

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

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2nd March 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: L1 808: Sir 27; Ps 92; 1 Co 15; Lk 6



St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	2	9.00am	<i>Charlie & Molly Halsall</i>
Wed	5		<i>Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>
		9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i> - with the distribution of ashes during Mass
Sun	9	9.00am	<i>Mary Ashcroft</i>

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Sat	1	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of St David</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Julie Scragg (vigil Mass)
Sun	2	10.30am Noon 4-5pm	Beverley O'Neill (streamed) <i>Baptism: Sophia Jebali</i> A time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for Pope Francis. Please come and go as you wish.
Mon	3	12.30pm	NB: Later time of Mass in the Pastoral Centre UCM Mass with enrolment of new members <i>Followed by a light lunch in the hall for UCM members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVP 8.00pm in Pastoral Centre
Tue	4	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Marie Teresa Rule (In church) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Prayer Group today Heritage Talk at 1.00pm in Pastoral Centre
Wed	5	Noon 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting & Abstinence All Sick Relatives of LW - with distribution of ashes All Parishioners - with distribution of ashes
Thu	6	9.30am	Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre Marie Rule
Fri	7	11.00am 7.00pm	Requiem Mass: Margaret Dolan (In church) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm in the Emanuel Church, Ormskirk Stations of the Cross led by Deacon Des
Sat	8	Noon 4.00pm 5.00pm	Mass for the Religious , all welcome to join us <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> David Scragg (vigil Mass)
Sun	9	10.30am Noon	Philip Purcell (streamed) <i>Baptism: Avery Alexander</i>

22nd& 23rd March Retiring Collection

There will be a National Collection throughout all parishes on 22nd& 23rd March to support the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham



O merciful Father, You have called
Your servant Pope Francis to shepherd
Your Church with faith and love.
In his time of need, we turn to You,
the Divine Physician,
and humbly ask that You extend Your healing
hand upon him.

Grant him strength in body, mind, and spirit,
so that he may continue to lead Your people with steadfast devotion.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church, we place him under
Your loving care, trusting in Your divine will.
We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.



The 2025 Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

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

Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it.

May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words:

"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).

Paul Spencer

Dear Parishioners and Friends

I am writing this at my monastery, Douai Abbey, where I have come for the annual meeting of the community. Talking to one of my fellow monks we came up with the suggestion that for our Lent reading we could do well to take up the Book of Ecclesiastes. It contains some memorable passages: Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.... For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven... Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

If any of you decide to take up this book I would be interested in sharing our reflections.

Godric OSB

St Anne's Anniversaries to 8th March 2025 (Last 10 yrs): Robert John Stanley, Catherine Carragher, Bryan Hostler, John Sweetnam, Kathleen Sproson, Sheila Lavin, Julie Ashcroft, Eileen Elizabeth King, Derek Whalley.

St Elizabeth's Anniversaries for March (Last 10 yrs): Dorothy Houghton, Edna Wright, Marie Savage, Mary Horrocks, Margaret Foster, Richard Pope, Mary Ashcroft, Sharon Halsall, Peter Forshaw, Frances Clarkson.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: Jean Ball, Chris Coyne, Shirley Croft, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Adrian Jones, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, Ann Melia, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, 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: Tony Williams.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Peers who died recently.

St Anne's News:

SHOP: New selection of rosary beads & purses, Prayer cards for Jubilee Year, St Patrick's Day & Easter cards.

UCM tomorrow: Mass at the later time of 12.30pm in Lounge with enrolment of new members followed by a light lunch.

Retiring Collections 2024 Thank you: During the last year over £16,200 was raised by parishioners through the retiring collections. This benefited 20 different charities including Catholic Education Service, CAFOD, Holy Places, Hospice Africa, Mary's Meals, Nugent, SVP. On behalf of all these charities, many thanks for your generosity.

St Anne's Finance Committee

St Elizabeth's News

Church Car Park – Please can everyone take care when parking and when opening car doors in the church car park. Last Sunday one of our parishioners' cars was scratched by someone opening their car door- unfortunately there was no note or apology left behind.

Sunday Coffee: There will be Coffee after Mass THIS SUNDAY. Please come along.

Lent Lunches start next Friday 7th March. Church will be open from 11.30 am and we will say the rosary from 11.45am and then go through to the house for lunch. To give an idea of numbers, please put your name on the form at the back of church if you think you are likely to come- thank you.

Diary Dates:

Sunday 27th April: Outdoor Mass

Sunday 20th July: Church Open Afternoon 2-4pm. The church will be open for people to look around and tea & coffee will be available. There will be a guided tour at 3pm. Copies of the Church History will be on sale for £6.

Sunday 7th September: Welcome Mass for the New School Year.

Men's Lenten Prayer Group

Calling all men of the parish!!!

This year's men's Lenten prayer group will be held in the parish centre, the dates are below.

Each session will be themed with an aspect of Lent, which hopefully will give some lively discussions on each topic.

Each session will consist of relevant readings from both Testaments as well as the Gospels.

Sessions are from 19.30 to 20.30

Monday 10th March in the lounge - Theme is fasting

Tuesday 18th March in the hall - Theme is temptation

Monday 24th March in the lounge - Theme is forgiveness

Tuesday 1st April in the hall - Theme is waiting and trust

Tuesday 8th April in the lounge - Theme is God's love (Starting at 19.00 to finish in the Greyhound pub for a pint or similar)

All men of the parish are welcome, if interested please let me know via email so I have an idea of numbers.

The men's group also meet in the front room of the Greyhound pub on the second Tuesday of the month at 20.00, again all are welcome.

Peter Butler - gennsuer20@gmail.com



LENT - A Time to Reflect

Ash Wednesday leads us into Lent and our preparations for Easter. The following may help us with our reflections during this sacred time:

Stations of the Cross: St Anne's church, every Friday at 7pm, from 7th March to 11th April led by clergy and parish groups. Deacon Des will lead the Stations on 7th March.

St Elizabeth's church: 10am Good Friday.

Talks: 4 talks are planned – details later.

Quiet time: St Anne's church will be open Sundays in Lent 4pm to 5pm, from 9th March to 6th April.





Pilgrimage Walk

On Saturday April 5th myself and some members of the men's group are undertaking a pilgrimage walk as part of the Big Lent Walk for Cafod. This will be from St Anne's to St Elizabeths and back again. The distance is around 9 miles.

The route will take us past the Kicking Donkey and through Heaton's bridge. We are hoping for cafe stops, pub stops and stops anywhere there may be a cup of tea!!

If anyone would like to join us we will be starting from St Anne's at around 10am. Full distance or partial distance isn't a problem, I would just love to see you there.

God bless

Peter Butler - Gennsuer20@gmail.com

I'm taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor me!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

I have put some posters in the back of church and also in the pastoral centre with links on to the Just Giving page.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petes-big-lent-walk> or search just giving for Pete's big lent walk.

Thanks Very Much and God Bless, Peter Butler.



“When you give to my little ones – you give to me”

Problems hit us all, and sometime a little assistance can make a huge difference. Are you, or someone you know in need of some help, so that at least the family can eat? If so, in total confidence, we are here to help. Contact any of the clergy, one of our SVP members or the parish office and we'll get back to you to offer any assistance we can, always in total confidence.

Deacon Peter – 07711 146259 – peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk

Given that this is a Holy Year, if anyone is interested in going on a pilgrimage to Rome please will you contact St Anne's parish office.

Volunteers Needed – Hospice Africa

Can you volunteer some time? A few hours per week? The Hospice Africa Ainsdale Charity Shop (207, Heathfield Road, PR8 3HE), is looking for trustworthy and cheerful volunteers to help support its important work of bringing palliative care and pain relief to the dying in Africa. Hospice Africa relies heavily on the income from its charity shops and so we really need more volunteers to help in shop related duties.

If you are interested in volunteering or in the work we do, please contact me directly at merrimanm2@gmail.com or hospiceafrica.uk@gmail.com to find out more. Alternatively leave a message on 01695 578209. Thank you.

Maria Merriman



Springboard To Summer

Saturday 26th April 2025 12.30-3.30 at St Anne's RC Church

Tours of the Church

Tours of the Grounds and Tree Trail

Sustainable Craft Demonstrations

Flower Arranging Demonstrations

Regifted and Recycled Raffle

Gardening Swap Shop

Plant Sale

Teas and Coffees

All proceeds to the Roof Fund

ALL WELCOME



MANY MANY THANKS

to all those who made donations of prizes to the Spring Raffle. The draw will be held at the parish Creation and HeritageDay, **SPRINGBOARD TO SUMMER** on Saturday 26th April. Thanks to your generosity, we now have an excellent selection of gifts to offer as prizes. Raffle tickets & list of prizes will be available shortly.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH ROOF FUND



**Church
Fundraising**

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