

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



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22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: L1 193; Gn 2; Ps 51; Rom 5; Mt 4.

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	22	9.00am	<i>First Sunday of Lent Bernard Dobson</i>
Wed	25	9.00am 9.30am	<i>Reconciliation will take place before Mass Holy Souls</i>
Fri	27	11.45am	<i>Rosary followed by Lent Lunch</i>
Sun	1	9.00am	<i>Second Sunday of Lent Mary & Thomas Dobson</i>



Dear Parishioners and Friends

Once again, we are into Lent. It may not be our favourite season of the year, but it can be the most helpful and beneficial time in the year. In the past, the focal point of Lent was often 'the giving up' but in reality, this is a time for us to prepare for Easter – the greatest event in the history of the world, namely, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Giving up something can remind us of what we are about, but doing something extra can often be more beneficial in enabling us to focus on Jesus and God's love for every one of us.

Prayer, fasting and doing things for others – the classic activities for Lent. We shall be having a couple of evenings in the parish reflecting on what might be new ways of praying. Reaching out others is a wonderful form of almsgiving. As for fasting, how about the following reflection of Pope Francis for our consideration?

In Lent 2017, Pope Francis offered these thoughts on fasting:

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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St Anne's Anniversaries for February 2026 (Last 10 yrs):

Terence McDonnell, Raymond Nixon, Leonard Cogswell, Irene Holland, Anne O'Brien, Michael Guy, Paul Geoffrey Mawtus, Adrian James, Marie Burke, Dorothy Hamid, Eugene O'Malley, Frederick Denning, Angela Brown, Philomena Webster, Edith Mulvaney, Brian Molloy, Margaret Dolan, Elizabeth Heffy, Veronica Miller, Charles McAuley, Margaret Lee, Mary Howard, Tony Owens, Lil Price, Eddie Dodson, Elizabeth Cole, Marie Rule, Joseph Stafford, Sylvia Camp, Teresa McFarlane, Patricia Conlin, William Duncan, Roman Corcoran, Mary Forshaw, Agnes Todhunter, Joseph Foster, Rosemary Farley, Denis Feeney, David McGurnaghan, Ellen Armstrong, Lucille McAuley, Edith Chase, Kathleen Welch, Rev. Fr. Antony Hayne OSB, Francis Galletly, Winnie Houghton, Pauline McKittrick, Elizabeth Carroll, Michael Ryan, Frances Nolan, Mary Sawyer, Frank Meehan.

St Elizabeth's Anniversaries for February 2026 (Last 10 yrs):

Peggy Vose, Marie Grundy, Francis Vose, Philip Molyneux, Eva Molyneux, Kenneth Latham, James Charnock.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: *Sylvia & Jim Burgess, Geraldine Crompton, Elizabeth Culshaw, Mike Devlin, Leanne Emmett, Mike Gilmartin, Steven Hankin-Hallsworth, Mary Linton, Ann Melia, Maureen O'Connor, John Orritt, Stella Potter, Peter Sullivan, Richard Sutherland, Sandra Sugden, Maureen Taylor.*

St Elizabeth's: *Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Tess & Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Joe Ackers, Katie, Derek Murphy, Gerrard Witter, Wendy, Anne.*

Recently Sick: *Val Bradley, Patrick McCabe, Tom Ireland.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jeremiah & Kevin Desmond who died recently.

St Anne's News:

U.C.M Monday 23rd February 1p.m. *Annual General Meeting, an excellent opportunity for any Parishioners to find out more about our Foundation, meet the members and enjoy cuppa.*

Sunday Coffee: *There will be no Sunday Coffee after Mass on 1st March.*

Lost Property: *Wondering where your gloves, hats, umbrellas have got to - or even a small head torch? Please take a look in the lost property box at the back of church. Items unclaimed by 1st March will be found a good home. Thank you.*

St Elizabeth's News

If anyone is sick or is admitted to hospital, please contact Bernie in the Parish office in the first instance on 07525805240. If anyone needs a priest and the parish office is closed, please contact St Annes – 01695 572168.

Please do not park opposite any driveways on Clyffes Farm Close during Mass times and school drop offs – please use the car park.

Lent –

Lent will be soon upon us so we will be having: -

Reconciliation before Mass at 9.00am on Wednesdays during Lent starting on 25th February.

Lent lunches – There will be Rosary at 11.45 am on Fridays during Lent starting on 20th February followed by homemade soup & apple pie in the presbytery. - please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you would like to come.

There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7pm alternating between St Elizabeths & St Anne's.

Family Fast Day is on Friday 27th February – there are some envelopes at the back of church for your donations

Please remove spent Christmas grave pots etc so it will be easier to mow.

There are a series of dates from the film “The Chosen” being shown in St Annes during Lent – please see their bulletin/website of details.

The course for First Holy Communion & Reconciliation will be starting on Tuesday 24th February for any children from year 3 upwards. Please contact Bernie or Mrs Preston in school if anyone else would like to be included asap.

A Quiet Space - Lent Prayer Group for Men starting Thursday, 26th February, 7.30pm

This house prayer group uses prayer from the Jesuits Sacred Space, and Richard Rohr's OFM reflections on male spirituality, to explore what faith means for us, our family and work. We will meet Thursday, 7.30-8.30pm on 26th February, then again on the 5th March and 19th March. If you are needing to make a decision, struggling with an issue or just want to have some quiet this lent - contact pablo_guidi@yahoo.co.uk to attend/more information.



Lent Programme

Please find below a collated programme of our reflections during Lent. In addition to the Men's group offered by Pablo and the regular stations of the cross, we have also got some reflective talks in the parish centre. In response to parishioner suggestions, we are hosting communal episode viewing of 'The Chosen'- an excellent adaptation of the life of Jesus told through the eyes of the disciples. As this is Lent, the episodes will be those from season five followed by a chance to reflect on the meaning of the scripture. All are welcome.

Bridget Mawtus

Date	Activity	Time	Audience	Location
Monday 23rd Feb	The Chosen- Episode and reflective discussion	7-9pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St Anne's
Thursday 26th February	Lent Prayer Group for Men	7:30-8:30	Men only	Contact Pablo: Pablo_guidi@yahoo.co.uk
Friday 27th February	Stations of the Cross	7pm	All Welcome	St. Anne's Church
Tuesday 3rd March	Lenten Talk Frs. Tony Slings and Godric: Centring Prayer	7pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St. Anne's
Thursday 5th March	Lent Prayer Group for Men	7:30-8:30	Men only	Contact Pablo: Pablo_guidi@yahoo.co.uk
Friday 6th March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	All Welcome	St. Elizabeth's Church
Monday 9th March	The Chosen- Episode and reflective discussion	7-9pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St Anne's
Friday 13th March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	All Welcome	St. Anne's Church
Thursday 19th March	Lent Prayer Group for Men	7:30-8:30	Men only	Contact Pablo: Pablo_guidi@yahoo.co.uk
Friday 20th March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	All Welcome	St. Elizabeth's Church
Monday 23rd March	Lenten Talk: Fr. Joseph. Meditation	7pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St Anne's
Wednesday 25th March	Prayer and Liturgy - Empowering our young people- Jacinta Brown, St. Bede's School Chaplin	7pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St Anne's
Friday 27th March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	All Welcome	St. Anne's Church
Monday 30th March	The Chosen- Episode and reflective discussion	7-9pm	All Welcome	Lounge, St Anne's

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

As a praying community and parish family, how do we support one another in prayer?

In St. Anne's church the Parish Book of Intentions is kept on the side altar for anyone, parishioner or visitor, to write down their prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving. The book is cared for by members of the Prayer Team and the intentions included in the Prayers of Intercession at Sunday mass.

There is also the parish Prayer Line; urgent prayers can be requested by contacting either the Prayer Line Team direct via Deacon Peter or Terry Graham (07921 728353) or through the Parish Office. The request is quickly passed through the rest of the team and included in their prayers. The team are committed to including the Prayer Line prayer in their daily prayers. (See below)

These requests are also included in the Sunday Prayers of Intercession.

Prayer Line Prayer

God our Father, we thank you that you are with us always, sharing our joys and supporting us in our sorrows.

*May your Holy Spirit guide our hearts and minds and bless the intentions we bring before you today and may the warmth of your love surround those we pay for, bringing them hope and consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen*

Terry Graham

Encounter Evening – Eternal Splendour of God.

'Love is authentic and can last forever only when it reflects the eternal splendour of God – God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8). Pope Leo

Cursillo warmly invites you to an evening of Prayer, Reflection and Friendship to share in God's love:

Thursday 26th February 7.00pm – 9.30pm
St Teresa's Catholic Church, Parish Hall. Upholland

All are welcome, please invite your friends & family.
To reserve your free place call Jenny on 07947271037 or
email national@cursillouk.org

Please pray for those soon to be received into the Catholic Faith at St Anne's and St Elizabeth's.

A few words taken from Archbishop John's recent Pastoral Letter. "During Lent, we pray for those who will receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion at Eastertide..... Each person has met Jesus Their desire for Christian faith invites us to reflect on our own baptism. God continues to prompt – we must listen."

With these words in mind, please pray for Denise, Eleanor, Gemma, Zoe, Kelly, Lee, Lisa, Maria and Nick who, having been called to the Catholic faith, responded by following together, for the last 6 months, a "Journey in Faith".

"They are now preparing for the wonderful moment when they receive the Sacraments..... Then they will carry the lighted candle of faith into the world. They are our new green shoots."

World Day of Prayer 2026

*Everyone is welcome to the World Day of Prayer ecumenical service which will be held on **Friday 6th March at St. Michael's Church, Church Lane, Aughton L39 6SB at 10am** followed by tea, coffee and cakes.*

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries and the 2026 service has been prepared by Christian women from Nigeria around the theme "I will give you rest, come." It is a good opportunity to gather in fellowship with other local churches, pray for communities throughout the world and in particular the people of Nigeria, and support UK and international charities and projects.

More information about the World Day of Prayer movement and this year's service is available on the website at:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Margaret Daunt

Douai Abbey Online Bookshop

Douai Abbey now has an online bookshop. New listings are added every day from our repository's extensive current stock. Prices are set with the aim of always beating Amazon, even after postage is included! So why support Amazon when you can support the monks of Douai and pay less in the process? At the online shop you can subscribe to receive email updates. <https://douaiabbey.xyz>



Can you spare an hour each week?

We have had a request for someone to visit a lady of the parish who is housebound and lives in Halsall. She is sociable and loves people but gets bored and if someone could sit with her for an hour or so and go through a magazine or play scrabble that would be a great help. The person would need to have DBS clearance.

If you would like more details, please contact Colette at St Anne's parish office.

Memories Choir

Open to anyone living with dementia or memory loss living in the local community

Venue:

Moorgate HQ Girl Guiding

21 Moorgate

Ormskirk L39 4RT

Every Thursday from 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Contact Caroline for more info: 07970 896943

