

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

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TODAY'S RETIRING
COLLECTION:

NUGENT

11 March 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 136:1-2,3,4-5,6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21.



St. Anne's:

St. Elizabeth's:

Sat	10	6.00pm	<i>All Parishioners</i>		
Sun	11	9.00am 10.30am 3.15pm 4.30pm	Bob Smyth <i>Philip Swift followed by With You Always in Pastoral Centre</i> <i>With You Always in Pastoral Centre</i> Noel Hammond	9.30am	Theresa & Stanley Mykush
Mon	12	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Angela Wynne		
Tue	13	11.45am Noon 1.30pm	Midday Prayer Holy Souls <i>Bereavement Support in church till 2.30pm</i>		
Wed	14	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	<i>Exploring Catholic Faith (Pastoral Centre Hall)</i> <i>U.C.M. in Lounge</i> <i>Knights of St Columba in Youth Room</i>	Noon	Private Intention (NB Later Mass time)
Thu	15	11.00am Noon	<i>Holy Hour followed by Midday Prayer</i> Michael Avery		
Fri	16	7.00pm	NO MASS TODAY Stations of the Cross led by the Tuesday Prayer Group	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Susan Gidman
Sat	17	11.15am Noon 5.15pm 6.00pm	<i>St Patrick</i> <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i> Eileen & Bill Wright <i>Reconciliation</i> Kit Lindon		<i>St Patrick</i>

Dear Parishioners

Lent! For many people mention 'Lent' and the immediate reaction is to talk about what we have 'given up'. I think I am one of those because in talking of giving up things I usually admit to being pretty poor at keeping my Lenten resolutions. In our more reflective moments, however, we probably then recall that Lent actually consists of those weeks leading up to Easter, culminating in the celebration of the events of Jesus' last supper, his crucifixion on what we call Good Friday, and the high point, Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We take much of Lent for granted. We encourage our parishioners to celebrate these last events (known as the Paschal Mystery) by gathering as a parish community in our churches. What I would like to ask you all this year is to offer suggestions as to how we can make our Easter a real and living celebration, one that will enable us to fully appreciate this extraordinary mystery which is at the centre of our faith.

Perhaps there are particular texts from the bible which speak to us deeply? Please write them down and put them through St. Anne's or St. Elizabeth's letter box. You might have ideas as to how we can make the Easter Vigil especially, an upbeat, living reality. Anything you think worth considering which will enable us to say, on Easter Sunday, 'Yes, I do know that Jesus has risen, is alive, and gives meaning to my life' – please share your ideas with me. Many thanks.

Godric OSB

St. Anne's Pastoral Centre unless stated otherwise.

Sun 11 Mar With You Always sessions – please see under St Anne's News.
Mon 12 Mar Monday Club: 2pm - Talk by Mary.
Tue 13 Mar Prayer Group 9.30am; Bereavement Support in St Anne's church at 1.30pm till 2.30pm; Bingo: 7.30pm; Lenten Course at St Mark's – please see details below.
Wed 14 Mar Exploring Catholic Faith -details below; UCM: 7.30pm & KSC at 7.30pm
Fri 15 Mar St. Anne's: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
Wed 11 Apr Charity Bingo: please see details below.

Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to Sat 17 Mar 2018).

St. Anne: Patricia Whitty, Mary Wade, Sheila Farrell, Veronica Watters, Eileen Peters (Redcliffe girl), Geraldine Blacklock, James Brash, James Bradshaw, Philip Swift, Anne Clack, Gwendoline McParland, Christine Martina Bailey, Pauline Desmond, Emily Slater, Marcelle Robinson, Catherine (Kitty) Doran.



St. Elizabeth: Catherine Lovelady, Dorothy Houghton.

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: Georgia Addy, Mark Bober, Martin Culkin, Anne Corrin, David Corrin, Isabelle English, Carolyn Fay, Margaret Johnston, Charles Kuhwald, Jim Pierce, Richard Sutherland, Valerie Swinnerton, Kathleen Thorpe, Stephen Wilson.

St. Elizabeth: Mark Bretherton, Gaynor Foster, Janet Foster, Susan Foster, Josie Prescott, Marie Savage, Margaret Wright.

**St Mark's Parish Hall, Scarisbrick
Annual Ecumenical Lenten Course**

Each Tuesday until 3 April
Doors open at 7pm for coffee and light refreshments and a 7.30pm start
we will look at a video and have lively discussions.
All Welcome! **Rev. Eileen Heaney**

EXPLORING CATHOLIC FAITH

We shall continue the sessions for non-Catholics on Wednesday 14 March, 7.30 – 8.30pm in St Anne's Pastoral Centre Hall. There will be 5 meetings leading up to Easter. Later in the year we hope to run a course for Catholics wishing to develop their faith.

Fr Godric

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

St Anne's church
Tuesday 13 March at 1.30pm till 2.30pm.

A date for your diary – Romero Mass

On Sunday 18th March Steve and Anne Atherton will talk about their recent pilgrimage to El Salvador to walk in the footsteps of Blessed Oscar Romero at the 38th annual Archdiocesan Romero Mass. This will be held at 11am at St Charles and St Thomas More, 224, Aigburth Rd., Liverpool L17 9PG. Everyone is welcome. There are refreshments after Mass.
Susan O'Halloran

CHARITY BINGO

St Anne's Pastoral Centre April 11th @ 8p.m.
£2 including first book
Raffle - Refreshments - Cake Stall
Parkinsons UK (Ormskirk) & Parish Syrian Refugee Project
Tickets available in shop & UCM members
Pat Harwood

The funeral director's MLS are collecting Easter eggs for Claire House Hospice. They would be grateful for any Easter egg donations. The eggs can be left at the back of both churches or taken to MLS in Aughton or Burscough.
Lisa Hunter

St Elizabeth's News

Easter Egg Hunt: We will be having an Easter egg hunt for the children after 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Refreshments will be available. Tickets £1 available from either school or the church.
Pre-Easter Clean: If you are free on Wednesday 21 March please join us after Mass at 10am to help clean the church for Easter.
Easter cards are now on sale at the back of church.
200 Club 2018: A little later than usual the renewal forms are now available for this year's 200 Club. We will start the draw at the end of March. Once again, the cost is £12 per entry. The draw will be made at the end of each month, and the monthly prizes will depend on the amount of support. If entries are as last year the prizes will be £30, £20 and £10 each month. Entry forms are at the back of church- please return them by March 15th.
Grand Prize Draw: We are hoping to have another Grand Prize Draw this summer –with printed tickets which we can sell outside the parish. If anyone would like to donate a prize or has suggestions for local businesses who we might approach these would be gratefully received.

ST ANNE'S NEWS:

With You Always: The meetings are today, either following on from 10.30am Mass or at 3.15pm, before 4.30pm Mass. Both meetings in Pastoral Centre as usual.

Parishioners with Offertory Collection Boxes: If you have changed your circumstances or are no longer a tax-payer, please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

St Anne's Church Parking: The refurbishment of St Anne's Church sanctuary roof has begun and will last for approximately 12 weeks. There will be restricted parking in St Anne's Pastoral Centre car park during this time.
John Abraham

THANK YOU: Well done Coffee Drinkers (and Tea Drinkers)! At the Fair-Trade Breakfast last Sunday, you spent over £200 on Fair Trade products, which will go towards Traidcraft's Sreepur Village charity and your boost to the coffee funds means we can send over £400 to Marian Care. Thank you.
Terry Graham

St Anne's Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Group is looking for volunteers who have ESOL qualifications or are speakers of Arabic, who would be willing to work with a Syrian Refugee Family. We would also be grateful for help from anyone who works or has worked for the DWP. If you can help, or know someone who could help, please contact Deacon Mac or email stannescss@gmail.com.
Frank Haynes on behalf of the **Missio Red Boxes** would like to thank all those who support this appeal. The money goes towards supporting missionary priests & sisters in their work with some of the world's most vulnerable, marginalized people. Last year St Anne's parish raised £3340. Please collect your magazines and books from the church foyer and return ASAP. If anyone has a box please inform Frank on 01695578334 or 07484851900 so he can arrange collection.

Hyning: The cancelled visit has now been rearranged for Tuesday 26 June. If this date is not convenient for you, please will you contact me so that I can refund your money. Monsignor Butchard is fortunately available again to be with us. **Jenny Baxter** 572332.

SHOP: Lovely selection of Easter cards, First Communion cards & gifts now on sale.

VACANCY: PARISH FINANCE OFFICER (St Anne's)

Over the past couple of years, we have introduced a Sage accounts system to keep accurate records of the parish's finances. Our gratitude goes to all of those who have been instrumental in this process.

Now that we have the systems in place we are looking for a Parish Finance Officer to ensure the records are kept up to date and that we continue to comply with our reporting requirements. The role requires an average of two to two and a half days a week although the spread of that time across the month can vary.

If you are an experienced book keeper/ accountant with a good working knowledge of Sage accounting software, or similar, capable of producing a set of accounts for management information and external Auditors, please contact the Parish Office for more details.