see your uniqueness, I see your needs, I see your struggles, I see you as my brother or sister, I see your dignity. Imagine if we could see others clearly like that, day in and day out? Perhaps tragedies like Grenfell wouldn't happen.

As young Catholics we understand that scripture and Catholic Social Teaching enable us to see clearly, the wisdom in both enable us to consider situations thoughtfully and act accordingly, recognising we are all made in the image of God and interconnected.

Firstly, Catholic Social Teaching teaches us the importance of rights and responsibilities.

We are created in God's image. As such, every person has the right to life and to those things which preserve their dignity, or quality of life, like safe housing.

Corresponding to those rights are responsibilities. Because we are created in the image of God we must respect the rights of others and care for them in the way Jesus shows us.

Scripture states we should "Seek the welfare of the city, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." Jeremiah 29:4-7. To flourish as a community and as individuals, recognising the rights of our neighbours and ensuring we recognise our responsibility in ensuring their dignity is respected, is the only way we can flourish, communally and personally.

Catholic Social Teaching also teaches us the importance of rising to the call of participation. We have a duty to participate, to actively play a part in contributing to the common good. The book of Proverbs leaves us in no doubt about this: "Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." As St Oscar Romero said we must be "God's microphone." Yet what does this look like for us as young people in St Bede's? We may not be in Westminster- yet, but it starts for us on the corridors of our school, in our kitchens at home. Speaking out when we see something unfair or unjust on a corridors, treating people with courtesy and respect in the playground means we are actively respecting the dignity and equality of all people. Being environmentally aware and 'living simply' at home also shows we are recognising the rights and responsibilities of ourselves and others, and the need to be participate actively in working towards the common good.

It seems to us, seeing clearly, looking at our neighbour and saying "Sawubona" is the first step.