



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

16th November 2025



Monday 17th November

(Saint Elizabeth of Hungary)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Tuesday 18th November

(Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and Paul)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Wednesday 19th November

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Thursday 20th November

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 21st November

(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 22nd November

(Saturday Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

10:00 Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Confessions at St Anne's

12:00noon Holy Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 23rd November

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 22nd November, 5:30pm

Paul Nester & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday, 23rd November, 11:00am

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 23rd November, 9:00am

Catherine Devenport

Confessions in St Anne's

Saturdays: 11:00am - 11:45am

4:45pm - 5:15pm

Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 10:30am

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, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Dymrna Boyle.

Lately Dead: Philomena Savage
Anniversaries: Mark Allen, Clare Melville.

Other: Mary McKenna

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!

You can 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.



REQUIEM MASS



We offer our condolences to the families of Philomena Savage who has recently died. Philomena's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Thursday, 27th November at 10:30am**. Please pray for Philomena and her family at this sad time.



SVP COLLECTION

On the weekend of 22nd/23rd November, there will be a collection for the SVP. Please do give generously to help support the amazing work the SVP do for the housebound and those who need support in our parish.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 24th November**. We will be going to Café Bistro. Meet on the church car park at 12:30 noon for lunch at 1:00pm.



IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 8

Saturday Night's winning number was:

44 - Tony Mullen

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **7 - Susan McKeown**

Thank you to all those who support our weekly lottery



Fr. Martin Saunders

A message from Father Saunders:

Just a word to you all on my retirement to say thank you. It was surprising and overwhelming to see so many of St Joseph's parishioners at my last official Mass. I have now retired to St John Vianney Presbytery in Moston. Your cards gifts and prayers and your kindness, friendship and support over the years is something I will always cherish with gratitude.

Fr. Martin Saunders

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday, 30th November following the 10:00am Mass at St Joseph's. As we approach our Christmas fayre, we would be grateful if parishioners could donate the following items: bottles, toiletries, fancy goods, chocolates and baked goods (brought in on the day). Items can be left at the back of either church or dropped off at St Anne's Presbytery during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings).

Due to the fayre, there will only be one Mass on Sunday, 30th November, at 10:00am. This will be at St Joseph's Church. There will be no 11:00am Mass at St Anne's.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For those who have volunteered to serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers can we have a short meeting after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 23rd November**? If anyone is interested in learning more about this ministry and how they might be able to help then please come along to the meeting too. The more people we have involved in 'doing things' in the life of the parish the better it is for all. Have a think what area of parish life you might want to get involved in and we can take it from there. Reader? Cleaner? Sacristan? Flower Arranger? and Gardening?

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 18th November, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

MOUNT CARMEL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mount Carmel will once again be hosting their annual Community Christmas Party for senior members of our parish. If you would like to join other parishioners for a two course meal and entertainment, either telephone Mount Carmel OR complete the form at the back of either church.

THE MEMORARE



We often conclude the bidding prayers with the Hail Mary. There are many other prayers to Our Lady that we are in danger of losing from our tradition simply because we do not use them as often. Older generations may have forgotten them and younger generations have yet to be introduced to them. One such prayer is the Memorare. During the month of November we will conclude the Bidding Prayers with this prayer instead of the Hail Mary.

**Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.**

Christmas Meal with Entertainment

Mount Carmel R.C. High School
Monday 8th December 2025



Pre-bookings only. Telephone: 01254 233458
or email cmunroe@mountcarmelhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Arrival time 12.30 for a 12.45pm meal. Expected finish time 2.15pm



With Love and Faith, We Achieve Together...

Father's Musings

As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him. It is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives.

Many thanks to those who braved the elements last Sunday afternoon to gather in Accrington Cemetery and to pray for those who have gone before us. In the end the weather proved to be quite kind on us.



On Monday evening I gathered with the Catenian Association for their annual Mass for deceased members at the Dukenhalgh Hotel. Unfortunately I was not able to stay for the meeting and the meal that followed.

On Wednesday I was over in one of my previous parishes for the Requiem Mass of Barbara Parkhurst. Barbara had two children who were born deaf so I was asked to go along to sign the Mass. There was however, a little misunderstanding as someone else was there with the same intention. The other person was infinitely more proficient at signing than me myself so I withdrew. All's well that ends well and Barbara and her family got a better service than they would have done from me. After the Mass it then took me two hours of a drive to Leigh (due to an accident on the motorway) to see Mum and Dad.



On Thursday we had the final measurements taken for the renewal of some of the rather old and past it windows at St Anne's Presbytery. We also had the annual servicing of the boiler for the house and the church. The fire extinguishers will be serviced on Monday.

As the weather seems to be taking a turn for the worse perhaps we can answer the question posed in the hymn 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life? Our answer should be a resounding YES! Our anchor is Jesus Christ and in this Jubilee Year it is in Him that we place our hope that all will be well during the ups and downs of daily life.



...For We Are Nothing Without Christ.