

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

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Your Newsletter 5 February 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Readings: L1 Job 7:1-4, 6-7; L2 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; G Mk 1:29-39.

St. Anne's:

St. Elizabeth's:

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant		Other
Sat	4	6.00pm	<i>Sean Bimpson</i>		
Sun	5	9.00am 10.30am 4.30pm	<i>Dorothy Millar</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Ada Morefield & Peggy Morgan</i>	8.45am 9.30am	Reconciliation <i>James, Margaret & Jim Olverson</i>
Mon	6	9.15am	St. Paul Miki, SJ & his Companions <i>Queen Elizabeth II (Diamond Jubilee)</i>		
Tue	7	Noon	<i>Laura & Andrew Moss & Family</i>		
Wed	8			9.30am	<i>John Swinton</i>
Thu	9	Noon 6.30pm- 7.30pm	<i>Norah Eileen Moran</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for all our Intentions		
Fri	10	9.45am	St. Scholastica <i>Requiem Mass: Catherine Walmsley</i>		NO MASS
Sat	11	11.00am Noon 5.15pm 6.00pm	Exposition & Reconciliation <i>Anne Thompson</i> Reconciliation <i>John Hayes</i>	Sun 12 Feb 8.45am 9.30am	Reconciliation <i>Vera Timmings</i>

Dear Parishioners

Some of you may already know that I have spoken to Abbot Geoffrey about the possibility of my having a sabbatical. In September of this year it will be 10 years since I came to St Anne's and for me it has been a time of privileged ministry in Ormskirk and Scarisbrick. Not only is there plenty of work to occupy my time but I am also involved in work for the Archbishop in the Archdiocese. Last year Bishop Vincent encouraged priests in the Archdiocese to take up the opportunity of a sabbatical and some have done so for periods of time ranging from 3 months to 1 year. In the Church of England priests are requested to take a sabbatical every 7 years! My one and only sabbatical was 18 years ago after being a member of our monastic community for 33 years.

A sabbatical is a time of spiritual, academic and physical renewal and I shall be spending a couple of months, from 23 February, following a course of studies at Tantur Ecumenical Institute just outside Jerusalem. I gather that the weather is not particularly warm at this time of year and I have been advised to take warm clothes!

The reason for going at this time is that Fr Peter Bowe, a member of the Douai community, is available, between his assignments, to come and take my place here with Fr Boniface. Peter has much to offer us after having been in Douai, France, for the past six years, and after having spent some time in India in recent years. It will be good for our parishes to have some fresh blood!

It was suggested to me that I could write a blog to keep people informed of my movements, but a couple of days ago I received some information from Tantur including the following: *It may be worth some of your meditation time to consider how much time you really wish to devote to computers while you are in the Holy Land... The Holy Land experience is very rich, complicated and, for most, intense. Spending time at the computer sending reports home may be better spent studying the situation and reflecting on it...* A sombre thought for all of us about how we use blogs and Facebook, and much of present day technology!

Someone summed up the purpose of a sabbatical; it is not an opportunity for going back to school or catching up on one's theology. It is a time to go forward! Please keep me in your prayers.

Fr. Godric

On Sunday 19 February Archbishop Patrick will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass at the Cathedral at 3pm. If anyone would like to go please let the office know and we may be able to arrange a coach. We can have a Retiring Collection on 11/12 February if anyone would like to donate towards the Jubilee gift to the Archbishop from the Diocese.

The week ahead and beyond:

St. Anne's parish centre unless stated otherwise.

Today (Sun)	Sung Evening Prayer 3pm in Cathedral with Archbishop Patrick. Youth Group: 7pm; Cabaret 7.30pm. Monday Club: 2pm; Yoga: 7pm.
Mon 6 Feb	Prayer Group: 9.30am; St. Anne's
Tue 7 Feb	Players: 7.15pm; Bingo: 7.30pm. UCM: 7.30pm (AGM).
Wed 8 Feb	Holy Hour at St. Anne's Church
Thu 9 Feb	6.30pm-7.30pm. Family Night: 7pm -11pm.
Fri 10 Feb	World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Sun 12 Feb	(details below). Celebration of Marriage & Family Life (see details). Justice & Peace: 7.30pm.
Mon 13 Feb	Bereavement Support: 2pm till 3pm
Tue 14 Feb	in new Meeting Room at the back of St. Anne's Church. Mass in Cathedral-see front page.
Sun 19 Feb	Concert at the 'Phil' (see below).
Thu 23 Feb	Women's World Day of Prayer (see
Fri 2 Mar	below).

Anniversaries next week:

St. Anne: *Walter Brown, Josephine Roberts, Kenneth Kennedy, Philomena Egan (Redcliffe girl), Isabel Neville, Harold McFarlane, Tom McGrath, Anthony Stribling, Joseph Fletcher, Leah Woodward, Frank Baxter, Kathleen Nolan, Veronica Farrell, Wilfred Whittle, Kathleen Collinge.*

St. Elizabeth: *Anna Porter, Maria Olverson, John Wright, Patrick Rowe, James Bibby, Ellen Dobson, John Halsall.*

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: *Sharon Addy, Michael Ashton, 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.*

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 Catherine Walmsley who died recently.

Mass for World Day of Prayer for the Sick Sunday 12 February 3.00pm

Christ the King & Our Lady, Queens Drive, Liverpool.
Please see poster at the back of church

Thursday 23 February 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert at the 'Phil'.

Followed by Afternoon Tea at
The London Coachworks, Hope Street Hotel
Please see further details at the back of church.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2012 Friday 2nd March

St. Michael's Church, Aughton 7.30pm.

It has been prepared by women in Malaysia and the theme is: "Let Justice Prevail". All are welcome to this ecumenical service followed by refreshments in the church hall.

This week we are holding an open mic night from 7 till 9 pm. Come along to play, sing or just watch. There are still some tickets available at the back of church for the Family Night on 10th Feb. All welcome of all ages and all money raised goes to the church roof fund. We will not be meeting Sunday 12th due to half term, and on Wednesday 15th the session will be from 1.30 until 4pm.

ST. ANNE'S NEWS:

Refreshments after Mass: Please call into the Parish Centre after Sunday morning Masses and make a point of chatting to someone you may not know.

Church Cleaning: Group 2 needed please.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH CENTRE:
Can all User-Groups be aware that the car-park will be closed for a few days from Tuesday 14 February for ground repair work.

Lenten House Groups: This year we are planning to have several Lenten discussion groups in the parish. If interested, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Celebration of Marriage & Family Life: Led by Archbishop Patrick at St Mary's Church Leyland on Sunday 12th February at 3pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend, and there will be a children's Liturgy for our younger members. Please take an invitation from the Wednesday Word stand in the porch. Any queries please call Peter on 07711 146 259.

ST. ELIZABETH'S NEWS:

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 27 February at 7.00pm. Please note change of date.

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. 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 2 this week please.

St. Elizabeth's Parish Centre:

Pre-school: Mon-Fri - Sheila Hudson 01704 880629
Keep-fit: Monday evening - Claire 07967 995072
Toddlers: Weds 2-3pm - Just turn up.
Taekwondo: Tue & Thu - Claire 07967 995072
The hall is available for parties etc., Ring parish office.

Pastoral Area Newsletter:

We are currently compiling our Easter edition, and all parishioners and groups are invited to put forward any articles or news items they would like to include. Please send any items for consideration by Sunday 19th February to peter.mawtus@hotmail.co.uk or call 07711 146 259 if you need assistance.