

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

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**NEXT WEEK'S
RETIRING
COLLECTION
S.V.P.**

6 Aug 2017

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 17:1-9.

St. Anne's:

St. Elizabeth's:

	St. Anne's	St. Elizabeth's
Sat	5 6.00pm <i>Gerard Axford</i>	
Sun	6 9.00am 10.30am 4.30pm <i>Peter & Hannah Lynch All Parishioners Beattie Nickson</i>	9.30am <i>Thomas & Stanley Mykusz</i>
Mon	7 9.15am 9.30am <i>Morning Prayer Sylvia Stanley</i>	
Tue	8 9.15am 9.30am <i>St Dominic Morning Prayer Bill Wright</i>	<i>St Dominic</i>
Wed	9 <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross NO MASS TODAY Afternoon Tea in church garden</i>
Thu	10 12 Noon <i>St Lawrence Requiem Mass: Colette Corkhill</i>	2.00pm <i>St Lawrence</i>
Fri	11 <i>St Clare NO MASS TODAY</i>	9.15am 9.30am <i>St Clare Morning Prayer Joan Macken</i>
Sat	12 11.15am Noon 5.15pm 6.00pm <i>Reconciliation & Exposition Peter Bond Reconciliation Anthony Shutt</i>	

Dear Parishioners

The following is from Father Alfred Delp, SJ.

God's Radiance

Light is symbolic of one of the great longings of human life. Again and again we find ourselves benighted, sunk in deep gloom, without light to guide us. How could we even desire light if it were not for the eternal gift of grace which gives our spirit a vague intuition that darkness is not its natural and final state, that even in the darkest hour there is something to be hoped for, a state of fulfilment toward which the spirit must aspire?

God created human beings as light-endowed, radiant beings, and as such sent us forth into the world; but we have blinded ourselves to this truth. Only a faint inkling of it remains. We are never more soul-sick than when we become confused and find ourselves helpless to cope with a situation. That is the primary meaning of the prayer "Send Thy Radiant Light" -it is a despairing cry for divine help to dispel our self-imposed, sinful darkness, wiping the dreams and the fear from our eyes so that they may see again.

But there is another imperative need for light in our lives; God's radiance dazzles us. We get presentiments and glimpses but they are transitory and usually lead nowhere. Those who are dedicated and prepared pray for divine light which will heighten their perception and raise them to the realization of that fullness they had hitherto only dimly guessed at. Once a person has arrived at this stage he knows what the strength of God is even in the darkest and most hopeless situations of his life.

Godric OSB



During August, all weekday Masses will be at 9.30am preceded by morning prayer at 9.15am.

St. Anne's Pastoral Centre unless stated otherwise.

Sun 6 Aug Coffees after morning Masses.
Mon 7 Aug NO MONDAY CLUB Returns 4 Sept.
Tue 8 Aug BINGO: 7.30pm;
NO Prayer Group: Returns 5 Sept;
Afternoon Tea at St. Elizabeth's: 2pm.
Wed 9 Aug Parish Picnic & Camp – please see details.
Sat 9 Sept

Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to 13 Aug 2017).

St. Anne: Francis McLoughlin, Eric Linton, Dinah Patricia Nickson, William McArdle, Baby Gabrielle Monica Pendergast.

St. Elizabeth: None



Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: Georgia Addy, Sharon Addy, Mark Condon, David Corrin, Isabelle English, Carolyn Fay, Margaret Johnston, Charles Kuhwald, Terry McDonnell, Jim Pierce, Mary Sawyer, Michael Silvester, Valerie Swinnerton, John Tedford, Kathleen Thorpe, Stephen Wilson.

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

Special prayers for those who are poorly in hospital:
Margaret Wright & Wynn Kehoe.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Colette Corkhill & Michael Catterall who died recently.

Open Day at Burscough Community Farm

People who attended the talk in April about the Community Farm in Burscough were interested in visiting the farm. There is an Open Day there on Sunday 27th August. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available. There are two Volunteer Taster sessions at 11-1 and 2-4 for anyone considering volunteering at the field, which is very satisfying and a good Live Simply action. Numbers for these sessions are limited so need to be booked through EventBrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/england--liverpool/burscough-community-farm/>

Susan O'Halloran

Parish Family Picnic and Camp



Saturday 9th September, 12 noon onwards.

Following the success of last year's late summer camp, we are inviting all families of St Anne's school and parish, for a picnic in the wonderful grounds of St Elizabeth, Scarisbrick. Option to camp over with BBQ, camp fire if you'd like! For more information, contact Pablo, theguidis@yahoo.com.

RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

A new archdiocesan course for the

Divorced & Separated
Starting Tuesday 19 September
Location: Aintree

To book on the course call: Maureen 07967 753371 or Jacqui: 07793 825815

Maureen O'Brien

Christmas Lunch at Chatsworth Friday December 8th.

We are once again planning a Christmas lunch outing. The cost for the day including entry to house and garden, two course lunch with wine in a private dining room and coach travel will be £50 pp. Please let Mary at St Elizabeth's know if you would like to go, either by email mormsby@btinternet.com or by phone 07484151376. A £15 deposit is required by end September.

ST ELIZABETH'S NEWS:

Wednesday 9 August: Afternoon tea and a chat on Wednesday 9 August at 2pm in the garden (weather permitting). We hope to develop these afternoons so they will provide an oasis in the week to meet with friends.

Harvest Sunday 24th September: The theme of this year's harvest will be 'Thanking God for all His Gifts' which will give flexibility about the type of displays people can put in the church and be in accord with 'Live Simply'.

This is important because due to the amount of fresh produce and the number of harvest events going on at this time, it has proved difficult to find people who can use all the fresh produce which has been donated.

The Pastoral Council would like this to be a **whole parish** celebration so if you could help or would like to decorate an area as a family / group of friends / group please let Jackie know.

Parish Helpers: Many thanks for your positive response to the appeal Fr Richard made a few weeks ago for people to come forward to help with the various tasks that need to be done to keep your church going. If you haven't volunteered so far it is not too late - please see Jackie or take a form from the back of church.

Children's Liturgy: Please note there will be no children's liturgy during the school summer holidays - but children are still very welcome each week!

ST ANNE'S NEWS:

HISTORY GROUPS VISIT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH: In recent weeks, it has been good to welcome groups to St. Anne's Church as part of their summer days out.

The North West Catholic Family History Society held a meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 22nd July where they enjoyed Kate Hurst's talk on Catholicism in Ormskirk.

On Wednesday 26th July, Ormskirk and District Family History Society came for an evening visit to our church. They too, enjoyed a tour of the church and were able to take photographs of the beautiful interior. A fair number of copies of the church guide and postcards were sold with the money going to the Roof Fund. Together with donations £72.87 was raised.

Irene Slack

CHURCH ROOF: In July, our appeal passed a milestone - we have now raised £200,000 for the Church Roof. Thank you so much for all your support in many different ways. We will find a dry day during the Summer to update the thermometer. We had hoped to have building work started by now. Unfortunately, this has proved a little ambitious - due to the complexity of the permissions process and also some long lead time materials we need. We are progressing and will update again very soon.

Phil Wilkinson

GRAVESTONES: Please be aware that over the coming weeks remedial work on more dangerous headstones within the cordoned-off area will take place. This work will only affect those gravestones for which we have not had a response from the family or we were unable to make contact with the family. Please be careful around the graveyard while this work is in progress.

John Abraham



Live Simply Weekend Pledges It was very affecting to see all those pledges written by parishioners being included as part of the Offertory by Fr Boniface at the recent Live Simply week end Masses. Now for the tricky part - living what we as individuals have pledged and also bringing to life, as a Parish, all the many good ideas that were proposed, in our quest to Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor. Watch this space!

Susan O'Halloran