

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



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**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Readings: L1 257: Jsh 5; Ps 34; 2 Co 5; Rdgs 171*

### St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	30	9.00am	<b>John, Connie &amp; Mark Houghton</b> <i>Retiring Collection: Nugent</i>
Tue	1	12.45pm	<b>Requiem Mass: Leslie John Connor</b>
Wed	2	9.30am	<b>Special Intention (J.C.)</b> <i>During Mass Angela Molyneux will be received into the Catholic Church</i>
		11.30am	<b>Requiem Mass: Paddy Mott</b>
Fri	4	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun	6	9.00am	<b>Winnie Church</b> <i>Retiring Collection: Lenten Alms</i>

<b>St Anne's Mass Times</b>			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Reconciliation &amp; Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Youth Room until 4.45pm</i> <b>Beverley O'Neill</b> (vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Nugent</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30</b>	10.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <b>Nancy McNamara</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Nugent</li> </ul>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>31</b>	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <b>David Scragg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCM in Pastoral Centre: 1.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>No Mass today</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am</li> <li>Men's Lenten Talkin Pastoral Centre Hall at 7.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2</b>	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <b>Stephen Harte</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>3</b>	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <b>Kath Kelly</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4</b>	9.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <b>Martha &amp; Michael Farrell</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Reconciliation &amp; Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Youth Room until 4.45pm</i> <b>Philip Purcell</b> (vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring Collection: Lenten Alms</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	10.30am	<i>Mass will be in the Pastoral Centre Hall</i> <b>Andrew Blow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Followed by Session 7 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school</li> <li>Retiring Collection: Lenten Alms</li> </ul>

## NEW READERS

If you are interested in becoming a reader at Mass at St. Anne's would you please let Deacon Des or Deacon Peter know. Alternatively drop a note into St. Anne's parish office with your name and email address.

Deacon Des can be emailed on [deacondesb@gmail.com](mailto:deacondesb@gmail.com)



***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned Pope Francis having said, 'Am I really on a journey or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness, or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone?' The pope was speaking in the context of being pilgrims of hope, travelling on our journey through life with faith and hope and love.

This Sunday is 'Mothering' Sunday and, I dare say, that many mothers will be celebrating the great gifts God has given them in their children. Some of you might even reflect on how you have brought up your children or how you are still leading and guiding them. In the days when I was a school chaplain, I used to attend meetings on what it was to be a chaplain, and I remember a lovely summary of what it involved, by a priest chaplain, Vincent Donovan. I think that what he says speaks not only to mothers but to all parents and those involved in the upbringing of children:

*In working with young people, do not try to call them back  
to where they were, and do not call them to where you were,  
beautiful as that place may seem to you.  
You must have the courage to go with them to a place  
neither you nor they have been before.*

(Christianity Rediscovered by V J Donovan)

We pilgrims of hope will do well to note what Vincent Donovan says.

*Godric OSB*



*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

"May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace of believing, so  
through the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope"

**Mary Ormsby**



### **St Anne's Anniversaries to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Last 10 yrs):**

*Leslie Jones, Sheila Whitby, James King, Mary Angela Forshaw, Mary Maureen Reid,  
Ronald Joseph Wright, Kathleen Kelly*

### **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:** *Hannah, Jean Ball, Colin Baxter, Philippe Calon, Chris Coyne, Shirley Croft,  
Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Adrian Jones, Sally Kirkby,  
Mary Linton, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, Ann Melia, May Mitchell,  
Jeannette Murphy, Maureen O'Connor, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Stella Potter,  
James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor,  
Rev Fr Gerry Tuite, Joan Whelan, Tony Williams.*

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

**Recently Sick:** *Neil Booth.*

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Brooks, Paddy Mott & Anna  
Bumford who died recently.***

## St Anne's News:

### **Temporary Closure of St Anne's Church**

*As promised, here is an update on the on-going building work on our church tower.*

*Following further investigation by a structural engineer an issue has arisen which is in the process of being resolved.*

*In the meantime, **it is necessary to close the church temporarily** and arrangements are as follows:*

**Friday evening:** *There will be no Stations of the Cross, however, Stations will be every Friday in St Elizabeth's at 7.00pm.*

**On Saturday** *Reconciliation will be in the Youth Room from 4.00pm until 4.45pm.*

**The two weekend Masses** *will be held in the Pastoral Centre Hall and Sunday Mass will not be streamed. Please enter by the front door or the outside Lounge door.*

*As capacity in the hall is less than in the church, if you feel it to be more convenient, then a reminder that Sunday Mass at St Elizabeth's is at 9.am.*

*The church will not be open for quiet prayer on Sunday afternoon.*

*Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion outside of Mass will be able to access the church through the Sacristy door.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

*I will continue to provide updates as often as possible.*

*Godwin OSB*

**St Anne's Parish Council Meeting 17th March 2025:** *St Anne's Parish Council met on 17th March 2025 to discuss upcoming events and parish development.*

*Topics discussed including developing the spiritual life of the parish, including talks by the clergy, pilgrimages to Holywell and Douai Abbey and events organised by the young people and the music group over the summer.*

*Current concerns are reopening the roof appeal to raise funds for the work on the tower and the most effective way of communicating important information such as the financial situation to the whole parish. Short announcements after Mass and an annual general meeting were the main ideas considered. The full minutes are available on the parish website <https://www.stannes-ormskirk.org.uk> under Groups and Activities. Parishioners are encouraged to contact PPC members at any time on issues to be considered by the Council. Messages can be sent to [ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk](mailto:ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk) or left with the Parish Administrator.*

## St Elizabeth's News

***St Mary's had a recent visit from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. Following a rigorous inspection of Catholic Life, Religious Education and Collective Worship, the school was judged to be 'Good' in all three areas, culminating in an overall 'Good' grading.***

The inspection report captures the true spirit of our school, highlighting our "warm and welcoming Catholic environment" where "relationships at every level are a strength of the school."

It also celebrates the academic achievements of the children by explaining that "pupils' work in Religious Education books is to be celebrated because of standards of presentation, which show that the pupils take a great pride in their work, using a range of creative styles."

The sacramental programme, which is a true collaboration between the school and parish, was also highlighted as a strength of the school.

The full report can be found on the school

website: <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/religious-education/>

The parish is very grateful to Mrs. Preston for her excellent leadership of the school, and to the staff for all their hard work.

***Lent Lunches continue next Friday.*** 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.

***Flowers for Easter:*** Please put any donations in the box by St Anthony's Statue.

***Raffle Prizes:*** If anyone is able to donate wine, spirits etc., that would be much appreciated.

### ***Diary Dates:***

***Sunday 27th April:*** Outdoor Mass – more details next week

***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. More details later.

The Year Three children at St. Anne's Primary School would like to invite you to their Easter Meditation on **Tuesday April 1st at 11am** in the Junior Hall. We hope to show through a range of music and drama the message of the Easter story.



## Men's Lenten Prayer Group



Calling all men of the parish!!!

Sessions are from 19.30 to 20.30

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** in the hall - Theme is waiting and trust

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gennsuer20@gmail.com)**

## LENT- A Time to Reflect



**Stations of the Cross, every Friday in St Elizabeth's at 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 9th April, 7pm in St Anne's Pastoral Centre.** A Talk by Fr Godric on **the Book of Revelation**, the final book of the New Testament. "A new Heaven and a new Earth. Jesus as King. "Refreshments will be served after the talk. Everyone welcome.

**A Lenten Reflection with Mary Our Mother.** Taking time to reflect, with Deacon Des, on Mary as Mother gave those at the recent UCM meeting food for thought. Knowing that Mary as the mother of Christ knew suffering and sorrow throughout her life can help mothers – and all of us - feel supported and understood during difficult times.

## Pilgrimage Walk

On **Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 9 miles. The route will take us past the Kicking Donkey and through Heaton's bridge. 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](mailto:Gennsuer20@gmail.com)

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

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.



## Defibrillator Training

To ensure that we can make full benefit of the defibrillator located in church, a training session has been arranged in the Pastoral Centre Lounge on **Saturday 12th April – 10.30am to 12.30**. The equipment is really easy to use, and the training will give you confidence to use it, should the need arise, and that could save a life.

Please give your name and contact details to Colette in the office if you would like to be included in this training. Or get in touch with me if you have any queries, it's really important to our Parish community.

Many thanks Deacon Peter 07711 146259 [peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk)

## Springboard to Summer POSTPONED

Due to the increased building work on the church tower, it has been decided to postpone the Springboard to Summer event on April 26th. Summer will not be postponed (we hope) so the event will be going ahead later in the year – watch this space. If you have plants, seeds etc, please carry on looking after them.

The raffle will go ahead – date will be announced soon.

There are events at St Elizabeth's in the meantime – Open Air Mass on Sunday April 27th in the beautiful garden and Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm.

Everyone from St Anne's is welcome to join in. St Anne's PPC



## Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. **Applications close on the 20th April.**

For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)