

*The Parishes of*  
**St. Anne, Ormskirk &  
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22nd December 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Mic 5: 2-5a; Psalms 79: 1ac & 2b, 14-15, 17-18; Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1: 39-44.

**St Elizabeth's Mass Times**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	9.00am	<b>George Charnock</b> - <i>Cribs will be Blessed at Mass</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>24</b>	5.30pm	<i>Christmas Eve, start of Jubilee 2025</i> <b>Horace &amp; Margaret Staniforth</b> - <i>Vigil Mass for Christmas</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>25</b>	9.30am	<i>Christmas Day - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <b>Priest's Intention</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	9.00am	<i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i> <b>Harry Barnes</b>

# St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	21	4.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	<b>All Parishioners</b> (Vigil Mass) - <i>Cribs will be Blessed at Mass</i>
Sun	22	10.30am	<b>John McManus</b> (streamed) - <i>Cribs will be Blessed at Mass</i>
Mon	23	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	<b>Bill Stopforth</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Tue	24		<i>Christmas Eve, start of Jubilee 2025</i>
		9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	<b>Mike Devlin</b>
		6.00pm	<b>Rev Fr Boniface Moran OSB</b> - <i>Vigil Mass for Christmas</i>
	9.00pm	<b>All Parishioners</b> - <i>Midnight Mass</i>	
Wed	25		<i>Christmas Day – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
		10.00am	<b>Private Intention</b>
Thu	26		<i>Boxing Day – Feast of St Stephen</i>
		Noon	<b>All Benefactors</b>
Fri	27		<i>Feast of St John</i>
		9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9.30am	<b>Alan Hughes</b>
Sat	28		<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>
		4.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i>
		5.00pm	<b>Bill Trickett</b> (Vigil Mass)
Sun	29	10.30am	<i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i> <b>All Parishioners</b>





***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

In three days' time, we shall be celebrating the wonderful feast of Christmas – not that anyone needs reminding of this! For such a significant event as the birth of Jesus Christ it is right and fitting that we Christians and the rest of the world celebrate with festivities and all the razmataz of lights and feasts and presents and Christmas trees. Something momentous has happened and is happening.

The carols which we sing at this time of year are particularly close to my heart. With their appealing melodies, singable by just about everyone, they proclaim deep truths about our Christian faith and shout aloud to the world the Good News of Jesus Christ: the Word has become flesh and through this man / God, we are drawn into the life of the Trinity. Christmas time is also about telling a story: humanity's longing for real life and forgiveness of misdeeds, the long journey towards God with many ups and downs, and eventual success in putting things right between humans and God.

Most central, of course, is the part that Jesus plays in this pilgrimage; but of very great significance also, is that we humans too are key players in the story. We accept Jesus into our lives, try our best to put into practice what he offers, and so we celebrate.

I pray for you, our parishioners and friends, that this Christmas will be a time of joy and celebration, of discovering new ways in which we can live life to the full, and that we can, as Pope Francis has encouraged us, discover the Joy of the Gospel. Happy Christmas and may you have many blessings in 2025.

Godric OBB



**Anniversaries to 28th December 2024 (Last 10 yrs)**

**St Anne's:** Francis Quinn, James Delaney, Gerard Entwistle, Agnes Hayes, William Stopforth, Michael Howard, Edith Harrison, Margaret Charnock, James Deevey, David Dale, Thomas Brady, Carole Mills, Joan Gough.

**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.

**Recently Sick:** Ann Melia & Jean Ball

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Casey who died recently.**

**St Anne's News:**

**From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Due to work on the church tower, Midweek Masses will be said in the Pastoral Centre.

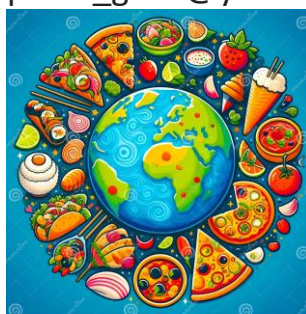
**The next Bulletin** will be printed in advance on Christmas Eve, covering Mass times until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. So, the deadline for any news items is tomorrow, Monday at noon, thank you.

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***International Table: A celebration of food and community.***

To celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, you are invited to St Anne's "International Table" in the Parish Centre after Sunday morning Mass, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. All are welcome to taste food from Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Spain, Philippines, and much more. For those bringing food, the centre will be open from 10am - we have some slow cookers to keep food hot- or you can go home and bring a dish back. For more details contact [pablo\\_guidi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pablo_guidi@yahoo.co.uk)



# 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. **There will be a procession to the crib involving ALL the children who are at 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.

***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)

Graveyard 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](mailto:dothawkes@hotmail.co.uk)*

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