

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

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12th January 2025

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Readings: L1 172: Is 42; Ps 29; Acts 10; Lk 3 Ps 104; Tts 2: Lk 3

St Elizabeth's Mass Times

Sun	12	9.00am	<i>E.B.C.</i>
Wed	15	9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	19		<i>Peace Sunday</i>
		9.00am	<i>Tess & Eric Mills</i>

St Elizabeth's News:

Gift Aid Envelopes: The envelopes for the New Year are available in the porch. Please take your box. Thank you for Gift Aiding for every £10 you give the church receives £12.

St Anne's Mass Times

Sat	11	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Sarah, Vicar of Christ Church (vigil Mass)
Sun	12	10.30am Noon	Stephanie Blackman (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Followed by Session 4 of preparation for First Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school</i> Baptisms: Noah Rafe & Reeva Grace Brogden
Mon	13	9.15am 9.30am	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary Ann Farrell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>UCM at 1.00pm in Pastoral Centre</i>
Tue	14		No Mass today (Feast of St Kentigern) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Prayer Group at 10.30am in Pastoral Centre</i>
Wed	15	9.15am 9.30am	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Joan & Ray Nixon
Thu	16	9.15am 9.30am	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre <i>Morning Prayer</i> Martin
Fri	17	9.15am 9.30am 12.30pm	Mass will be said in the Pastoral Centre -Feast of St Anthony <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary Howley Funeral Service in church: Kathleen Harding
Sat	18	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.45pm</i> Fran Harris - Birthday Celebration (Vigil Mass)
Sun	19	10.30am	<i>Peace Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Church Parade</i> Angela O'Neill (streamed)

UCM

Meetings recommence tomorrow, Monday 13th January, 1p.m.-3p.m. weekly. Recently we have welcomed several new members & we are in the process of preparing our programme for the first few months of 2025. We are part of a National Organisation & our Foundation is part of the Archdiocese. There is a charge of £1 to cover refreshments & raffle & after our prayers we enjoy speakers, quizzes, discussions etc ending of course with a welcome cuppa. So come along to meet us and enjoy a cuppa with no obligation, we welcome all ladies regardless of our title Union of Catholic Mothers which can be off putting. Our committee like to think of us as a prayerful friendship group.

Sue, Pat & Lynne

Dear Parishioners and Friends

This Sunday we celebrate the third of the main 'Christmas-time' feasts, the Baptism of Our Lord. I did speak about these feasts last Sunday but thought I would mention again some of the points from my homily as they set the scene for this new year.

Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus are all 'epiphanies', that is to say, occasions when things formerly unclear, are revealed. So, Christmas – the birth of Jesus – is the culmination of God's plan to restore humanity's relationship with the Lord. God has made us in God's own image, we share God's life; but human beings have severed this relationship by being self-centred and by turning away from God. The story of these wise, foreign men coming to pay homage to the child-saviour, signifies that Jesus has come to save the whole of mankind and not just one section of human beings. The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist signifies that the time of preparation has now ended and Jesus' public ministry has begun. Salvation has come, life has been restored. Some other aspects of these feasts:

As wise men, no mention of kings in the original Scripture references, recognized who Jesus was, so we too need to be guided in our searching for God. At the same time we must not forget that one of the gifts given us in Confirmation is the gift of wisdom. We must have the confidence to recognize that wisdom which we already possess.

The wise men did not travel alone but with others. Likewise, we benefit greatly by searching, travelling, with others. We grow through being members of a community, especially by being members of the Church.

Even wise men lost their way and ended up confronting Herod. We too make wrong decisions, are lured away by superficial attractions, but by opening our lives and our hearts to the true star of Wisdom we are brought again to the right path.

The wise men finally arrived at the house where they encountered Jesus. We know when we have arrived home!

The magi were not alone in the Scriptures in following their dreams. Perhaps our dreams represent our true selves. Let us be honest with ourselves ...

As we begin this new, Holy Year, Pope Francis reminds us that we are Pilgrims of Hope. In our searching for holiness, we have been entrusted with the great, god-given gifts of Faith, Hope and Love. Hope enables us to travel in confidence with the surety that God is with us, and we do not travel in vain.

I wish you happy travelling and may God grant you many blessings in 2025.

Godric OSB

Anniversaries to 18th January 2024 (Last 10 yrs)

St Anne's: Dorothy Speers, Michael Corrigan, Michael Boulton, George Dunn, John Grundy, Angela Wynne, Robert Frodsham, Philomena Murphy, Norah Hammond, John Keegan, Joan Nixon, Theresa Wood.

St Elizabeth's: Frederick Hook, Joe Lewis, John Houghton, Joseph Thompson, Ray Iddon, Paul Manchester, Joan Forshaw, Anna Ackers

Please pray for the sick:

St Anne's: 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 Patricia Johnson who died recently.

St Anne's News:

Church Cleaners & Health & Safety: During work on the Church Tower, the cleaners will not be needed. There is a possibility of falling debris in the narthex whilst work on the tower takes place. Catherine McGair will contact the teams to arrange a big clean once the work has finished. In the meantime, the building team will do their best to keep the narthex area tidy.

CHURCH SHOP: The shop remains a good source of cards, rosaries, candles etc for Parishioners and I am blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who man the shop for the two weekend Masses.

However, the number of people for the 5p.m. Mass is quite low so if you attend that Mass regularly and are able to volunteer an extra 20 mins of your time to open shop 10 mins before & after the Mass please get in touch with me on 07501925388 or give your details to whoever is on duty in the shop.

- In February I will have run the shop for 14 years and recently on my own. I would love someone to assist me with the running of which entails ordering goods online, pricing & displaying, cashing up and preparing a rota. I worry that if I was unwell no one else knows what I do and one day I would like to hand over the reins completely. Trish McDermott recently deceased initiated the shop opening approx. 30 years ago during Fr Alban's time & long may it continue.

Thank you, Pat Harwood

Appointment of new Archbishop of Liverpool

We have received this from the Archdiocese, please take part if you can by using the links below.

If you would like to discuss this with Joan Bill, our deanery synodal representative, please speak to her after 10:30 Mass or drop a note through the Priory door addressed for her attention.

There is a link to be able to take part in the Saturday meeting using Zoom, perhaps parishioners could do this with others in small groups?

AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

“A Bishop’s task is to preside over a local Church as a visible principle of unity within it and a bond of communion with all the Churches.” (69)

“This is why the Assembly desires that the People of God have a greater voice in choosing Bishops.”

(70)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2024

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on:

- **Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary’s Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm) and**
- **Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)**

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop.

This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place at one of the meetings please fill in the online form in the link below: bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL

If you are unable to take part in person, but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please follow the link below on Saturday 18th January at 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

With best wishes, the Executive of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council.

INTERESTED IN ORMSKIRK AND ITS HISTORY?

Heritage talks 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 4th February West Lancashire Military Heroes Remembered

Tuesday 4th March The Manor of Ormskirk

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

Sponsored by Ormskirk Community Partnership in conjunction with St. Anne's Pastoral Centre.

RED BOXES - MISSIO

Happy New Year Everyone!. I'm pleased to confirm that we have collected over £1075 during December for Missio and their work both in the UK and Overseas. This is wonderful result given the difficult times many people are still going through. **Thankyou** to all of our Red Box Holders. We also have a growing community who donate online in St Anne's- **thankyou to You**. Once I have the total figure for 2024 including these, I will let you know via the bulletin.

Can I also take the time to thank our volunteer collectors without whom none of this would happen- **THANKYOU!**

Our next round of collections will be in Late May/Early June when our wonderful volunteers will call to empty your Red Box.

If you would like to contribute to Missio or for some reason we have missed you on our collection rounds do please get in touch.

Best Regards

Keith

(kstoppy1@hotmail.com 07809 511592)

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 started 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

Godric OSB