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The Parishes of

St. Anne, Ormskirk & St. Elizabeth, Scarisbrick

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND World Communications Day

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please note that Funeral ceremonies can allow 100 people in church Priority will be given to family members and close friends whose names have been submitted in advance for track and tracing.

Mass at St Anne's				Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sat	15	6.00pm	Colette McGrath		
		Vigil Mass	Public Mass		
Sun	16	10.30am	Andrew Blow	9.30am	John Tully Public Mass
			Streamed & Public Mass		
Mon	17				
Tue	18				
Wed	19	Noon	Requiem Mass: Mary Adams	9.30am	Rebecca & Marjorie Brown
			Streamed Mass		Public Mass
Thu	20				
Fri	21	11.30am	Funeral Service: Clare Walton		
			Streamed Service		
Sat	22	6.00pm	Kathleen Attwood		
		Vigil Mass	Public Mass		
Sun	23	10.30am	All Parishioners	9.30am	Connie Houghton
			Streamed & Public Mass		Public Mass

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Dear Parishioners and Friends

This Sunday is the World Communications Day. Pope Francis has given a reflection for us and I have taken the following from what he says. He has chosen the theme taken from the words of Jesus: 'Come and see!' (Jn1:46) and provides the subtitle: 'Communicating, encountering people as and where they are".

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year, then, I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to "come and see", which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication. "Come and see!" This has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated, from the time of those first encounters on the banks of the River Jordan and on the Sea of Galilee. "Come and see" were the first words that Jesus spoke to the disciples who were curious about him following his baptism in the Jordan river (Jn 1:39). He invited them to enter into a relationship with him. More than half a century later, when John, now an old man, wrote his Gospel, he recalled several 'newsworthy' details that reveal that he was personally present at the events he reports and demonstrate the impact that the experience had on his life. "It was about the tenth hour", he noted, that is, about four in the afternoon (cf. v. 39). The next day – John also tells us – Philip told Nathaniel about his encounter with the Messiah. His friend is sceptical and asks: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip does not try to win him over with good reasons, but simply tells him: "Come and see" (cf. vv. 45-46). Nathaniel did go and see, and from that moment his life was changed. That is how Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay. "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves". So the townspeople told the Samaritan woman, after Jesus stayed in their village (cf. Jn 4:39-42). "Come and see" is the simplest method to get to know a situation. It is the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak, to let his or her testimony reach me.

Journalism too, as an account of reality, calls for an ability to go where no one else thinks of going: a readiness to set out and a desire to see. Curiosity, openness, passion. We owe a word of gratitude for the courage and commitment of all those professionals – journalists, camera operators, editors, directors – who often risk their lives in carrying out their work. Thanks to their efforts, we now know, for example, about the hardships endured by persecuted minorities in various parts of the world, numerous cases of oppression and injustice inflicted on the poor and on the environment, and many wars that otherwise would be overlooked. It would be a loss not only for news reporting, but for society and for democracy as a whole, were those voices to fade away. Our entire human family would be impoverished.

The internet, with its countless social media expressions, can increase the capacity for reporting and sharing, with many more eyes on the world and a constant flood of images and testimonies. Digital technology gives us the possibility of timely first-hand information that is often quite useful. We can think of certain emergency situations where the internet was the first to report the news and communicate official notices. It is a powerful tool, which demands that all of us be responsible as users and consumers. Thanks to the internet we have the opportunity to report what we see, what is taking place before our eyes, and to share it with others.

At the same time, the risk of misinformation being spread on social media has become evident to everyone. We have known for some time that news and even images can be easily manipulated, for any number of reasons, at times simply for sheer narcissism. Being critical in this regard is not about demonizing the internet, but is rather an incentive to greater discernment and responsibility for contents both sent and received. All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share.

In communications, nothing can ever completely replace seeing things in person. Some things can only be learned through first-hand experience. We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures. Jesus' attractiveness to those who met him depended on the truth of his preaching; yet the effectiveness of what he said was inseparable from how he looked at others, from how he acted towards them, and even from his silence. The disciples not only listened to his words; they watched him speak. Indeed in him – the incarnate Logos – the Word took on a face; the invisible God let himself be seen, heard and touched, as John himself tells us (cf. 1 Jn 1:1-3). The word is effective only if it is "seen", only if it engages us in experience, in dialogue. For this reason, the invitation to "come and see" was, and

The Good News of the Gospel spread throughout the world as a result of person-to-person, heart-to-heart encounters with men and women who accepted the invitation to "come and see", and were struck by the "surplus" of humanity that shone through the gaze, the speech and the gestures of those who bore witness to Jesus Christ. Every tool has its value, and that great communicator who was Paul of Tarsus would certainly have made use of email and social messaging. Yet it was his faith, hope and charity that impressed those of his contemporaries who heard him preach or had the good fortune to spend time with him, to see him during an assembly or in individual conversation. Watching him in action wherever he was, they saw for themselves how true and fruitful for their lives was the message of salvation that, by God's grace, he had come to preach...Even where this servant of God could not be encountered personally, the disciples whom he sent bore witness to his way of life in Christ (cf. 1 Cor 4:17).

"We have books in our hands, but the facts before our eyes", said Saint Augustine[3] in speaking of fulfilment of the prophecies found in sacred Scripture. So too, the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus. For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

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Anniversaries (Last 10 yrs up to Sat 22 May 2021)

<u>St. Anne:</u> Joseph Nolan, Thomas McLoughlin, Terence Williams, Ann McGreal, Wynn Kehoe, Jean Higgins, Regina Badowska, Terence Burns, Margaret Jones, Henryk Jozef Zaver, Joan Murphy.



<u>St. Elizabeth:</u> John Tully.

Please pray for the sick in our parishes:

<u>St. Anne:</u> Georgia Addy, Brenda Allt, Teresa Blaney, Derek Campbell, Mark Condon, Anne Corrin, Fr Cassian Dickie OSB, Tony Edwards, Liam Gilchrist, George Grimes, Jim Holland, Margaret Johnston, Alun David Jones, Joyce Malone, Dorothy Nankivell, Dougie Ross, Gregory Rutherford, Maureen Taylor, Per Tinberg, Fr Gerry Tuite, Tony Walsh, David Whittaker.

Please keep in your prayers Andrew Colwell, our organist at St Anne's who is unwell. <u>*St. Elizabeth:*</u> *Michael Bill, Jim Charnock, Gaynor Foster, Susan Foster, Sarah Gibbons, Alan Jackson, Terry Turner.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Adams, Francis Michael Bramhall & Patricia Butterworth who died recently.

Mass Intentions at St Elizabeth's:

Private Intention (JC), David Alty, Patrick Moore, Frederick Tully. These intentions will be offered in house during the pandemic by Fr Hugh

Mass Intentions at St Anne's

James Stevens, Irene Holland, Anne Buck, Baby Gabriel (Mass of angels), John Harrington, Dorothy Malony & Family, Kathleen Attwood, Canon Brendan Healey, Deliverance from Coronavirus, All Holy Souls. **These intentions will be offered in house during the pandemic by Fr Godric or Fr Boniface**

CAFOD supporting COVID victims in India

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to Cafod's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres.

You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give.

Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Zoom Coffee Morning

After the public & streamed Mass on Sundays, we are having an online Zoom coffee morning for parishioners to meet 'virtually' while we are not able to do this face to face.

You will be able to join the session via a link that will be sent out by email, if you would like to be added to the parish e-mailing list to hear about this, or other parish news, please send an email to the parish council email address:



ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk and put 'Zoom coffee morning' in the subject bar. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82231034171?pwd=UGYzZjVmM2RHUjJ6VC9QTFJvbGNvUT09 Joan Bill

Last week's Reflection can be found in full on our Facebook page.

World Day of Prayer 2021

This year's service, postponed from March, will be held on **Friday 21st May** in **Ormskirk Parish Church** at **7.30pm**. Due to Covid restrictions, numbers are limited and those attending are required to book a place. Please could anyone who wishes to attend the service contact Colette at St Anne's parish office or ring her on 077468 55340 or email paxorm@btconnect.com to provide their name and contact number. These will be forwarded to Ormskirk Parish Church to reserve a place and to comply with Track & Trace. For more information about the World Day of Prayer, see www.wwdp.org.uk

Margaret Daunt

Art Classes

Starting Wednesday **19th May** in Scarisbrick Village Hall from 1-3pm, and Friday 21st from 10am to 12 noon May in the Scout Hut at Ormskirk. Angela Birchall will be holding Art Classes.

Because social distancing rules will have to apply for a while, the classes will have an absolute maximum of 10 people. The format of the classes will be you following me stepby-step in the creation of a watercolour painting from preparatory drawing to finished art work. The classes are fun and social (my only rule is that there are no mistakes, only experiments) but they are more than just social "daub and chat" gatherings, they are explicitly taught lessons which makes them ideal for beginners, intermediate or those returning to painting after a break. All materials will be provided and you obviously have your finished painting to take home with you each week. The cost will be £40 for a block of 4 lessons, payable in advance.

To reserve a place email Angela on angelayoucandrawandpaint@gmail.com

SYNOD

On June 19^{th,} the Archdiocesan Synod will meet to discuss and vote on 19 recommendations that have been arrived at after more than 2 years of deliberations discernment and prayer. After the recommendations have been voted on the outcome will be given to Archbishop Malcolm to be included in the Pastoral Plan that will be implemented across the Archdiocese over the next few years.



For parishioners of St Anne's and St Elizabeth's we will be able to meet virtually via Zoom to discuss these recommendations, and the impact that they may have for us.

The Zoom link will be the same for each

meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87693139587?pwd=M1VaM3IweWpUVVFZci9QZ0xY MGdkQT09

Meeting ID: 876 9313 9587 Passcode: 409841

You can see all of the recommendations on the Synod website at <u>Welcome - Synod2020</u> As you will see they have been split into 6 topics and there are 4 possible responses to each, ie this recommendation:

- 1. Is a high priority which the Archdiocese should enact soon.
- 2. Is an excellent idea but not the top of my list.
- 3. Doesn't strike me as vitally important.
- 4. Is not the right way forward for us in the Archdiocese.

Our Zoom sessions will be on Monday evenings at 7:30 and last no longer than and hour and a half, the link will be the same for each session, we will aim to discuss one topic at each meeting and will publish that topic in the bulletin beforehand

Our first session will be on Monday 17th May and we will be discussing Topic 5

Topic 5: Catholic Social Teaching and Community

Synod Recommendation 12: Catholic Social Teaching and Creation Care

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include fostering a renewed understanding of Catholic Social Teaching across the whole Archdiocese.B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include the establishment of a "creation care team" that will assist parishes, deaneries, and schools in taking concrete steps to care for the environment.

Synod Recommendation 13: Love of Neighbour

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include training for parish volunteers who can accompany those most in need, giving special attention to those who are housebound, sick, or immigrants, and to those who are members of cultural and ethnic minorities.

Synod Recommendation 14: Community Building

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the plan include support for small group or family-based gatherings for social activity, study, and shared prayer.

Synod Recommendation 15: Communications and Media

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a commitment to resourcing the promotion, training, and equipping of parish leaders in communication for evangelisation, mission, and community building. This should include model programmes of communication, proper use and recording of data, technology advice, and outreach plans that parishes can adopt.

If you would rather let me have your thoughts by email or on paper please use the parish council email address ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk with Synod 2020 in the subject line or post your thoughts through the priory door marked for my attention. Thanks Joan Bill

Pauline Books and Media have now opened their new shop at 84 Church Street, Liverpool, L1 3AY. The opening hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

St. Anne's News:

Bulletin: The deadline for bulletin entries to paxorm@btconnect.com is now midnight each Wednesday.

Red Mission Boxes (Missio): If any parishioners have any boxes to pass in, or would like a new box, please contact the parish office, or ring Frank Haynes on 07484 851900. Many thanks.

St. Elizabeth's News:

Come and have a look at the vegetables which are now growing in the raised bed . We are currently developing a nature and history trail around the graveyard for our young people. It will point out the different trees and species we have as well as items of interest in the graveyard.

National Lockdown. Reminder of the Regulations. Attending Mass at St Anne's and St Elizabeth's.

Although we are still in a National Lockdown, it is a support to know that public Masses are being celebrated.

But please do not attend church if you are vulnerable or have been advised to shield.

Due to safety precautions **capacity at St Anne's Masses may be reduced.** Please take this into consideration when coming to Mass.

St Elizabeth's will continue to have a pre booking system. Please phone **01704 880451** to book a place.

Legally, all those attending church are required to abide by the following:

- face covering to be worn in church **at all times** and may not be taken off or moved away from the mouth or nose, except at the moment of receiving Communion.
- a face visor or shield may not be worn on their own but always with a mask or other face covering which fits securely round the side of the face
- name and contact details required for Track & Trace each time attending church it is a great help if you bring these written out ready to drop into the box in the entrance
- Or use the app on your phone to register on arrival, through the NHS QR.
- sanitise hands on arrival, then move through to the main church as quickly as possible
- ensure a safe distance when entering and leaving church and when going to receive Communion
- on exiting church, not stopping to mingle with anyone outside of your household/support bubble
- arrive in good time so that the stewards can guide you to a safe place without too much disturbance of other people.
- **always** follow the guidance of the stewards

Thank you for keeping to these legal requirements and so enabling the celebration of public Masses.

St Anne's and St Elizabeth's PPCs.



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Our Common Home

This is a space on the bulletin for everyone to share their ideas and tips about practical things we can do to respond to Pope Francis's call to hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

Do you have a good suggestion of something we can do to help with the climate crisis?

Share it with everyone by e-mailing Colette on paxorm@btconnect.com

From Mary Ormsby:

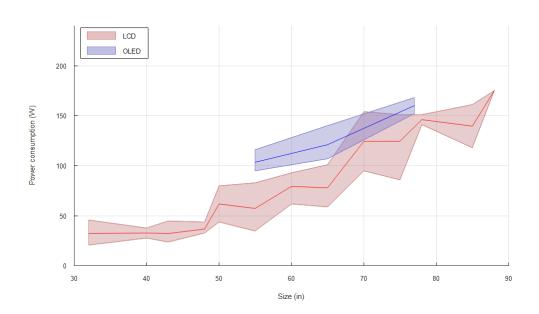
Seasonal Vegetables

As we move into summer there are a wider range of locally grown fruit and veg. Here's a reminder of what is in season over the next couple of months.



Tips for reducing TV electricity consumption.

Whilst energy efficiency of LED and OLED TVs is better than plasma they still make a significant contribution to electricity usage for families.



One thing to be aware of is the relationship between size and power consumption – the bigger the scree the more power.

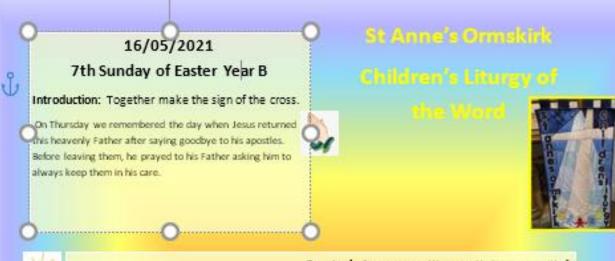
Other useful tips are:

- Lower the backlight setting. The backlight is by far the biggest drain on your power, and the lower you can get your backlight, the less power your TV will consume. Placing your TV in a dark or dimly lit environment will help you avoid needing a bright backlight.
- Turn the TV off. It may sound basic, but some people leave their TVs running all the time. Leaving a TV on constantly will result in much higher costs than if you turn the TV off.
- A lot of TVs have a "Quick Start" feature. This usually means that they stay in a standby mode when you press the power button instead of shutting off completely. Turning these features off can help, but some models also allow you to hold the power button on the remote to shut down completely.
- Most TVs today feature a light sensor that can adjust the TV's brightness to the room. Instead of having the TV constantly run at a static brightness, this feature can help reduce consumption by lowering the brightness when it isn't needed.
- If you often fall asleep in front of the TV at night, make use of its sleep timer feature. This greatly reduces consumption, since hours of playtime that would be used while you're sleeping will instead be kept in your pocket.



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St Anne's Children's Liturgy



Gospel (You may like to light a candle)

Looking up to heaven Jesus said" Father, now I must return to you and leave these friends behind. I have shared your Word with them and watched their faith in you grow, when many others chose to doubt. I have watched over them and kept them safe from danger and those wishing them harm. Now I am sending them out into the world. And I ask you to watch over them always and keep them in your care."

The Gospel of the Lord......Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection:

Where was Jesus going?

How do you think his friends felt about it?

Have you ever had to say good bye to a friend or relative knowing you will proberbly never see them again?

Sometimes people move away to live in different parts of the country or even other parts of the world.

Activity: Complete the Look sheet.

If you are happy to share your work with the us, please email a scan or photos of what you have done to the parish council email address <u>ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk</u> with 'children's Liturgy' in the subject line.