

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



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22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: L1 216; Ezk 37; Ps 130; Rom 8; Jn 11

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	22	9.00am	<i>Sharon Halsall</i>
Wed	25	9.30am	<i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</i> Margaret & Horace Staniforth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation after Mass
Fri	27	11.45am	<i>Rosary followed by Lent Lunch</i>
Sun	29	9.00am	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Alan Murphy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palms will be blessed during Mass

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	21	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Elizabeth Burns (Vigil Mass)
Sun	22	10.30am	Denis Hayde (streamed)
Mon	23	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Eila Wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCM in Pastoral Centre at 1.00pm • Lent Talk in Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm, all welcome
Tue	24	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Intentions of Anne Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre at 10.30am
Wed	25	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary Ann Farrell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent Talk in Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm, please see below
Thu	26	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Fr Peter Foulkes , lately dead
Fri	27	9.30am 7.00pm	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Private Intention - Yr 3 St Anne's Primary will join us <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	28	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Joan Rotherham (Vigil Mass)
Sun	29	10.30am	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> William Bennett (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palms will be blessed during Mass

CENTURION

Christ Church Ministry Centre today, Sunday 22 March at 7.30pm.
For further information, please see the poster at the back of church.

Prayer and Liturgy - Empowering our young people

7.00pm Wednesday, 25th March

St Anne's Pastoral Centre

Jacinta Brown, St Bede's School Chaplain.

The foundations of faith for our young people are set in the home and nurtured in our Catholic schools. As Chaplain of St Bede's High School, Jacinta will explain how her work aims to nurture that faith through scripture and to take inspiration from the Social Teachings of the Church.



Dear Parishioners and Friends

Since the Archdiocese of Liverpool started its synodal proceedings and then Pope Francis held a church synod in Rome there has been much talk about what constitutes a synodal parish. Being a synodal Church involves acting in a way somewhat differently from how the Church has operated in past generations. We know we are a hierarchical Church, sometimes typified by the pyramid: lay people at the bottom ascending to the pope at the top! Then orders and directives cascaded down from Rome to parishioners in the pews! It is an exaggeration – to some extent!!

Under the guidance of Pope Francis throughout the Church we hear the call to be a listening Church. Every baptised person has an important and unique role to play in the life of the Church. In St Anne's recent pastoral council we discussed one way that we can take up this synodal approach. It was suggested that when any parish group meets there should be a short time spent at the beginning of the meeting when a passage from Scripture is read, followed by a time of silence and then a period of reflection on the Word which we have just heard, with the emphasis on listening to one another, not interrupting and nor even discussing. Let's look at how we might implement this over the coming weeks. This is one small way in which our business meetings can become real encounters with the Lord.

Godric OBB

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

Sheila Stewart, Robert Stanley, Catherine Carragher, Bryan Hostler, John Sweetnam, Kathleen Sproson, Sheila Lavin, Julie Ashcroft, Eileen King, James King, Derek Whalley, Joseph Pope, Sheila Farrell, Joan McGrath, James Bradshaw, Philip Swift, Gwendoline McParland, Marcelle Robinson, Margarida McCarthy, Mary Wills, Edna Wright, Joseph McCormack, Doris Laverty, Teresa Howard, Margaret Halsall, Evelyn Bullen, Anne James, Elsie Peacock, Jon Corrin, Peter Turner, Nora Hopwood, Anna Bumford, Maureen Purslow, Leslie Jones, Sheila Whitby.

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

Dorothy Houghton, Mary Horrocks, Marie Savage, Edna Wright, Margaret Foster, Mary Ashcroft, Peter Foster, Sharon Halsall, Richard Pope, Frances Clarkson, Michael Brooks, John Connor, June Golics, Patricia Mott, Margaret Vose.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: *Jean Ball, Val Bradley, 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, 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, Patrick McCabe, Tom Ireland, Robert Wright, Peggy Sweeney.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Vaughan who died recently.

St Anne's News:

23 – 27 March: *Please note that the church will not remain open for Quiet Prayer after Mass as usual due to ongoing repair work.*

UCM Lenten Retreat tomorrow, Monday 23rd March at 1p.m. in Lounge led by Msg John Butchard. All ladies very welcome to join us.

Easter Story Invitation: *The children in Year 3 at St Anne's Catholic Primary School are performing the Easter Story on **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March at 2pm**. We would like to invite St Anne's parishioners to join us. If you are able to attend, please come along to the school office to enter the hall. Thank you.*

Year 3 Staff & Children

Pastoral Centre Users: *Please ensure that all lights are switched off and that all doors are locked before leaving the building. Thank you.*

Church Shop: *Good selection of Easter cards in stock.*

St Elizabeth's News

The Parish office is open on Wednesdays from 10am-12.30pm.

Any items concerning St Elizabeth's must go through the Parish office – stelizabeth.southport@racaol.org.uk

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.

Reconciliation will take place after Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.

Lent lunches – There will be Rosary at 11.45 am on Fridays during Lent 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.

Please remove spent Christmas grave pots/wreaths 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 started on Tuesday 24th February. Please pray for the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion to be held on 21st June 2026.

The Holy Father has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of St Francis, so we now have a new display in the window.

The Pilgrims of Hope display is now in an opposite side window.

If anyone would like to join the Governing body as a parent/grandparent governor or the LEA link governor, please contact the headteacher Mrs J Preston.

Barbara Murphy is organising a Sunday lunch at Master McGrath's – date to be arranged. There is a list at the back of church to put your name if you would like to be included.



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 all 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 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

Missionaries of Charity: Carrying of the Cross – Saturday 28 March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2pm.

Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start.

Archdiocese of Liverpool

Do you have an interest you'd like to share? St. Anne's PPC would like to invite everyone to help build up our parish community through activities they could share with others. It could be anything – just something that you do and which you think others would enjoy. It doesn't need to be complicated or difficult – just something that you would be able to organise. If you have an idea and could get something going, please let us know through the PPC e-mail address ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk or leave a note with your contact details in the suggestion box in the narthex. Just tell us something about your idea and how you'd put it into action. All ideas welcome! Thank you!

St. Anne's PPC

Future Proof our Parish

St Anne's PPC are requesting support in forming a separate working party to examine the future of the parish. From Youth focused work to outreach events and planning, we seek to support a vibrant community that serves its people.

How can you help? *Initially we need ideas, what do you want to see? What are we doing that you don't think is a good idea? We can collect these from a suggestion box at the back of church, or you can email the PPC at ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk.*

More than an idea? *The second part will be a meeting to discuss a coherent plan that reflects the values of our community.*

Practical support? *If you don't want to commit to a meeting but could offer practical support. Could you run and manage a 200 club? Run a weekly Bingo session? Host a community group? Please get in touch with Bridget if you could spare any time or expertise.*

This is more than our faith; this is our community. We need to support it to grow so that it can continue to support us.

Thank you.

Bridget Mawtus on behalf of the PPC

Children (aged 3-11yrs) You are Invited to
Children's Liturgy on Good Friday (3rd April)

(while parents are in Church) Come and hear about the story of Easter

3pm at the Pastoral Centre



“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come.” SS 2:11-12

Thank you to all the parents, carers, parishioners and friends, for their support in the Planting for Pollinators' appeal. St Bede's Gardening Angels have done a great job. We are allowing the plants to die back, so that we can hope for glorious blooms for years to come each spring. We also hope that the flowers will encourage early pollinators to thrive each year.

Andrew Holt

***Lourdes in December for the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

7 – 11 December 2026

For all bookings received by 30th April 2026, a £25 per person discount will apply and a low deposit of £100 per person. After 30th April, deposit is £250 per person and normal price applies.

£650 per person sharing

£775 single room

Please contact St Anne's parish office for a Booking Form.



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BRAND NEW EARLY YEARS FACILITY

Exciting News for Our Community! 

Now Enrolling: Teacher-Led Nursery Places!

This offers **funded nursery places** for children starting from their **third birthday**. The nursery is **teacher-led**, ensuring high-quality early education in a nurturing and engaging environment.

With a focus on play-based learning and development, children thrive in our purpose-built indoor and outdoor spaces. Whether your child is just turning three or ready for their next adventure, we're here to support every step of the journey.

Places are available now — Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a tour with Mrs Preston.