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Palm Sunday

13th April 2025



Monday 14th April (Holy Week)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9.30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 15th April (Holy Week)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9.30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 16th April (Holy Week)

11:00am Chrism Mass in Collyhurst

No Parish Masses

Holy Thursday 17th April

7:30pm Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's
Watching until 10:00pm

Good Friday 18th April

3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion at St Anne's
6:00pm Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's

Holy Saturday 19th April

11:00am Świąconka
Polish Blessing of Easter
Food at St Anne's



8:30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of
Easter at St Anne's

EASTER DAY 20th April

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's
11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

Holy Thursday 7:30pm at St Joseph's

Anne Bradshaw & Mary Rosbotham

Good Friday 3pm at St Anne's

Anne Anderson

Holy Saturday 8:30pm at St Anne's

Anne Anderson, Tony Yates, Margaret
Gaskell

EASTER DAY

9:00am St Joseph's
Margaret Moxham & Catherine Devenport
11:00am at St Anne's
Caroline Farrelly & Andrew Szlaz

Confessions in St Anne's

Saturdays: 11:00am - 11:45am
4:45pm - 5:15pm

Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Helen Hyndman, Joan Gallagher,
Margaret Coyne, Stephanie Reid, Davy
Lightbody, Sheila Young, Martin Moxham,
Sheila Winterbottom, Teresa Chaplow,
Theo Ralph, Peter Crossley, Fr J P Coulon,
Joan Duckworth, Ged Gregory, Maureen
Grady, Jim Hartley, Adrian Melling, Ber-
nard Holden, Bill Toye.

Anniversaries:

Lately Dead: Shirely Hodson, Fr Bernard
Woods

Other: A Special Intention (Pearson)

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 7:00pm to 7:30pm
at St Joseph's

Good Friday after the 3pm Liturgy
at St Anne's

Holy Saturday 5:30pm to 6:00pm
at St Anne's



NO COFFEE

there will be no tea or coffee after
Mass on Easter Day at St Anne's.

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!

You can now make donations to the parish using our new card machine in St Anne's located near the collection baskets. There is also an option to Gift Aid your donation. Or, you can make donations to the parish by scanning this QR Code on your mobile phone and it will direct you to a website where you can donate money to the parish.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

meets **Monday, 14th April**. We will be going to the Victoria Hotel on Manchester Road. Meet on the church car park at 12:30 noon for lunch at 1:00pm

FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend, **5th & 6th April**, there will be a collection after all Masses for Easter flowers. There will also be a collection on **12th & 13th April** for those who may have missed the first collection.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 5

Saturday Night's winning number was:

18 - Jed Gregory

Wednesday Night's winning number was:

43 - Debbie Kenyon

Thank you to all those who contribute towards our weekly lottery.



GRAND EASTER

RAFFLE

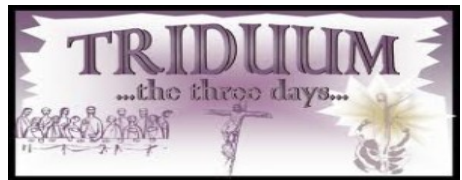


This weekend is your last chance to buy tickets. All tickets and monies to be returned by 18th April.

The Draw will take place after Mass at St Anne's on Easter Day.

1st Prize - £200, 2nd Prize
£100

3rd Prize £50, 4th Prize Large Egg



On Holy Thursday night we will gather for the Commemoration of the First Mass – and the washing of the Feet & the Stripping of the Altars and the watching with Christ in His Agony before the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, we will gather to meditate on Our Lord's Passion, venerate the feet of the Crucified Christ and receive Holy Communion.

At sun down on **Holy Saturday** the altar will appear glorious again, the bells will peal announcing that Christ is Risen. The Easter bonfire will be lit and the Easter Candle and the Water will be blessed and we will renew our Baptismal vows. All these things will mark the Holy Week of 2025 and will continue to consecrate the time each year it passes for as long as God gives us life on this earthly pilgrimage.

So – do try to attend all the ceremonies and services of Holy Week. Each liturgy is only one part of the whole story. You wouldn't want to miss out, would you? Supermarkets are not churches despite the streams of folk heading there on Good Friday. Make time for prayer and reflection.



CONFIRMATION 2025

for young people in Year 8 or above. If you wish to be confirmed this year then you are invited to take part in our programme of preparation. The details are as

follows:

19th May Meeting with Parents & Students at 7:00pm at St Anne's Church

2nd June Meeting for Students

9th June Meeting for Students

16th June Meeting for Students

23rd June Meeting for Students

30th June Meeting for Students

3rd July Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop John at St Joseph's Church.

First Meeting is at 7:00pm.

To register for the programme please have a word with Fr Francis as soon as possible.

Accessibility and our Parish

April is the Jubilee month for disability inclusion and accessibility. Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is working to support people and parishes to develop their understanding of accessibility and disability and inclusion.

For the Jubilee, Caritas has developed a specific resource which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

[JubileeAccessibility.](#)

Caritas is encouraging parishioners to come forward to support parish accessibility and help raise awareness. Often, a small change can make a world of difference to a person – can you help make the change possible?

If you are interested in helping, or if you want to indicate an accessibility barrier, please

email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk

or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk for more information.

CHOIR PRACTICE



There will a choir practice in the Marian Room at St Anne's on Monday evening at 7pm. This is for singers at both our churches and for anyone else who would like to come along and help with leading the singing.

On Monday we will be going over the music for the Triduum and Easter.



On the 11th October 1924 the Foundation Stone of St Anne's Memorial Church was laid by Bishop Vaughan. The church was opened for worship on 24th May 1925. That means this year marks the Centenary of St Anne's Church.



Does anyone want to get together to form a little working party to help us celebrate this event? If so, please get in touch with Fr Francis as soon as possible.

Sadly no one has yet come forward.

EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

As in previous years Memorial Candles are now on sale to help decorate St Anne's Church at Easter. They will burn throughout the Easter Octave.



Please place the names of those you wish to remember in an envelope together with the offering (£5 per candle) and hand in via the collection basket or the presbytery door.

Please order your candles by 18th April at the very latest.

With Love and Faith, We Achieve Together...

Father's Musings

On Passion (Palm) Sunday the Gospel dominates the celebration, and, in a sense, its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as much more than a simple story. It is THE story of God achieving salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Thus the immense depth of the Isaiah reading - a personal testimony to suffering - should open our hearts to understand more of the depth of Jesus' sacrifice.



Things have been a little quieter this week with our schools being off on holiday. It is, however, probably the lull before the storm as we enter Holy Week.

On Tuesday I offered the Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Shirley Hodson. Please remember Shirley and her family in your prayers at this sat time.

On Tuesday afternoon someone came to measure up for some new windows in the presbytery at St Anne's. A good number of the windows are single glazed and the frames have seen better days. This means that the heating bills are higher than they perhaps need to be due to loss of heat via the old windows. The quotations will of course have to be scrutinised by the Diocese before going ahead. So hopefully sometime before the cold of winter sets in we will have a decision. We wait in joyful anticipation.



I didn't do a great deal with my day off on Wednesday. I went for lunch with one of the priests of the deanery to Holden Wood Antiques and Tea Rooms in Haslingden. After lunch I wended my way to the Manchester Oratory to hear Confessions and celebrate the evening Mass to give the Provost a few hours to himself.



Before sitting down to write my musings for this weekend I was able to avail myself of the 'kind and comforting ministrations' of the Franciscan Friars - Yes, I went to Confession. If you have not been to Confession in awhile **NOW** is the time to do so. Don't leave it to the last minute. As we all know if it wasn't for the last minute many things wouldn't get done! Please note the extra times for Confessions in the newsletter and come along. Father Livesey and I want to be hearing confessions and not sat there reading a book as no one has shown up.

I also encourage you to take an active part in the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. The times and locations of the various ceremonies are on the front of the newsletter. Let us walk with our Saviour during this Holy Week.

Fr Francis

...For We Are Nothing Without Christ.