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Fourth Sunday of Lent

15th March 2026



Monday 16th March

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 17th March

(St. Patrick)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 18th March

(St Cyril of Jerusalem)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 19th March

(St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 20th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

10:30am Requiem Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 21st March

(Lent Weekday)

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 22nd March

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 21st March, 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Anne Anderson

Sunday, 22nd March, 11:00am

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 22nd March, 9:00am

Catherine Devenport

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, Shirley Higginson.

Lately Dead: Ellen Baron, Margaret Bullock, Shiela Woods, Chrissy Duffy, Donald McMillan

Anniversaries: Michael Reynolds, Margaret & Joseph O'Connor, Freda Kenyon

Mother's Day Masses: Freda Kenyon & Mary Catherine Livesey

Other: An Intention for a Speedy Recovery

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.



HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY TO ONE AND ALL



FUNERAL SERVICES

We offer our condolences to the families of **Ellen Baron & Donald McMillan** who have both recently died. Donald's service will take place at Accrington Crematorium on **Tuesday, 17th March at 1:30pm.**

Ellen's service will take place at Accrington Crematorium on **Friday, 27th March at 1:30pm.** Please pray for Ellen, Donald and their families at this sad time.

REQUEIM MASSES



We offer our condolences to the families of **Margaret Bullock & Sheila Woods** who have both recently died. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place in St Anne's Church on **Monday, 23rd March at 10:15am.** Sheila's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Friday, 20th March at 10:30am**

Please pray for Margaret, Sheila and their families at this sad time.

ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 30th March at 1:00pm** in the Marian room at St Anne's. We will be observing the Stations of the Cross followed by afternoon tea.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be Monday, **30th March at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 5

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



Wednesday Night's winning number was: **14 - Bernie Schofield**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 17th March, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

PIETY STALL AT ST JOSEPH'S

The piety stall at St Joseph's offers a wide range of cards and gifts. We now have Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter cards available. Please do take a look at what is on offer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2026

7:00pm on Fridays in Lent
Stations will be offered together between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches in Accrington during Lent. All are welcome!

20th March - St Andrew's
27th March - St Anne's
3rd April - St Joseph's

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."

Saint Josemaría Escrivá

FLOWER COLLECTION



On the weekend of, **21st & 22nd March**, there will be a collection after Mass in both churches for Easter flowers. Please do give generously so that the church looks wonderful for Easter.

THURSDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S

This coming **Thursday, 19th March**, to celebrate the feast of St Joseph, there will be Mass at 9:30am with the staff and students from our primary school, St Anne & St Joseph. There will also be Mass at 6:30pm

CURRY NIGHT



The Salford Diocesan Nursing & Medical Group will be holding their annual curry night on 30th April at 6:30pm at The Agra, Hapton. Tickets cost £20.00 per person and include mixed starters and a main. If you would like a ticket please speak to

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for our Grand Easter Raffle are now available at the back of both churches. Please do take some books of tickets to sell to family and friends and help raise money for our parish.



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened”. There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world



First things first. I am pleased to report that I passed my first exam for my BSL Course with a respectable 70%. Only another 2 exams to go before I can (hopefully) be awarded the Level 3 Certificate. The next exam is scheduled for 19th May.

Monday saw the next meeting of the children and families preparing for First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of Faith.

On Wednesday I was over at Guardian Angels Parish in Bury for the Requiem Mass of Fr Robert Morrow who recently died at the age of 92. It was lovely to see a packed church and a good number of clergy present for the Mass. Fr Morrow was my immediate predecessor when I was at St Marie's and St Joseph's. After Mass I was able to wend my way to the Oratory church of St Chad, Cheetham Hill for 'kind and comforting ministrations' AKA Confession. Lent is a time for looking at our relationship with the Lord and others. If you have not been to confession in awhile maybe now is the time.



On Thursday I celebrated the Requiem Mass for the late Christina (Chrissie) Duffy who has recently died at the age of 99. Remember her and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

From Thursday lunchtime through the weekend I am covering the hospital bleep for Blackburn Royal. Please remember all who are sick and in hospital at this time in your prayers.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week and Happy Mothering Sunday.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.