

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

**Today's
 Retiring
 Collection:
 PRIEST
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St. Anne's Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm Closed on Wednesday

St. Anne's Website: www.stannes-ormskirk.org.uk

St Elizabeth's Parish Office Hours: Wednesdays from 10am-12.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Presbytery: 10 Hall Road Scarisbrick L40 9QE Tel: 01704 880226

St. Elizabeth's Website: www.stelizabeths-scarisbrick.org.uk

St. Elizabeth's office email: stelizabeth.southport@rcaol.org.uk

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PRAY AS YOU GO LINK <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Please scan QR code below to donate £10 to help with the
 parish running costs



26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: L1 394: Acts 2; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2; Jn 10

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	26	9.00am	<i>Jack, Josie, Elaine & Derrick Prescott</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Retiring Collection: Priest Training Fund</i> <i>Baptisms after Mass: Connie Mc Cabe, Libby McCabe, Rome Hudson, Luca Hudson.</i>
Wed	29	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Catherine of Sienna</i> <i>Paddy Mott</i>
Sun	2	9.00am	<i>Audrey Mitchell</i>

Live Simply

Dear Parishioners and Friends

As you well know I often repeat myself and, in particular, at this time of the year, I often talk about my love for the stories in the New Testament connected with the resurrection of Jesus! The very fact of resurrection after death and the reaction of the people whom Jesus then encountered, is 'beyond belief'! I love the way Jesus just appears. It's as if he pops up and cries out, 'Hello. It's me! How would we have reacted if we had been one of those to whom Jesus appeared?

One of the most fascinating people among those 'chosen' ones was Mary of Magdala. She seems to have been a dodgy kind of person, though there isn't any evidence that she was all that dodgy! I have been reading about her recently in one of Richard Rohr's books, *The Universal Christ*. She is mentioned by all four of the evangelists, 12 times in the Gospel, and that she was at the Cross along with Mary the mother of Jesus indicates that she must have had a special place in the life of Jesus. It was Mary who went off to anoint the body of Jesus after his death and discovered the empty tomb. She summons the apostles and they too witness to the disappearance of Jesus' body, but while the apostles then returned to their homes Mary remained weeping. She is bereft. (Wait for it!) A man appears whom she takes to be the gardener but when he speaks her name – 'Mary' – she realises who this man is: 'Rabbuni, Master'. What do you make of the fact that it wasn't just Mary M who didn't at first recognize Jesus? She wasn't the only disciple not to know Jesus at first. Look how the two disciples reacted to the stranger on the way to Emmaus, the fishermen seeing a man on the shore of Lake Galilee cooking fish on a fire, or those disciples who doubted that it was Jesus who appeared in Galilee ... What do you make of all this?

Godric OSB

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

Mary Forshaw, Mary Reid, Kathleen Kelly, Veronica Ahern, Kathleen Attwood, Catherine Hemmings, William Laffey, Austin Kirwan, Colette McGrath, Josephine Wheat, Josie (Rose) Faulkner, Graham Flynn, Margaret McVey, Irene McKeown, Anthony Keating, John Oxley, Maureen Maesschalk, William Hore, Kit Allan, Michael Gout, June Marshall, Ralph Hunter, Sarah Cliffe, Robert Snellgrove, James West, Frances Morley, Colin Baxter, Neil Gordon, James (Dougie) Rose, Thomas Robinson, Sylvia Croston, Norah Bradburn, Bridget Howard, Brian Starr, Kenneth Sullivan, Clare Walton, John Appleyard.

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

Marie Wright, Robert Burrows, William Ball, Catherine Ball, Neville Hill, Irene Young, Francis Porter, Patricia Mott, Josie Prescott, Jerome Wilson.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: Jean Ball, 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, Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Joe Ackers, Katie, Derek Murphy, Gerrard Witter, Wendy, Anne, Patrick McCabe, Tom Ireland, Robert Wright, Peggy Sweeney.

Recently sick: Susan, Jacqui McDermott.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Harrison who died recently.

St Anne's News:

S.V.P. Please note that the next SVP meeting is tomorrow, 27th April instead of Bank Holiday Monday.

Shop: Gifts and cards for 1st Communion are now on sale. Cash preferred but payment can be made through machine in Narthex.

Pastoral Centre Users: Please be mindful that ALL lights must be switched off before leaving the building.



On **Saturday the 27th June**, Ormskirk Community Choir have their Summer Concert. Tickets will be on sale in advance for safety reasons as this is always well attended.

Put the date in your diary and we will get tickets out as soon as possible!

St Elizabeth's News

The Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 29th April until Wednesday 13th May. Please contact St Anne's office during this time.

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.

If anyone is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

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

The Douai Abbey shop is now online so well worth having a look as some things are on a special offer! - <https://douaiabbey.xyz>

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.

Men's Prayer Group

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 29th April** at 19.00
in the back room of the Greyhound Pub.

All men of both parishes welcome

Contact Pete on 01851716057 / Gennsuer20@gmail.com for details

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

Hi Everyone,

As you know we have been raising funds for essential repairs to the Church Roof for some time now and as a new member of the PPC I thought it would be a good idea to see how we can boost the funds as individuals and collectively as a Parish.

I'm now able to confirm details for the first 2 walks:

Walk 1: St Anne's Church to St John the Evangelist, Burscough. 2nd of May. Meet at St Anne's Social Centre Car Park at 9.45 and depart at 10am. We are aiming to be at St John's for 12.30 where we will be met by Father O'Shea.

Walk 2: St John the Evangelist Burscough to Our Lady & All Saints, Parbold. 23rd of May. Meet at St John the Evangelist Car Park at 9.45 and depart at 10am. We are aiming to be at Our Lady's & All Saints for 12.00-12.30.

(Walks 3 and 4 will take place in June. Dates TBC)

How can you support/get involved?

You could donate to sponsor the walk online by visiting: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/keith-stopforth?utm_term=nnYKP4kxq&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

You could join me on the walk and perhaps raise your own sponsorship- if you would like to join me just let me know via email or text. I can also provide a paper sponsorship form if you want to raise funds that way. If you do plan to walk, please arrange to be picked up at our destination. I will have space in my car for 2 people

If you prefer to donate directly please email me for a sponsorship form and I will send over to you.

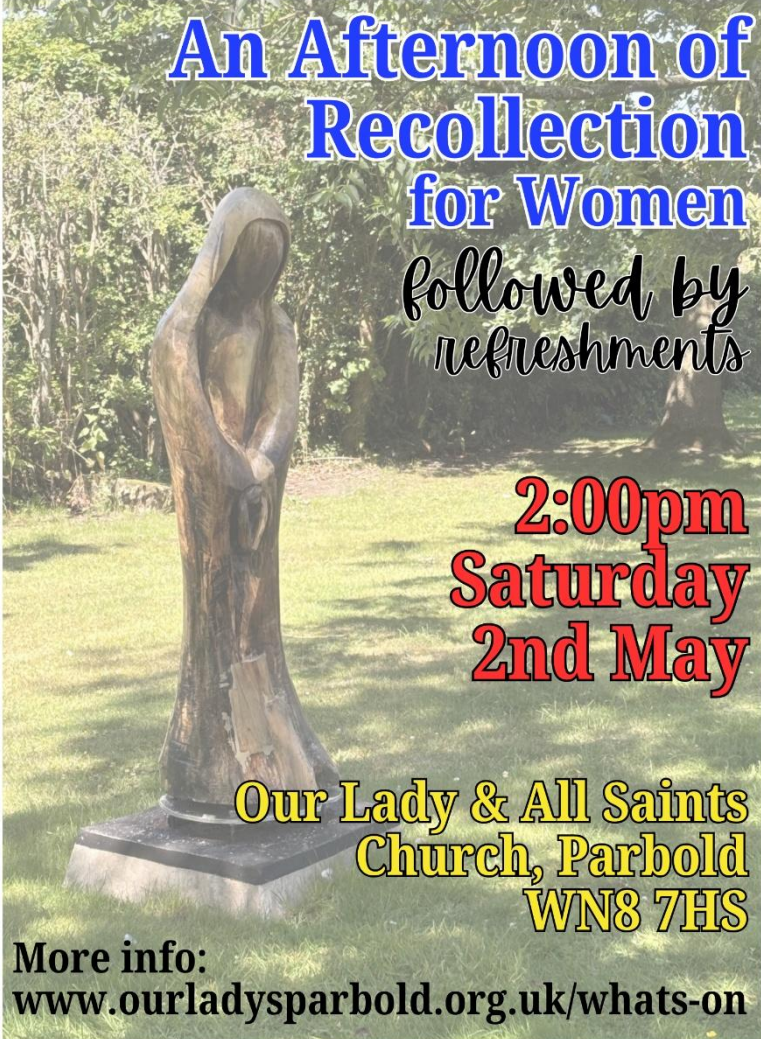
I'm hoping to be present after the weekend masses once all the walks have been completed which will be some time towards the end of June and you can pass on any sponsorship monies then.

N.B. I'd be delighted if you would like to join me on any of the walks. Please note if you plan to come as a family then all children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. In addition, I'm hoping we can do the majority of the walks off road to take in our lovely open countryside so good walking shoes/boots will be essential.

Best Regards

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**An Afternoon of
Recollection
for Women**
*followed by
refreshments*

**2:00pm
Saturday
2nd May**

**Our Lady & All Saints
Church, Parbold
WN8 7HS**

**More info:
www.ourladysparbold.org.uk/whats-on**

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool?

There will be a reunion on **17th May** for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173

Berniemshaw@hotmail.com

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.

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

7 – 11 December 2026

£650 per person sharing

£775 single room

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

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.