

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

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2nd February 2025

***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Candlemas Day***

Readings: L1 942; Mal 3; Ps 24; Heb 2; Lk 2

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	2	9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wed	5	9.30am	<i>E.B.C.</i>
Sun	9	9.00am	<i>Horace & Margaret Staniforth</i>

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	1	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> John Francis Madden (vigil Mass)
Sun	2	10.30am Noon	Dan Healey (streamed) <i>Baptisms: Alexander & Jacob Dawn & Jorja Grace Fraser</i>
Mon	3	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Mary & Danny Feeley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCM at 1.00pm in Pastoral Centre • SVP at 8.00pm in Pastoral Centre
Tue	4	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Margaret Garvey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Group at 10.30am in Pastoral Centre • Heritage Talk at 1.30pm in Pastoral Centre
Wed	5	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Agatha</i> <i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Terry McDonnell (Birthday Anniversary)
Thu	6	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Paul Miki and Companions</i> <i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> Mary Teresa Mason DCHS
Fri	7	11.00am	Requiem Mass: Patricia Johnson (in church)
Sat	8	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Angela O'Neill (vigil Mass)
Sun	9	10.30am Noon	Catherine Eglin (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed by Session 5 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school <i>Baptisms: Avery Alexander, Jacob Jennings, Charlie & Molly Howard</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach 8, Lourdes Group in Pastoral Centre from 2.30pm till 5.00pm

West Lancs Debt Advice is looking for people who are willing to train and volunteer to help people struggling with debt.

No previous experience is needed as full training is provided. If you'd like to know more, contact Susan on 07968 756950.



The 2025 Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

In your house, Lord, I am a passing guest, a pilgrim like all my fathers. Ps 38

The Jubilee year prompts us to give hope to the sick, encouragement and the Light of Christ to the children and the youth and His peace to the society. With Jesus we create a better world today.

Dear Parishioners and Friends

This Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. We recall how Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple and offered him to God, and it was also a celebration of the purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her child as prescribed by Jewish law. Simeon, a 'righteous and devout' man, welcomed Jesus as 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles' so that is why we light candles especially on this day.

For a number of years Candlemas has also been designated as the World Day of Prayer for those in Consecrated Life. I hope that all our parishioners know that our two parishes have been served for hundreds of years by Benedictine monks who have consecrated their lives to God by taking solemn vows. Most Religious men and women take the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience but we Benedictines express our vows in a slightly different way through: Stability (committing ourselves to a particular Benedictine house that becomes our family), Conversatio Morum (which means changing our lives to become Christ-centred, and embracing poverty and chastity), and Obedience which seals our voluntary commitment to do what is best for our community.

At 3pm on Sunday afternoon I hope to be in the Metropolitan Cathedral for Sung Evening Prayer with Archbishop Malcolm and 50 or 60 Religious men and women from around the archdiocese as we celebrate God's gift to us of our calling. You are very welcome to join us if you can.

Please pray that when God calls men and women to commit themselves to follow the Lord in Religious Life, they will answer the call willingly. In particular, may God send men to join our monastic community of Douai Abbey. Our parishes have a vested interest in the future of our monastery.

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 8th February 2025 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's: James Welsh, Raymond Alfred Nixon, Leonard John Cogswell, Irene Holland, Anne O'Brien, Michael John Guy, Paul Geoffrey Mawtus, Adrian Gregory James, Marie Julie Burke, Aloysius Lionel Johnson, Eugene O'Malley, Frederick Denning, Angela Marie Brown, Kathleen Freeman, Philomena Webster, Edith May Mulvaney, Brian Edward Molloy.

St Elizabeth's: Winnie Clegg, Molly Halsall, Peggy Vose, Marie, Margaret Lamb, Philip Molyneux, Eva Molyneux, Kenneth Lamb, James Charnock.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: Jean Ball, Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, Ann Melia, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Rev Fr Gerry Tuite, 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: David Hankin-Hallsworth & Adrian Jones.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of June Dean-Golics who died recently.

St Anne's News:

To all Pastoral Centre Users: Please ensure all lights are switched off when leaving the building, thank you.

St Elizabeth's News

The Finance Committee met this week. Three of our parishioners, accompanied by a builder, had completed a walk around the church, presbytery and grounds. As expected from the evidence of damp inside the church and elsewhere, this identified a number of issues, including problems with the church and cloister roofs, the electrical wiring in the presbytery and need for improved drainage in the graveyard. A full list of issues, large and small has been prepared and prioritised. Quotes will be obtained for urgent items and these will then be approved as and when funds allow.

An immediate repair will be to the fence between school and the parish garden, which was destroyed in the last storm, as this is a safeguarding issue.

All this further emphasises the need for fundraising – please see below. The use of a “card reader” is being investigated so that when people attend funerals, for example, it is easy for them to leave a donation for the church – in this increasingly cashless society, if they wish to do so. **Continued.....**

St Elizabeth's News cont'd.....

Reminders from The Pastoral Council

• *The re-introduction of Holy Communion under both kinds is planned for Easter. If anyone would like to put themselves forward as a potential, please let Mary know and training will be arranged.*



• *Fundraising: The urgency of this has been confirmed this week. If you have any ideas for fund raising, please let Bernie Halsall (Chair of the PPC) know or drop a note into the presbytery.*

• *Many of us get some unwanted or unneeded Christmas presents which would potentially make good raffle prizes. If you are in the lucky position to have any of these please consider donating to the church for future raffles.*

In aid of St Anne's Church Roof Fund

Songs from 50's & 60's Billy Scott, Vocalist



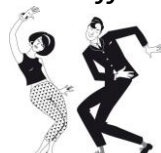
St Anne's Pastoral Centre Friday 28th February

Doors open at 7.00pm Bring your own drinks & nibbles

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES £7.50

or contact Loretta 07807 854857

or Colette in the parish office 01695 572168 Ext 948



St. Anne's Scout Group

At Scouts, one of the things we are passionate about is getting young people outdoors, either camping or walking or just out on the field playing games, however the costs of camping are spiralling and we are desperate to keep these costs down and to keep supporting the families who struggle to afford camps. We believe Scouting is for everyone and money should not be a barrier to this.

Our next 'big' camp will be to Austria next year, and we will have at least 5 other camps before then. We try to help everyone in some way, and some more than others, depending upon circumstances.

As part of our fundraising efforts we have set up a Lottery Bonus Ball draw, and are asking parishioners to support us with this, if they can.

The cost of the weekly draw will be £2 per week and the monthly draw will be £5 per month. Both will have prizes of half of what is raised each week/month. Eg once all 59 numbers are sold, the weekly prize will be £59 and the monthly will be £147.50.

Both are to be paid by Standing Order to our Scout Account. You can enter either draw, or both and choose the same number for both or different numbers.

If you would like to take part, please email Annegilham@gmail.com and more details will be provided. Thank you and Good Luck

ST. ANNE'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEMBERSHIP

Do you think that you (or someone who you know) might be able to make an important contribution to parish life by joining the PPC?

Members discuss with the clergy challenges and opportunities facing our parish community, while planning and supporting events and activities. There are six meetings a year, which have structured and minuted agendas that can be accessed on the parish website. A number of PPC members are approaching the end of their terms of office, which are normally three years. Some have had to be extended because of the consequences of the pandemic.

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the PPC should arrange to speak to Father Godric.

St. Anne's PPC.

St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Seeks Governors!

St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School is the smallest school in the parish of St. Richard's, Skelmersdale. We work tirelessly to support the children and families of our parish by providing a loving, caring and safe place to learn. Ofsted has recently graded the school as 'Good', and we have also achieved 'good with outstanding features' in our RE inspection. We are very proud of what we have gained but continue to make improvements so that the children can be the best that they can be.

We have a number of governor vacancies so if you would like to be part of **'a small school with a big heart'** and help us with our journey, please either phone the school on 01695-724798 or email Annette Birmingham on head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk Thank you

Annette Birmingham

ROOF FUND and PARISH RAFFLE



Would you like to help contribute to
St. Anne's Roof Fund?

Have you any unwanted Christmas gifts to donate to a good cause?

The Environment Group has plans to organise a parish raffle and is looking for donations (large or small) of prizes. Now that the builders have started on the church tower, we'd like to help raise money to fund this essential work. Organising and contributing to a parish raffle will give us a chance to do our bit. We'll give further details in forthcoming Bulletins but in the meantime, we'll put boxes for donations at the back of church and in the Pastoral Centre.



Date and more information coming soon!

To all parishioners, parents, pupils and visitors who are using the church premises for dropping off picking up or parking please read the following information.

St Anne's Church Tower Refurbishment

On the 5th of January 2025 work started on the refurbishment of the Church Tower which will last **at least 16 weeks**. Due to the amount of work required and the need for complete compliance with Health and Safety requirements there will be restrictions in place for the whole period.

Outline of restrictions

Prescot Road entrance to church grounds (NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

Church rear car park (NO PARKING ON WEEKDAYS drop off/pickup only AT SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES)

Church rear car park parking only for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass
Footways around the church (closed)

Rear sacristy door (limited access)

Graveyard to left of rear turning circle (limited access during material deliveries)

Graveyard to right of rear turning and side of church (limited access during the hours of 8:00 and 17:00)

We would really appreciate if all staff, parents, pupils and visitors could make the effort to avoid using the car parking areas to reduce the chance of bottle necks and leave space for those who really need to use the car park and the contractors to complete the work without hindrance.

Could you also please keep clear of the area around the Tower scaffolding once erected.

Please observe the yellow and red NO parking areas in the car park and DO NOT PARK in front of the entrance and emergency exit doors and walkways at anytime. If you have any queries please contact the parish office in the first instance giving your full details. Many Thanks

Godwin OBB