

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

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**NEXT
WEEKEND**
Retiring Collection
PRIESTS'
TRAINING FUND

15 APRIL 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 6b-7, 9; Lk 24:35-48.

St. Anne's:

St. Elizabeth's:

Sat	14	6.00pm	Tom Gilligan			
Sun	15	9.00am 10.30am Noon 4.30pm	John Parkinson All Parishioners <i>Baptisms: George Hitchmough & James Evans</i> David & Christopher Potter		9.30am	Dobson, Bond & Church Families
Mon	16	9.15am 9.30am 7.30pm	<i>St Bernadette</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary Romney <i>Justice & Peace in Pastoral Centre Lounge</i>			<i>St Bernadette</i>
Tue	17	11.45am Noon	<i>Midday Prayer</i> Kathleen Farrell			
Wed	18	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Kathleen (Kath) Kelly			NO MASS TODAY
Thu	19	11.00am Noon	<i>Holy Hour followed by Midday Prayer</i> John Berry			
Fri	20	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Francis Leonard <i>Archbishop Malcolm will be meeting with the Deans in the P/Centre from 11am till 2.30pm</i>		9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Geraldine Kerrigan
Sat	21	11.15am Noon 5.15pm 6.00pm	<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i> Sophie Moss <i>Reconciliation</i> Mary Romney			

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has this week published another Exhortation. I love his informality – he speaks in everyday language. He says at the beginning, 'What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4)

He goes on to say, 'I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness".

Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet 1:16). The **Second Vatican Council** stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".^[10]

"Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness. Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his Spiritual Canticle, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way". For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another".

Over the coming weeks you will be hearing more from Pope Francis!

Godric OSB

St. Anne's Pastoral Centre unless stated otherwise.

Sun 15 April
Mon 16 Apr

Coffees after morning Masses.
Monday Club: 2pm: 'Guess Who'; Justice & Peace: 7.30pm.
PRAYER GROUP 9.30am; Bingo at 7.30pm.
Meeting of Deans 11am in Lounge.
St Anne's With You Always.
St Elizabeth's With You Always.
Oblate Chapter: 7pm in Lounge.

Tue 17 Apr
Fri 20 Apr
Sun 22 Apr
Sun 29 Apr
Mon 14 May

Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to Sat 21 April 2018).

St. Anne: Winifred Kelly, Hilda Edgar, Christina Evans, David Caulfield, George (Frank) Mason, Irene McKeown, Anthony Keating, Thomas Gilligan, Arthur Garrity, John Mortimer, Rhiannon Bill, Delia Garvey, June Marshall, Teresa Sharp.

St. Elizabeth: Christine Simpson, George Ackers, Richard Nottingham, Robert Burrows, Connie Houghton.



Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

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

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kath Kelly & Sheila Moynihan who died recently.

Pastoral Area Newsletter

Please collect a copy of your Pastoral Area Newsletter from the back of Church. In addition to details of services throughout our Pastoral Area over Easter, there are articles from around the Pastoral Area, including two from St Anne's school. If you know someone who cannot get to Mass but would like to be updated on what is going on, please take an extra copy for them too, or anyone else who you think may be interested.

Peter Mawtus

St Bede's school is again looking for parishioners willing to be interviewed by pupils about being a Christian in their working/home life as part of a retreat day on vocation.

Dates are 1.15-3pm on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th April. All ages & walks of life needed! Please don't be shy, it is really hard to get volunteers for this and our pupils benefit so much from it. Contact Clare Guidi, school chaplain at c.guidi@sbchs.co.uk or 01695 570335

Ambrose Barlow Oblate Chapter

The next meeting is on Monday 14 May at 7pm in St Anne's Pastoral Centre Lounge.

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St. Elizabeth's News

Grand Prize Draw: If anyone would like to donate a prize or has suggestions for local businesses who we might approach these would be gratefully received.

200 Club: The draws for January, February and March were drawn over Easter and the winners are displayed on the notice board in the porch.

With You Always Programme: The final session is after Mass on Sunday 29th April after Mass. On Monday 8th May there will be a practice at 6pm and the service itself is on Sunday 13th May at 11am.

Donations made for Tea and coffee during the recent **joint lent course** amounted to £74-75 and this is being sent to MAF. Flying onto desert and jungle airstrips, lakes and rivers, tracks and roads, MAF's light aircraft and their mission pilots go the extra miles to provide a lifeline. Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet.

St. Anne's News

With You Always: The next meetings take place on Sunday 22 April following on from 10.30am Mass or at 3.15pm before the 4.30pm Mass. Both in the Pastoral Centre.

SHOP: Can you spare an extra 20 mins when you come to Mass on Sat or Sunday? We need more volunteers to man the shop for about 15 mins before and after Masses. Many parishioners who have been assisting for years can no longer continue so we need new ones, or else there will be times when it can't open. Please ring Pat 578264 or leave your details with a shop volunteer.

First Communion Gifts, missals, rosaries etc & lovely Cards are now on display.

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

Gift-Aided Offertory Envelopes: Please pick up your offertory box of envelopes at the back of church. 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 Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Group:

- Thank you very much to those who have returned their forms regarding donations and volunteering. If you have received an email from us, please could you return the form as soon as possible? We are hoping to submit our application to support a refugee family very soon but need to raise at least £9,000 before we can. If you haven't yet offered to support the project and would like to please contact the parish office. We will also be having a fund-raising weekend April 28th/29th when you will be able to donate after all Masses. Deacon Mac and the team stannescss@gmail.com
- **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.