

Parish of St Anne and St Joseph



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February 2026



Monday 16th February

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 17th February

(The Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

12:00 Noon Wedding Service at St Anne's

9:30pm Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 18th February

(Ash Wednesday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 19th February

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 20th February

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 21st February

(St Peter Damien)

10:00 Holy Mass at St Joseph's

NO EXPOSITION, MASS OR CONFESSIONS

AT ST ANNE'S

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 22nd February

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 21st February, 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Anne Anderson

Sunday, 22nd February, 11:00am

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 22nd February, 9:00am

Carmel Fenning

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, Ellen Baron, Shirley Higginson.

Lately Dead: Fr Bob Morrow, Eileen Marsden, Fr Frank Austin, Mary Ojelabi (mother of Fr Joseph in Padiham)

Birthday Anniversary: Agnes Edna Holden

Anniversaries: Albert Wilkinson, Blaise Garneau, James Warburton

Other: Fr. Peter Crowther, Thanksgiving to Our Lady Lourdes

Confessions in St Anne's

Saturdays: 11:00am - 11:45am

4:45pm - 5:15pm

Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

SKIP HIRE



It has been suggested that we hire a skip to dispose of the rubbish etc that has gathered mainly on the stage at St Joseph's.

So that we do not throw out anything that needs to be kept can all interested parties kindly sort out their things, clearly label them and store them neatly. Anything not labelled will be disposed of.

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.



ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 23rd February**. We will be going for lunch at The Tiger Lounge. Meet on the car park at St Anne's at 12:30noon for lunch at 1:00pm

We plan to have the skip here at the beginning of March.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be **Friday, 27th February at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

POLISH MASS



Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass on **Sunday, 1st March, at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



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

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 2

Saturday Night's winning number was: **40 - Spare Number**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **52 - Rollover**

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.



FATHER AWAY



Due to Fr Francis being on leave, there will be NO weekday Masses from Thursday, 19th February - Wednesday, 25th February at St Anne's. Weekday Mass will resume on Thursday, 26th February.

MISSION APPEAL

NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. Kris Aneke MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** at all Masses.

Please be as generous as you can to this appeal. Fr Kris will also be celebrating the weekend Masses. I know you will make him welcome.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, OWALDTWISTLE PARISH LENTEN RE- TREAT 2026

All are invited to attend the upcoming Parish Lenten Retreat at St Mary's Church, Oswaldtwistle, led by Angela McMorrow

23rd 24th 25th February

5:00pm - Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm - Mass

7:00pm Talk on a Lenten Theme

ALMANCS 2026

If anyone would like to order an Almanac, please speak to Debbie Kenyon or if you inform Siobhan in the office, she will pass your details on.

White Flower Appeal 2026



This weekend, 14th & 15th February, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal in both churches. Please be as generous as you can to help support the SPUC .

LENT 2026

The Penitential Season of Lent will soon be upon us. Through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving we seek to bring ourselves closer to the Lord. Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday 18th February.

To help us in this Holy Season there are some 'Walk With Me' Booklets at the Piety Stall priced £1.50. They contain readings and reflections for each day of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross, as in previous years, will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent together with our Anglican Friends. Like last year we will alternate between our churches. This will begin on **Friday 27th February in St Andrew's Church.**

Stations of the Cross in Accrington 2026

7.00 pm on Fridays in Lent



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

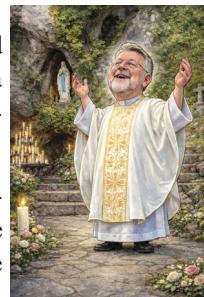
Father's Musings Back in the 60s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturn-



ing authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (“I have never killed anyone”), or will it look deeper (“Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?”). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

It’s been a relatively quiet week this week with the usual round of parish life ticking away gently.

Wednesday was the great Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - a feast and a place close to my heart. I went out to Hebden Bridge in search of a few husks for my belly and something to lubricate my throat to celebrate. Why does it always rain when I go to Hebden Bridge?



On Thursday nearly all the clergy of the diocese gathered at the Village Hotel in Bury to hear the feedback of the 1-2-1 sessions that we have had with our facilitator. There was good atmosphere at the meeting as we were able to share as a whole presbyterate in communion with our Bishop our joys and sorrows of priestly life, our hopes and aspirations for the future and how best, as priests, we can sustain and encourage each other. As Bishop John reminds us ‘no one understands a priest like another priest.’ With the numbers of priests dwindling it is important that there is care and support for the priests who are still have in active ministry. In this regard lay people should step up and take on tasks in the parishes to support their priests rather than just leaving it to Father.

Remember in your prayers Ruth and Jordan who are to be married at St Anne’s on Tuesday this week. We wish them every blessing.



SAVE THE DATE - 30th APRIL 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Curry Night at the Agra in Hapton to raise money for the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team. It was a grand do last year. Further details to follow.

With my blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.