

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

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15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete Sunday)

Readings: Zeph 3:14-18a, Ps Is 12:2-3, 4bcde, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	15	9.00am	<i>Robert & Agnes Wright</i>
Wed	18	9.30am	<i>Sharon Halsall</i>
Sun	22	9.00am	<i>George Charnock - Cribs will be Blessed at Mass</i>

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	14	4.00pm	<i>Feast of St John of the Cross</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	Rev Fr Boniface OSB (Vigil Mass)
Sun	15	10.30am	<i>Church Parade</i> Jimmy O'Neill (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed by Session 3 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school
		Noon	<i>Baptisms: Celina James & Oillie Rose Shaw</i>
		1.00pm	<i>Baptisms: William Charles, Edward James & Ivy Julia Clair</i>
Mon	16	9.00am	Monsignor Des Seddon (NB Earlier Mass time) & Holy Souls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCM Christmas Party in Pastoral Centre at 12.30pm
		7.00pm	St Bede's Carol Service in church
Tue	17	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Maureen Brash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Group at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre • Advent Talk at 7.00pm in the Pastoral Centre
Wed	18	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	David Scragg
Thu	19	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	Terry Collins
		7.00pm	Reconciliation Service
Fri	20	9.30am	Samantha Williams (2nd Anniv) – St Anne's Primary will join us
		11.00am	Funeral Service: Thomas Maddocks
Sat	21	4.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	All Parishioners (Vigil Mass) - Cribbs will be Blessed at Mass
Sun	22	10.30am	John McManus (streamed) - Cribbs will be Blessed at Mass

St. Anne's Scout Group

After the Church Parade Mass today, the Scouts are having a cake sale in the Parish Centre.

There will be some mini Christmas cakes, mince pies and other cakes.

We have also taken delivery from Santa's elves, of some reindeer food for Rudolph and his friends for Christmas Eve. Sprinkle it on your garden and the reindeer will know where to head for.

Come and join us for a coffee and a cake.

Dear Parishioners and Friends

If I don't mention it here the forthcoming Holy Year in the Catholic Church might go unnoticed! 'Holy' years or 'Jubilee' years go back to biblical times. In the Hebrew Bible, a Year of Jubilee, or 'yovel', is a year that occurs every 50 years and is marked by a period of rest, debt forgiveness, and the freeing of enslaved people. The yovel is a musical instrument which was played to announce the beginning a year of jubilee, a time to re-establish relationships with God, one another, and creation. It's also a time for economic, cultural, environmental, and communal reset. The Catholic Church holds jubilee years every 25 years for similar reasons.

The coming Jubilee Year of 2025 will be the second under the pontificate of Pope Francis: the extraordinary Jubilee, the Year of Mercy, was celebrated in 2016. This time, Pope Francis invites the faithful to live the holy year as "**Pilgrims in Hope**" — which is the motto of the jubilee of 2025. The jubilee logo, designed by Italian artist Giacomo Trivisani, shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The rough waves under the figures symbolize the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. The anchor is a symbol of hope. The dynamic cross of Christ bends down towards humanity, not leaving us all alone, but stretching out to us to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.



Pope Francis will open the 'Holy' Door in the Vatican on Christmas Eve, while here in the archdiocese Archbishop Malcolm will begin the Holy Year in this archdiocese on Sunday 29 December by opening the Holy Door in the Metropolitan Cathedral. As 'Pilgrims of Hope' there is much to exploit over the coming year in this engaging theme.

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 21st December 2024 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's James King, Anthony Holcroft, Laura Moss, Jane Walsh, Anne Bramwell, Mary Gibbons, Josephine Aindow, Maxine Corke, Peter Kirby, Joan Johnson, Patricia Morgan, Thomas Charnock, Eileen Culpin.

St Elizabeth's: Agnes Branwood, Margaret Whalley, Tom Massam, George Charnock, Margaret Wright, Ronald Bibby, Maurice Bialeck, Agnes Dawes, Harry Barnes.

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: John Casey, Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Sally Kirkby, Mary Linton, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, Paul McWilliams, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava, Ann Potter, 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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Maddocks who died recently.

St Anne's News:

UCM: Last meeting of 2024 on 16th with a Christmas Party starting at 12.30pm.
Reconciliation Service at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th December.

Parishioner Mike Devlin would like to wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas. Mike is still at The Spinney Care Home in Upholland and is doing well after recovering from a recent infection.... please continue to keep dear Mike in your prayers.

Please note change of date & time!

St. Anne's CHURCH BIG CLEAN!!
Saturday 21st December at 10.00am.

If anyone from our cleaning teams can turn up to help clean our church,
we would be extremely grateful.



Thank you to our wonderful team of cleaners who have offered their time
cleaning the church throughout the year.

Catherine McGair

St Elizabeth's News:

Religious Christmas Cards: These are now on sale at the back of the Church.

Christmas Flowers: We invite you to bring poinsettias to church to help decorate the church for Christmas. They can be brought to church at any time during Advent and we will store in the cloister until we decorate the church for Christmas. This is a lovely way to remember a loved one who has died during the year.

Donations for flowers for the High Altar for Christmas can be made in the box by St Joseph.

Christmas Tree: A big thank you to **Massams Supplies** who are donating a Christmas tree which we will decorate and place on the Sanctuary. Nearer the big feast we will decorate this.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle, either by donating prizes or buying tickets.

Christmas Mass & New Year Times: Mass will be at **5.30pm on Christmas Eve** and **9.30am on Christmas morning**. Carols will be held before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass.

New Years Day: Mass at St Elizabeth's will be at 10.00am.

Holy Communion under both kinds: We plan to reintroduce the Holy Chalice from Easter 2025. The date is so far in the future to allow the necessary training and DBS clearance. So we can ensure we have the appropriate number of Eucharistic Ministers please **can you indicate if you would like this on the form at the back of Church.**

SEPTEMBER 2025 RECEPTION INTAKE: The Admissions window is now open for parents to apply for a 2025 reception place at St Mary's. The following link will take you to the Admissions page on the school website <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/admissions/> You are very welcome to come and visit the school and look at the beautiful facilities and see the curriculum in action. Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a tour with Mrs. Preston.

You may also know a family friend or relative whose child is due to start school in September 2025. We need your help to remind them that the application window is now open.

Please bring along your cribs to be Blessed.

To be Blessed during Mass at St. Anne's on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December
and during Mass at St Elizabeth's on Sunday 22nd December



Have you got any new or nearly new toys that you can spare for families less fortunate than yourselves?
If so, the Irenaeus Centre, 32, Great Georges Road L22 1RD, are looking for some. Please help, if you can.
Tel: 0151 949 1199. Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

International Table: A celebration of food and community.

To celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, all parishioners are invited to St Anne's "International Table", in the Parish Centre after Sunday morning Mass, 5th January 2025. Please bring a dish to share for eating at 12:30, but to get an idea of numbers please sign up at the back of church.



Pablo Guidi

St. Anne's Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass on Christmas Eve

During the Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 p.m. the children will be taking lots of roles, including creating the nativity tableau as the Gospel is read, readings, offertory, and opening candle procession. If your child would like to take part, please email Annegilham@gmail.com with your child's name and age.

A short practice will take place on Sunday 22nd December after the 10.30am Mass.

Help needed

- Firstly, if anyone would like to join our team as a catechist, and take a full part in planning and delivering the sessions, we would love to have you. You will require a DBS to be undertaken by the parish, and if we get a few more helpers, we will be able to set up a rota for each Sunday.
- Secondly, we would like to create a list of people who would be willing to come into the session with us, as a 2nd person in a group, if we are short of help. This would be a very different role to the team members, as it will not be regular, and could even only be once a month or term or less, when we are short. There would be no planning or delivering requirement and as it is not a regular role, no DBS is needed, although if you are willing to have one, this could be sorted.

A WhatsApp group would be made, and on a Saturday evening or even Sunday morning, when we know we are short of help, a call would go out and if you are going to be in Mass, and willing to come out with us, that would be brilliant.

If you would like to join us, either on the team, or as an occasional support helper, or if you would like more detail first, please contact me – Annegilham@gmail.com

Advent Talk 'A Journey to Christmas through Art and Scripture' by Fleur Dorrell.

The Parish Council are delighted Fleur Dorrell is joining us at **7.00 pm in the Parish Centre on 17th December**. In this meditative style talk, Fleur will illustrate how artists show us the truth of Christ's birth. Through some beautiful paintings, Fleur will explore how Scripture and art shed light and colour on our Advent journey.

Fleur is an author, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference for England Wales and hosts the 'God who speaks' website encouraging greater engagement with the Scriptures: www.godwhospeaks.uk

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 will start 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)

Grave yard 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

Godine OSB

INTERESTED IN ORMSKIRK AND ITS HISTORY?

There will be Heritage talks over the next few months in St. Anne's Pastoral Centre based on Ormskirk and its history.

Presented by local historian, Dot Broady-Hawkes, and Kathryn MacDonald, Librarian, Ormskirk and District Family History Society, the talks will cover a wide variety of topics and will start at 1.30pm.

Tuesday 7th January History of Ormskirk Inns and Beer Houses

Tuesday 4th February West Lancashire Military Heroes Remembered

Tuesday 4th March The Manor of Ormskirk

All the talks are free, but donations are appreciated. Everyone is very welcome - choose to attend which ever ones appeal to you. For bookings and information please contact dothawkes@hotmail.co.uk

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