



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2026



Monday 14th September
(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 15th September
(Our Lady of Sorrows)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 16th September
(Ss Cornelius and Cyprian)
NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 17th September
(Robert Bellamine)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 18th September
(Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 19th September
(In Honour of Our Lady)

11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
and Confessions

12:00 Noon Holy Mass at St Anne's
5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 20th September
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 19th September 5:30pm

Marie Roberts & Anne Anderson

Sunday 20th September 11:00am

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday 20th September 9:00am

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, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Assunta Christiano; Kathleen McGuinness

Lately Dead: Chris Ford

Anniversaries: Sheila Leishman

Confessions in St Anne's

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

**NO CONFESSIONS AT
ST JOSEPH'S FOR THE TIME
BEING**

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.



**Many thanks to all who supported our
Summer Raffle.**

The total raised was £1,920

The lucky winners are:

1st Prize - £250 - Ticket 02721

2nd Prize £150 - Ticket 00606

~~3rd Prize £50 - Collected~~

4th Prize - Bottle of Wine - Ticket 01046

**Prizes can be collected
from the Parish Office at St Anne's.
Please ring to arrange collection.**



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 21st September.** We will be going to The Crown on Whalley Road. 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.



IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Week 2

Saturday Night's winning number was - **36 - Margaret Wells**

Wednesday Night's winning number was - **24 -**

Anne Parkinson

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.



SVP

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, 20th September** in St Anne's presbytery after 11:00am Mass. If you would like to know more about the work of the SVP then please feel free to come along to the meeting.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 15th September, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday, **20th September**, after 9:00am Mass at St Joseph's, we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Care. If anyone would like to bake, or donate, you can bring your cakes along on the morning. Please do support this event as it was a great success last year.



FR LIVESEY

This weekend Fr Livesey moves into the Little Sisters of the Poor Care Home in Manchester. We wish him well and thank him for his faithful service.

His address is:

Little Sisters of the Poor
52 Plymouth Grove West
Manchester M13 OAR

MOUNT CARMEL

OPEN EVENING

This is the ideal opportunity for families of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to experience our welcoming school.

Thursday 24th September 2026
5:00pm – 8:30pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm: Explore our facilities, tour classrooms, and speak to our staff and pupils.

8:00pm: Listen to our Headteacher's presentation.

All Evening: Enjoy interactive activities across all subject areas.



MASS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE



I will be celebrating Mass in sign language on **Sunday, 20th**

September at 3:00pm at: St John the Baptist, Bracewell Street, Burnley, BB10 1TB.

All parishioners are welcome to attend



Father's Musings.....



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far

this time: never again"? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise.

On Monday of this week I was at the church round the corner for the induction of the Rev'd Jordan Bencliffe as the new Vicar of St Paul and St John Baxenden. The Bishop of Burnley preached at some length, although, as the Catholic priest from round the corner, I wouldn't dream of commenting on the length of another clergyman's sermon! We welcome Jordan and his family to this area and I look forward to working with him in the time ahead.

On Tuesday I had a visit from a member of the Diocese Finance Team to help us look at our income and expenditure. As you can imagine the biggest outgoings in our parish are from the basics of heating, lighting and electricity. In addition to this there are the costs that are taken each month to cover insurance (£628.98) and the Diocesan Levy (£1089.18). This levy goes to support the central services of the diocese.

At some in the future there will be an appeal made by the diocese to ask you to support the parish via the Gift Aid Scheme if you do not do so already. Many thanks to those who do. If you have a standing order with the parish have you thought when you last revised it? We will also have to look at ways that income could be generated from the hall at St Joseph's.

I am always reluctant to talk about money and the financial needs of the parish as I am acutely aware that rising costs are difficult for you as well as the parish. But if we want the parish to continue we will have to give some consideration to its financial sustainability as we move forward.

At lunchtime today I celebrate Mass with some of the pupils at Mount Carmel as they settle into a new academic year under the leadership of new headteacher, Miss Farrelly.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis

ps: I'm afraid I will need another re-sit for my final Level 3 BSL Exam. 😞