

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

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TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(RACIAL JUSTICE DAY) READINGS: L1 SIR 27:33-28:9; L2 ROM 14: 7-9; G MT 18: 21-35

ST. ANNE'S

ST. ELIZABETH'S

Sat	10	7.00pm	<i>Kevin Gill</i>		
Sun	11	9.00am 10.30am 12.15pm 4.30pm	<i>Mary Molloy (Anniversary)</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Baptism: Isabel Blackledge</i> <i>Deceased members of the Moon & Cotton Families</i>		9.30am <i>Jennie Olverson</i>
Mon	12	9.15am	<i>Joan Irving</i>		
Tue	13	Noon	St. John Chrysostom <i>George Hobart</i>		
Wed	14			9.30am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Esther Rice</i>
Thu	15	Noon	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Rex Wills</i>		
Fri	16	9.15am	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian <i>Irene Wright</i>	9.30am	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian <i>May Forshaw</i>
Sat	17	11.00am Noon 5.45pm 7.00pm	Exposition & Reconciliation <i>Intentions for Fred & Molly Bird</i> Reconciliation <i>All Parishioners</i>	Sun 18 9.30am	<i>Mark Houghton</i>

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday's Gospel gives us the story of the unjust steward. The master releases the steward from a debt which he could not have paid. The steward will not release a fellow steward from a paltry sum. There is a clear double-standard and one which can easily infect our lives. We can readily have one law for ourselves and another for everyone else. Our excuses can be deceptive, e.g. 'Ah, but *we're* doing it for the family', as if that can justify injustice and double standards.

The double standard in matters of dispute and wrongs done can be difficult to recognize. We don't recognize the damage we do to others while we can be very clear about 'our rights' when damage is done to us. We often hear the cry of 'I want justice' when we mean 'I want vengeance.' We need to remember how Jesus, God the Son, who had done no wrong, accepted our sinfulness and died for us. We need also to remember his teaching that if we wish for forgiveness, we must forgive others. Our first reading today makes it clear that resentment and anger 'are foul things', that if we seek vengeance, the Lord will exact it from us, and that we should forgive those who wrong us. This forgiveness should not be lip-service, but must come from the heart, an ability to let go what we might claim to be 'our rights.'

It is not the claim that is wrong: it is the hardness of heart and our double standard. And if we think that *we* do not need forgiveness, we are most terribly deceived. Let resentment go: seek peace and reconciliation and these will be ours in abundance.

Fr. Boniface

The week ahead and beyond:

Events at St. Anne's parish centre unless stated otherwise.

Today (Sun)	Retiring Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society. Civic Service at Ormskirck Parish Church: 3pm. Cabaret: 7.30pm. Youth Meeting: 7pm.
Mon 12 Sep	Monday Club: Hot Pot Lunch at earlier time: 1pm; Yoga: 7pm.
Tue 13 Sep	Prayer Group: 9.15am; Bingo: 7.30pm. St. Anne's Players: 7.15pm.
Wed 14 Sep	UCM Welcome Back: 7.30pm.

Anniversaries occurring throughout the next week:

St. Anne: *Fred Forshaw, Catherine (Kitty) Gibbons, Margaret Phillipson, Jacqueline Meadows, Kathleen Taylor, Brenda Danher, Walter Ormesher, Leonard Anthony McLoughlin, Margaret Greener, Annie (Nancy) Tolmie, Richard Cocks.*

St. Elizabeth: *Anne Taylor, Thomas Massam, Robert Halsall, Leonard Culshaw.*

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

Sharon Addy, Margaret Beech, Chris Bourne, Brenda Colville, David Corrin, Joseph Crawley, Mary Dobson, Marie Grundy, Barbara Hilliard, Joseph Houghton, Joanna Humphreys, Philomena Kelly, Frank McNally, Don Patten, Josie Prescott, Tom Rainford, Michael Regan, William Regan, Donna Smith, Eammon Sweeney, Joan Walsh, Eric Young.

The New Translation - whose idea was it anyway?

Until the early 1960s, Mass was celebrated in Latin throughout the world. Wherever you happened to be on Sunday the Mass would be celebrated in the language you were used to. At the Second Vatican Council, in the early 1960's, it was agreed that Mass could be said in the language of the country in which it was being celebrated. There would be no change to the Mass itself, just the language being used. This would enable us to understand more fully what was being said and help us to participate more fully. An English translation was made available as quickly as possible, but it was intended to be temporary. A more considered translation would be issued later, hopefully in about five years. However, it has taken some forty years! This translation has at last been agreed by Rome and we will begin using it in our parishes in Liverpool Archdiocese from the 1 October. If you would like to know more about the liturgy document issued by the Second Vatican Council see:

http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_an_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html

In three weeks time we will begin using the new translation of the Mass. So September has been set aside as a special time of prayer so that we might be ready to receive the new Missal and deepen our appreciation of the Mass.

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

We are recruiting new altar servers to join the existing team of over 30 young people. Boys and girls must have been 9 or over by 31 August. If interested, please ask your parents to hand your name in to The Priory, together with a contact number. Envelopes should be marked 'Altar Serving'.



YOUTH NEWS:

We have started our regular meetings again on Wednesdays and Sundays, with new occasional Thursday sessions. Please check out our website for more information about session times and what we have planned. We are open to all young people between 11 and 19 years of age, and look forward to seeing you in the Amplify Youth Room.

ST. ANNE'S NEWS:

Monica Gamble (nee Dillon) would like to thank Fr. Godric, Fr. Boniface, the Banneux group, and all friends and parishioners for your kind words of condolence received when Alan suddenly passed away. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

MISSIO: Will all zelators please collect their magazines from the church foyer and return them as soon as possible.

Pastoral Area Newsletter: We will soon be putting the next edition of our PA newsletter together. If you or your group have any articles that you would like to submit for consideration, please email them to peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 07711 146 259 after 24th September. An article always looks better with a picture. If you have any queries please let me know.

MISSION AID: Many thanks to those who have contributed to Mission Aid. £150 was raised last week. Please keep using your LOAF! Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING: Group 3 needed please.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist: A new rota for ministers is being prepared. If you are no longer available for the rota for any reason, please let Deacon Mac know as soon as possible.

ST. ELIZABETH'S NEWS:

Harvest Festival Sunday 25 September. There is a box at the back of church for any tinned food you can spare for the Harvest. This will be sent to the Marian Centre in Southport later on in the week. All vegetables and fruit will go to the parish sick and the Soup Kitchen in Southport.

After the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the church gardens. All welcome.

Dates for your diary: The Parish Council Scarecrow Competition: 24 September. Application forms are at the back of church. Thank you.

- Harvest Festival: Sunday 25 September.
- Monster Tea Party: Friday 28 October.
- Christingle & Children's Christmas Party: Sunday 18 December.
- Pantomime Trip: Friday 30 December.

Church Cleaning: Group 1 this week please.