



## ***Parish of St Anne and St Joseph***

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### **6th Sunday of Easter**

**10th May 2026**



#### **Monday 11th May (Easter Weekday)**

**No Holy Mass at St Anne's**

10:00am Requiem Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Tuesday 12th May (St Pancras)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Wednesday 13th May (Our Lady of Fatima)**

**No Holy Mass at St Anne's**

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Thursday 14th May**

**(The Ascension of the Lord)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Friday 15th May (Easter Weekday)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Saturday 16th May (Easter Weekday)**

10:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

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

12:00noon Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

#### **Sunday 17th May**

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

#### **READERS' ROTA**

##### **In St Anne's**

##### **Saturday 16th May**

Anne Anderson

##### **Sunday 17th May**

Andrew Szlaz

##### **In St Joseph's**

##### **Sunday 17th May**

Mary Rosbotham

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Helen Hyndman, Joan Gallagher, Margaret Coyne, Stephanie Reid, Davy Lightbody, Sheila Young, Martin Moxham, Sheila Winterbottom, Theo Ralph, Peter Crossley, Fr J P Coulon, Joan Duckworth, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Higginson, Joyce Duckett.

**Lately Dead:** Fr Peter McGiveron

**Anniversaries:** Mary Atkinson, Steven Atkinson, Agnes & Michael Rigney, Margaret Sutcliffe

**Other:** Robert & Freda Kenyon in Thanksgiving

### Confessions in St Anne's

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

### Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

### 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.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next Sacramental programme will be **Monday, 11th May at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 19th May, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



### CONFIRMATION 2026

The next meeting will be **Monday, 11th May, at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church for young people in Year 8 or above who wish to be confirmed this year.



### IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 4

Saturday Night's winning number was: 19 - Paul Bold

Wednesday Night's winning number was: 20 - Catherine Devenport

**Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.**



### ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 11th May**. We will be going to The Park on Manchester Road. Meet on St Anne's carpark at 12:30 noon for lunch at 1:00pm.



### ST JOSEPH'S LADIES

St Joseph's ladies meet every Wednesday, apart from the 1st Wednesday of the month, in the church hall at 1:00pm for chat, games, quizzes, tea/coffee, cake, occasional meals out and good company.



All welcome!

## The Ascension of the Lord

This coming Thursday, 14th May, is The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Vigil Mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday,  
13th May at 7:00pm

Holy Mass at St Anne's on

Thursday, 14th May at 9:00am

Holy Mass at St Joseph's on

Thursday 14h May at 9:30am



**SATURDAY 30th MAY 7:30pm**

**ST JOSEPH'S HALL**

**£10 per person**

**including Pie and Pea Supper**

**Proceeds to the Lourdes**

**Nursing and Medical Team**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**RAFFLE AND SPOT PRIZES ON THE NIGHT**

**See Fr Francis for tickets**

## CORPUS CHRISTI



On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi 7th June at 3:00pm this there will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Magdalene's Church, This is

a wonderful way to demonstrate our belief in the Holy Eucharist - 'our highway to heaven' as St Carlo Acutis called it.

I strongly encourage all of you to be present at that procession. We need to witness more to our faith in a public way rather than sit back and do nothing!



## REQUIEM MASS

We offer our condolences to the family of **David Bramley** who has recently died. David's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Monday, 11th May at 10:00am**. Please pray for David and his family at this sad time.



## SAVE THE DATE



To celebrate Father Livesey's up and coming Diamond Jubilee there will be Mass on Monday, 8th June, at 7:00pm in St Joseph's Church followed by refreshments in the hall. Signup sheets are at the back of both churches for those wishing to attend the celebration in the hall after Mass.



May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. As St Francis de Sales put it 'Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.'

May She pray for us and bring out the best in each one of us. Amen

## With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

### Father's Musings

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.



A major part of Bank Holiday Monday was taken up with sitting at my desk doing online Prevent, Safeguarding and Cyber Security training as part of my role as a foundation governor at our Primary School to ensure that I am 'compliant.' I'm pleased to say it is all completed with the results noted on my Governor Training profile. A lot of the stuff is common sense, but as we all know common

sense is not as common as it used to be.

Some of the week has been taken up with ministering to families in grief as we prepare for the funerals of their loved ones. One family has relatives in Australia. Thanks be to God via modern technology I was able to make contact with them via the hairnet. Please remember David Bramley and Patricia Ingham in your prayers at this time.

On Thursday the priests of the Deanery gathered for their monthly deanery meeting. This meeting was a little different as we were looking at the responses and feedback to individual meetings that we have had with our facilitator to look at the very broad topic of 'Care of the Clergy.' As well as examining our own responsibility for our welfare we also looked at how the diocese cared for its clergy. At a similar exercise awhile ago I remember one priest, in response to the question, 'What can the diocese provide to help and sustain you in your ministry?' He replied 'more gin!'

Thursday evening was given over to our monthly meeting of the Lourdes Medical Team as we enter the last couple of months of preparation for the pilgrimage at the end of July.

Don't forget the Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday!

With my prayer and blessing *Fr Francis*

A promotional graphic for the 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It features a background image of the Lourdes Basilica and surrounding town. Two circular logos are overlaid: one on the left with a portrait of a saint and the text 'SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES', and one on the right with the text 'HAS FULL OF GRACE 1858'. Below the images, the text reads: 'The 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes', '30th July - 5th August 2026', and 'For booking information visit: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0808 189 0468.'

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...for we are nothing without Christ.