

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

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2 December 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings: Is 63:16d-17; 64:1,3b-8; Ps 80:1ac & 2b, 14-15, 17-18; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.

St. Anne's:

St Elizabeth's

Sat	1	6.00pm	Eric Linton		
Sun	2	10.30am 10.30am 4.30pm	<i>Christmas Fayre in P/C till 1pm</i> Elizabeth Butler All Parishioners	9.00am	Tom Massam
Mon	3	9.30am 8.00pm	<i>St Francis Xavier</i> St Anne's School Mass in church <i>SVP in P/Centre Lounge</i>		<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Tue	4	11.45am Noon 6.30pm	<i>Midday Prayer</i> Michael & John Lee <i>Christmas Fayre (Brownies/Guides)</i>		
Wed	5	12.45pm	<i>St John Almond</i> Funeral Service: Dennis Leonard Sproson	9.15am 9.30am	<i>St John Almond</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Andrew Horner
Thu	6	11.00am Noon	<i>Holy Hour followed</i> <i>by Midday Prayer</i> Kerry Leggett & Family	6.30pm	<i>Exposition followed by</i> <i>Rosary</i>
Fri	7	12.30pm	<i>St Ambrose</i> Requiem Mass: Margaret Mary O'Brien		<i>St Ambrose</i> NO MASS TODAY
Sat	8	11.15am Noon 1.30pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	<i>Exposition & Reconciliation</i> John & Michael Lee Wedding Service: Graeme Allen & Anne Hayes <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> John Francis Davey	Sun 9 Dec 9.00am	Christina Heggarty <i>followed by</i> <i>With You Always</i>



Dear Parishioners

In the past couple of weeks, the readings at Mass have been from the Book of the Apocalypse and we have heard of plagues and beasts and fire and blood and other graphic portents. On their own, these images convey a picture of doom and foreboding, and they probably described the horrors and nightmares which the early followers of Jesus suffered.

As we reflect on these readings, we recognize that suffering and hardships make up our own lives in today's world. Few people escape the trials and tribulations which affect the vast majority of human beings... but as in those early New Testament times the other side of the coin is that salvation has already been achieved and like our ancestors we can also cry out, 'Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God!' In the depth of human despair we are not alone; the Lord is with us. Phew!

This weekend? We begin the wonderful season of Advent when, 'I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah'. And all because of the coming of the Lord. Let this Advent be a season of rejoicing for all of us!

Godric OSB

Let us continue to say the Synod Prayer over the coming months.

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.
We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

St. Anne's Pastoral Centre unless stated otherwise.

- Sun 2 Dec** Coffees after morning Mass; **St. Anne's Parish Christmas Fayre: 10.30am - 1pm.**
- Mon 3 Dec** **Monday Club Christmas Meal at O'Brien's Tea Rooms 1pm.**
- Tue 4 Dec** **Prayer Group: 9.30am; Brownies & Guides Christmas Fayre downstairs Pastoral Centre: 6.30pm till 8pm; Bingo 7.30pm.**
- Sun 9 Dec** **St Anne's With You Always Sessions at 10.30am in church or at 3.15pm in the Pastoral Centre; St Elizabeth's With You Always session following 9am Mass.**
- Tue 11 Dec** **Bereavement Support: 1.30pm; Adoremus reflection- please see details below: 7pm.**

Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to Sat 9 Dec 2018).

St. Anne: *Leslie Wood, Helen Nolan, Mary Patricia Gaskill, Tony Croft, Constance Rimmer, Paul Cain, George Banks, Edna Coleman, Nellie Staniforth, Bernard Brady, Rita Allen.*

St. Elizabeth: *Tom Massam, Andrew Horner, Norman Olverson, Margaret Whalley.*

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

St. Anne: *Georgia Addy, Mark Condon, Isabelle English, Margaret Johnston, Charles Kuhwald, Jim Pierce, Pat Pope, Joan Pritchard, Deborah Smith, Valerie Swinnerton, Kathleen Thorpe, Stephen Tyreman, Stephen Wilson.*

St. Elizabeth: *Gaynor Foster, Susan Foster, Josie Prescott, Marie Savage, Margaret Wright.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret O'Brien & Dennis Sproson who died recently.

**Synod 2020 - Nomination of the Parish Synod Member:
One from St Anne's and one from St Elizabeth's.**

Nomination Forms, together with a guidance note, are still available at the back of both Churches or from the appropriate Parish Office. If nominating more than one person, please use separate Forms. Please give prayerful thought to this first important step on our Parish journey towards the Synod. Completed Forms should be submitted by the **evening of Sunday 9th December 2018**. They can be placed in the marked box at the back of Church, handed in to the appropriate Parish Office, emailed to paxorm@btconnect.com or posted to St Anne's Parish Office. Further general information on the Synod, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk and follow the link to Synod 2020.

BEREAVEMENT SUPORT: The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 11 December at 1.30pm till 2.30pm in St Anne's Pastoral Centre Lounge. ***Mary Linton***

**Adoremus reflection - Together on the Road
Becoming the Church we are meant to be**

"The Mystery of the Mass - the Source and Summit of Christian Life"

The first in a series for any parishioner who wishes to continue to reflect on their Faith.

Tuesday 11th December, 7pm to 8.30pm, in St Anne's Parish Centre.

Pastoral Area Newsletter

Please collect a copy from the back of Church. In addition to details of services throughout our Pastoral Area over Advent and Christmas, there are articles from around the Pastoral Area, including from St Anne's and St Bede's schools. 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.

St Elizabeth's News:

With You Always Sacramental Programme: The next session follows on after 9am Mass next Sunday 9 December.

Poinsettias for Christmas: Once again we are hoping to decorate the church with poinsettias over Christmas. If you would like to bring one in memory of a loved one, please bring them to church by Sun 23rd Dec.

2019 Collection Envelopes

The gift aid envelopes for 2019 are now available in the porch. Please collect them as soon as possible.

2019 Mass Requests: To hopefully make it more convenient to request Masses we have put some printed request forms in the porch

St Elizabeth's 200 Club: The current years draw finishes next month, so it is time to start renewing the entries. Forms are available at the back of church. Please support this fundraiser.

Christmas dates for your diary:

Sunday 16th December 4pm: Christingle & Junior Nativity. Following the Christingle Service over 17 of our young people from years 5-8 will kick off the Christmas season.

Monday 17th December 4pm: Three Schools Carol Service.

Friday 21st December 7pm: Carol Service in aid of Queenscourt Hospice with mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 23rd December: Blessing of Cribs at 9am Mass; Drawing the Christmas Raffle

Friday 28th December: Volunteers Christmas Party

St. Anne's News:

St. Anne's Parish Christmas

Fair, today, 2nd Dec 2018

The Fair will be open from 10.30am and will continue until around 1pm. Please come and join us.



5th Ormskirk (St Anne's) Brownies and Guides' Christmas Fair: Tues 4th Dec 6.30 – 8pm in Basement of Pastoral Centre.

With You Always Sacramental

Programme: The next session for parents & children takes place next Sunday 9th December at either 10.30am in church or at 3.15pm in the pastoral centre.

RED MISSION BOXES (MISSIO): Please collect your magazines and books from the church foyer and return ASAP. Can I also wish everyone a Happy Christmas and thank you all for your help. **Frank Haynes**

UNWANTED CORDLESS HOOVERS: If anyone has an unused hand-held cordless Hoover or has recently updated theirs and no longer needs their old one, please can you donate to our church cleaning team.

Many thanks.

Julie Scragg

St Anne's Players

A huge thanks to all who supported our recent Murder Mystery play. It was a wonderful evening. A cheque for £1000 has been given to the Roof Fund. Thanks for your generosity.

Irene Holland

St Anne's parish office will be closed on Friday 7 Dec & Mon 10 Dec.

St. Anne's Scout Group: If anyone has a Co-op loyalty card, remember that the Co-op Good Causes changed in Oct. If you didn't choose a new Cause, your charitable donation from your shopping, will be going into a national pot, not the local one. Please consider choosing us - 37th Ormskirk Scout Group - The money raised from the Co-op Fund will ensure the ongoing maintenance of our new garden. If any parish groups want to use the garden during the year, for tea parties, get togethers etc; please see a member of the Scout Group.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

On Christmas Eve, there will once again be a Mass led by the children at 6.00 p.m. It is a wonderful way of getting children to think about the true meaning of Christmas after all the excitement and hype of the weeks before. For this Mass we will need about 15 children to take part in various things such as the Nativity Gospel, Offertory Procession, Readings etc. If you know that your child will be at the Mass and will be available for a short practice on Sunday 23rd after 10.30 a.m. Mass and your child would like to take part, please can you email Anne and let her know. Details needed are name, age and contact telephone number. We will contact everyone in the next week or two. Obviously we can't use everyone, much as we would like to and if you are not given a part this year, there is always next year.