

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

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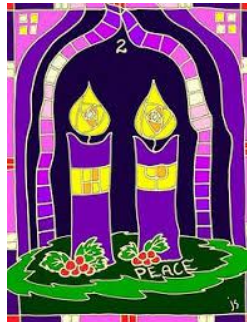
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PRAY AS YOU GO LINK <https://pray-as-you-go.org>



8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6.

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	8	9.00am	<i>George & Margaret Wright</i>
Wed	11	9.30am	<i>Brenda Cowie</i>
Thu	12	6.00pm	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>
Sun	15	9.00am	<i>Robert & Agnes Wright</i>

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	7	4.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	Margaret Hyland & John Smith (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Display of Missals & Books for sale after Mass</i>
Sun	8	10.30am	Margaret Lynch (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Display of Missals & Books for sale after Mass</i>
		Noon	<i>Baptism: Xaia Babs Harvey</i>
Mon	9	9.15am	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	Fr Basil Walker & Holy Souls
Tue	10		No Mass today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre</i>
Wed	11	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	Geoff & Lynn Mawtus
		6.00pm	<i>St Anne's Primary School Carol Service</i>
Thu	12	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	Tom Bannon
Fri	13		<i>Feast of St Lucy (No Morning Prayer)</i>
		9.30am	Greg Rutherford – <i>St Anne's Primary Year 2 will join us</i>
Sat	14		<i>Feast of St John of the Cross</i>
		4.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	Rev Fr Boniface OSB (Vigil Mass)
Sun	15		<i>Church Parade</i>
		10.30am	Jimmy O'Neill (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Followed by Session 3 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school</i>
		Noon	<i>Baptisms: Celina James & Oillie Rose Shaw</i>
		1.00pm	<i>Baptisms: William Charles, Edward James & Ivy Julia Clair</i>

 Or live simply

Dear Parishioners and Friends

I don't often read the New Statesman but when I was at Douai earlier in the week I came across the following article by one of the leader writers. Of some interest?

The writer recalls attending a funeral of a self-avowed atheist. When her husband died, despite their mutual atheism, she decided to bury him under formal Christian rites, in a church. She explained why: "Religion , which has been around for so much longer than any of our other institutions, binds us to the past as nothing else does; and there's comfort in sharing your grief with those who have sat, over hundreds of years, in the same pew that you're sitting in, bowed by the same loss. You need transcendence, too, when somebody dies. Even if you are convinced there is no life hereafter at the moment of mourning you need the poetry and the music that lift us above the dust and ashes.

Since most of what our culture has to say about grandeur and glory has been written in praise of God, you must turn to religion for it.

Godric OBB

Please bring along your cribs to be Blessed.

To be Blessed during Mass at St. Anne's on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December
and during Mass at St Elizabeth's on Sunday 22nd December



Anniversaries to 14th December 2024 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's Nellie Staniforth, Eileen Morris, Bernard Brady, Rita Allen, Rose Wason, Bridget McKendrick, William Trickett, Colette Clinch, Maureen Carroll, Elizabeth Holt, Annie Harrison, William Parkes, Constance Buckley.

St Elizabeth's: Agnes Branwood, Margaret Whalley, Tom Massam, George Charnock, Margaret Wright, Ronald Bibby, Maurice Bialeck, Agnes Dawes, Harry Barnes.

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, Paul McWilliams, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava, Ann Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Joan Whelan.

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

Recently Sick: Mary Linton, Sally Kirkby, Rev Fr Gerry Tuite.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Catherine Allen, Josephine Wilkinson, Patricia Sanders & Trish McDermott who died recently.



St Anne's News:

UCM: No meeting tomorrow, 9th as Christmas lunch at O'Brien's. Last meeting of 2024 on 16th with a Christmas Party starting at 12.30pm.

Reconciliation Service at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th December.

The family of Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava wish to thank all parishioners for their prayers. Baby Ava is beginning to gain weight and is getting stronger each day. Please continue to keep mother and baby in your prayers.

SHOP: New missals in stock £13. Christmas cards, nativities & gifts on sale.

**St. Anne's
CHURCH BIG CLEAN!!**

Friday 20th December after Morning Mass

If anyone from our cleaning teams can turn up to help clean our church, we would be extremely grateful.



Thank you to our wonderful team of cleaners who have offered their time cleaning the church throughout the year.

Catherine McGair

St Elizabeth's News:

Reconciliation Service at 6.00pm on Thursday 12th December.

Religious Christmas Cards: These are now on sale at the back of the Church.

Christmas Flowers: We invite you to bring poinsettias to church to help decorate the church for Christmas. They can be brought to church at any time during Advent and we will store in the cloister until we decorate the church for Christmas. This is a lovely way to remember a loved one who has died during the year.

Donations for flowers for the High Altar for Christmas can be made in the box by St Joseph.

Christmas Tree: A big thank you to **Massams Supplies** who are donating a Christmas tree which we will decorate and place on the Sanctuary. Nearer the big feast we will decorate this.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle, either by donating prizes or buying tickets.

Christmas Mass & New Year Times: Mass will be at **5.30 pm on Christmas Eve** and **9.30 am on Christmas morning**. Carols will be held before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass.

New Years Day: Mass at St Elizabeths will be at 10.

Holy Communion under both kinds: We plan to reintroduce the Holy Chalice from Easter 2025. The date is so far in the future to allow the necessary training and DBS clearance. So we can ensure we have the appropriate number of Eucharistic Ministers please **can you indicate if you would like this on the form at the back of Church.**

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.

St. Anne's Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass on Christmas Eve

During the Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 p.m. the children will be taking lots of roles, including creating the nativity tableau as the Gospel is read, readings, offertory, and opening candle procession. If your child would like to take part, please email Annegilham@gmail.com with your child's name and age.

A short practice will take place on Sunday 22nd December after the 10.30am Mass.

Help needed

- Firstly, if anyone would like to join our team as a catechist, and take a full part in planning and delivering the sessions, we would love to have you. You will require a DBS to be undertaken by the parish, and if we get a few more helpers, we will be able to set up a rota for each Sunday.
- Secondly, we would like to create a list of people who would be willing to come into the session with us, as a 2nd person in a group, if we are short of help. This would be a very different role to the team members, as it will not be regular, and could even only be once a month or term or less, when we are short. There would be no planning or delivering requirement and as it is not a regular role, no DBS is needed, although if you are willing to have one, this could be sorted.

A WhatsApp group would be made, and on a Saturday evening or even Sunday morning, when we know we are short of help, a call would go out and if you are going to be in Mass, and willing to come out with us, that would be brilliant.

If you would like to join us, either on the team, or as an occasional support helper, or if you would like more detail first, please contact me – Annegilham@gmail.com

Advent Talk 'A Journey to Christmas through Art and Scripture' by Fleur Dorrell.

The Parish Council are delighted Fleur Dorrell is joining us at **7.00 pm in the Parish Centre on 17th December**. In this meditative style talk, Fleur will illustrate how artists show us the truth of Christ's birth. Through some beautiful paintings, Fleur will explore how Scripture and art shed light and colour on our Advent journey.

Fleur is an author, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference for England Wales and hosts the 'God who speaks' website encouraging greater engagement with the Scriptures: www.godwhospeaks.uk

St Anne's Church Roof Update

Thank-you to everyone for your ongoing support for the Church Roof Appeal...through regular Direct Debit Donations or from the events that groups are kindly running to support us. I am also pleased to say that we are receiving Gift Aid payments as a result of the donations.

We are now in a position to start the Tower restoration, the most complex and therefore expensive phase that we have taken on. At this point, the Roof Fund does not have all the funds needed, so I am grateful to the Parish who have extended a 'loan' to enable the work to start.

We will completely replace the roof of the Tower and its guttering. In addition, we will replace the louvres on the sides of the tower and remedy other stonework problems in this area. Much of the work will be undertaken at height and following a bat survey we must also complete it during Bat hibernation season.

At the start of January, you will start to see scaffolding being erected, with the whole project targeted to be completed around Easter 2025.

There may be some restrictions on Church access routes and services in this time, which we will communicate in the Bulletin.

I will issue a more detailed Newsletter early in January to keep you updated on the progress of the penultimate stage of our project. Once again this would not be possible without your very generous and ongoing support **Phil Wilkinson**

INTERESTED IN ORMSKIRK AND ITS HISTORY?

There will be Heritage talks over the next few months in St. Anne's Pastoral Centre based on Ormskirk and its history.

Presented by local historian, Dot Broady-Hawkes, and Kathryn MacDonald, Librarian, Ormskirk and District Family History Society, the talks will cover a wide variety of topics and will start at 1.30pm.

Tuesday 7th January History of Ormskirk Inns and Beer Houses

Tuesday 4th February West Lancashire Military Heroes Remembered

Tuesday 4th March The Manor of Ormskirk

All the talks are free, but donations are appreciated. Everyone is very welcome - choose to attend which ever ones appeal to you. For bookings and information please contact dothawkes@hotmail.co.uk

Sponsored by Ormskirk Community Partnership in conjunction with St. Anne's Pastoral Centre.