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ST. ANNE, ORMSKIRK & ST. ELIZABETH, SCARISBRICK

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YOUR NEWSLETTER 22 JANUARY 2012

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

READINGS: L1 JONAH 3:1-5, 10. L2 1 COR 7:29-31. G MARK 1: 14-20.

ST. ANNE'S:

ST. ELIZABETH'S:

Sat	21	6.00pm	St. Agnes All Parishioners		
Sun	22	9.00am 10.30am Noon 4.30pm	Derek Hughes Bill Hannon RIP Baptism: Haris Casson John Purslow (8th Anniversary)	8.45am 9.30am	Reconciliation The Devine Family
Mon	23	9.15am	Alan Gamble		
Tue	24	Noon	St. Francis de Sales Bob Smyth		
Wed	25	11.30am	Conversion of St. Paul Funeral Service: Winifred Hoyles	9.30am	Conversion of St. Paul Joan Colling
Thu	26	Noon 6.30pm-7.30pm	Saints Timothy & Titus David Parr RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for all our Intentions		
Fri	27	9.15am	Jim Culshaw	9.30am	Martin McNamara
Sat	28	11.00am Noon 5.15pm 6.00pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Exposition & Reconciliation Wilf Robinson Reconciliation Raymond O'Keefe	Sun 29 Jan 8.45am 9.30am	Reconciliation John, Elaine & Derrick Prescott

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's first reading we hear a truncated version of the mission of Jonah, the Old Testament prophet. The story: God calls Jonah to go and convert the people of Nineveh from their wicked, self-centred ways; Jonah tires to run away from God and sets off by ship in the opposite direction, to Tarshish; a storm is about sink the ship in which Jonah is sailing; he realizes he is to blame for the storm, walks the plank (so to speak), is swallowed by a whale and stews for three days in its stinking belly before being vomited up onto dry land! Pretty graphic and amusing stuff! Jonah does go to Nineveh and is really angry with God when the people of Nineveh hear his preaching, take it to heart and all do penance for their sins. Jonah blames God for, as Jonah sees it, tricking him.

It is a story different from almost everything else in the Bible. Using humour and irony it is as if this book is laughing at the prophets who take themselves too seriously, and takes the carpet from under those who think that religion is to be pursued with long faces and dread portents of doom.

Nineveh was not a Jewish city so all the more shocking for the Jewish people seeing God reaching out to 'foreigners'! God is presented as a God, 'slow to anger, rich in mercy.' In this story we see the beginning of the realization that God is not just the God of the Jews: God is the God of gentiles (i.e. us) as well, for there is only one God.

Fr. Godric

The week ahead and beyond:

St. Anne's parish centre unless stated otherwise.

Today (Sun)	Youth Group: 7pm; Cabaret 7.30pm.
Mon 23 Jan	Monday Club: 2pm; Yoga: 7pm.
Tue 24 Jan	Prayer Group: 9.30am; Bingo: 7.30pm.
Wed 25 Jan	UCM: Charities Choice: 7.30pm.
Thu 26 Jan	Exposition at St. Anne's Church 6.30pm-7.30pm.
Tue 31 Jan	St. Anne's Players: 7.15pm.
Fri 3 Feb	Craft & Beauty Evening: 7pm.
Fri 10 Feb	Family Night – see Youth News

Anniversaries occurring throughout the next week:

St. Anne: *Mary Peet, John Purslow, Alice Jones, David Nolan, Robert Grundy, Baby Bethany Pendleton-Nash, Phillip Ashton, William Short, James McLaughlin.*

St. Elizabeth: *Thomas O'Brien, Elizabeth Summerscales, Thomas Diviny, Norah Parker, Robert McKie, Maria Gradwell, Evelyn Whiteside, Mary Halsall, Winifred Edwards, Charles Kershaw, Marcus Bush, John Rawlinson, Maria Olverson, Frances Dobson, George Moorcroft, James Westhead.*

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: *Sharon Addy, Rhiannon Bill, Chris Bourne, Brenda Colville, David Corrin, Joanna Humphreys, Philomena Kelly, Jean Nevin, Don Patten, Josie Prescott, Tom Rainford, Michael Regan, William Regan, Eammon Sweeney, James Swinnerton, Kath Walmsley.*

St. Elizabeth: *Margaret Beech, Marie Grundy, Barbara Hilliard, Joseph Houghton, Frank McNally, Donna Smith, Eric Young.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred Hoyles who died recently.

Asylum Seekers.

J&P group will be collecting after all Masses at St. Anne's church this Sunday – 22 January. Any help at all is always gratefully received. More information on ALM at www.asylumlink.org.uk

Divorced/Separated Support

Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Dept.,
Meetings start mid-February.

For details contact Frances 0151 727 2195 or Maureen 0151 722 1029.

Special Ministers of Holy Communion Diocesan Training Day

Saturday 3 March 9.30am – 5.00pm
Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo.
Cost £15

Contact Maureen Knight for details
0151 522 1046
Email: maureenknight@talktalk.net

YOUTH NEWS:

Tickets for our Family Night on 10th Feb will be available from next week (see the poster at the back of Church). All money raised will go towards the Church roof fund. We are also working on our first Youth Mass of the year, to be held in March.

www.st-annesormskirk.org.uk/groups/amplify.html

Mike Price.



ST. ANNE'S NEWS:

Reminder: Church is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am till 1.30pm for silent prayer.

Church Cleaning: Group 4 needed please.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH CENTRE:

Please can all key-holders ensure that all lights are switched off and that the building is locked securely before leaving.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2012. Once again we are invited to join with the Southport Group for the pilgrimage, 15th -17th June, cost £107. To secure a place, a deposit of £27 is required by 3rd February. If you would like to join us please contact Joyce Malone 01695 575211. Thank you, (see the poster in the porch). *J. Malone.*

ST. ELIZABETH'S NEWS:

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: In the coming years, preparation for children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be led by the children's parents. These parents will need support and guidance and we are looking for a team of helpers who will enable the parents to instruct their children. Anyone who is able and willing to be a helper is asked to contact Fr. Godric or Fr. Boniface as soon as possible.

Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week please.

Marian Care Centre: We would like to continue our support for the homeless and needy by making a weekly collection of the following items: Tinned tuna, corned beef, soups, tea bags, coffee, sugar, eggs and any tinned food product. The basket is in the porch.

Craft & Beauty Evening

In aid of West Lancs M.S. Society

St. Anne's Parish Centre

Friday 3 February 7pm – 9pm

Refreshments & Raffle

Free Entry