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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2026



Monday 13th July

(St Henry)

10:00am Requiem Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 14th July

(St Camillus of Lellis)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 15th July

(St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 16th July

(Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Patron of The Diocese of Salford)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 17th July

(Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 18th July

**(Saturday Memorial of The
Blessed Virgin Mary)**

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 19th July

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 18th July

Marie Roberts & Anne Anderson

Sunday 19th July

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday 19th July

Anne-Marie Parker

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, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin

Lately Dead: Joyce Duckett, Dolores Taggart, Ann Widdecombe, Fr Peter McGiveron

Anniversaries: Terry Roberts

Birthday Anniversaries:

Ivan Rosbotham; Eileen Wilkinson

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.



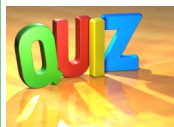
REQUIEM MASSES



We offer our condolences to the family of **Joyce Duckett** who has recently died. Joyce's Requiem Mass will take place in St Anne's church on **Monday, 13th July at 10:00am.**

Please pray for Joyce and her family at this sad time.

PARISH QUIZ



This Sunday, **12th July**, in St Joseph's Church Hall, we will be running another parish quiz! 7:30pm start, £1 per person entry fee, teams of up to 6 people, spot prizes, snowball questions and a cash prize to the winning team.

Please bring your own refreshments to be shared amongst other teams. Come along, test your knowledge and have a bit of fun too.

MARY'S MEALS



Many thanks to all those who have donated to our recent Mary's Meals appeal. The latest amount raised was **£384.00**. Thank you!

ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 13th July**. We will be going to Café Bistro. Meet on St Anne's carpark at 12:30noon 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!

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 21st July, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited

to attend.

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

Tickets are available at the back of both churches for our Summer Raffle. Please take some and sell them far and wide! The raffle is one of our main fund raising events so please do support it. Many thanks.



IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 3

Saturday Night's winning number was: **47 - Marilyn Threlfall**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **37 - Spare Number**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.

It is time once again to collect church lottery money. Please either post your lottery money through the presbytery door or, leave in the collection basket at the back of church. Please ensure that you place your money in an envelope with your name written on.



LOURDES PETITONS



At the end of July I will once again be visiting Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take your petitions to the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes then place them in the basket on Our Lady's Altar by 27th July.

Any money for candles etc should be placed in a separate envelope.

MOUNT CARMEL



As many of you know, Xavier Bowers is retiring as Headteacher of Mount Carmel RC High School at the end of this academic year. He would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners, and Fr Francis, for their support during his time as Headteacher. Caroline Farrelly will succeed Mr Bowers from September and is very much looking forward to her new role

SCHOOL MASS

Mass on Friday morning at St Anne's will be at the slightly later time of 9:30am as we welcome the children from our Primary School for their end of term celebration.

With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word ?



Once again we find ourselves in a period of hot weather. Do try to keep cool and well hydrated at this time. I find keeping the blinds down and curtains closed helps a little. And on occasion a refreshing G and T!!!

On Monday I celebrated the Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Annie Reynolds. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Please do remember Annie and her family in your prayers at this time.

Many thanks to those who came to the information evening on Tuesday for the SVP. It is good to see that some people have responded to this appeal for membership as it means that the excellent work of the SVP can continue in our parish.



On Wednesday I went, courtesy of British Rail, to Preston and a visit to the Church of St Wilfred, run by the Society of Jesus - the Jesuits. I remember being taken many years ago to a series of learned and erudite talks on Vatican Two given by the Jesuit Fathers. I must admit a lot of it went over my head as I'm not very erudite and I struggle with the joined up writing.

I was also able to avail myself of the kind and comforting ministrations of the good Father in the Confessional. If you haven't been to confession in awhile then may be now is the time to think about doing so.

On Friday morning I was in our primary school helping the children with signing the Hail Mary for a new resource that will go to all the primary schools of the diocese. In the afternoon I hurtled of to Turf Moor - to donate my 98th pint of blood. If all goes to plan my 100th donation will be early in the new year.



I have a mock Conversation BSL exam on Tuesday and the real thing on Wednesday. Let's hope the re-sit goes better than last time. My final exam for the year will be the day before I set off for Lourdes!!!

With my prayer and blessing for the week ahead. *Fr Francis*

...for we are nothing without Christ.