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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16th August 2026



Monday 17th August (Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mas at St Anne's

Tuesday 18th August (Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 19th August (St John Eudes)

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 20th August (St Bernard)

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 21st August (St Pius X)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 22nd August

(Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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 23rd August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 22nd August 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday 9th August 11:00am

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday 9th August 9:00am

Anne Bradshaw

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

Lately Dead: Kathleen Swan, Mike Cronin,

Anniversaries: John McBurney, Mary Dabrowski, Michael Coyne Snr

Other: Leo Warren, Frances Britnell

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



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is this **Tuesday, 28th August, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's.

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.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 24th August**. We will be going to The Griffin. 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!

The Feast of the Assumption

On **15 August**, the Church celebrates one of the great feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary: the **Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven**. We rejoice that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven.

Mary's Assumption reminds us that our Christian hope is not simply about what happens to our souls after death. God promises the fullness of life: the resurrection of the

IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Due to the bumper edition and date of publication, the lottery numbers/ winners will not be published until Sunday, 16th August. However, all winners will be contacted by our lottery co-ordinator, Anne Anderson.

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



RED MISSION BOXES

If you have a Red Mission Box then please feel free to bring it to church at anytime for emptying. The money will be counted by the counting team and then banked. If you are unable to bring it to church please have a word with Fr Francis.



FATHER LIVESEY

Whilst I was away in Lourdes and then a few days break afterward in Paris I learnt that Fr Livesey had had a fall and had been admitted to hospital in Macclesfield. Obviously this has shaken him a little and he is now spending some time in recuperation in Nazareth House in Prestwich. I went to see him on Thursday and he was in good spirits. He is grateful for all the good wishes you have sent him and for the prayers offered for him. Let's continue to keep him in our prayers.

With Fr Livesey being in Nazareth House for the foreseeable future the week day Mass schedule in both churches has had to be revised. Please see the front of the newsletter for times and location of daily Mass. Please note it will not be possible to have daily Mass in each church for the time being. I will do my best to try and accommodate both churches. Remember that we are ONE PARISH with two churches. From time to time there might need to be last minute changes due to funerals or other commitments. Thank you for your understanding. Let's pray for each other in this time of change.

body and eternal life with Him. Mary, who was the first disciple and who remained faithful to God throughout her life, is already sharing in that glory which we hope one day to receive.

The Assumption also invites us to look to Mary as a model of faith. Her words, "*I am the handmaid of the Lord,*" were not merely spoken once; they became the pattern of her whole life. She trusted God even when she did not understand what lay ahead.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast, let us ask Mary to pray for us: that we may remain faithful to her Son, especially in times of difficulty, and that one day we too may share in the glory of Heaven.

Our Lady assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

Father's Musings.....

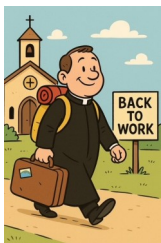
This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This great feast is a twin to the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Then, if you recall, the preface of the Mass contained these words: "Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following Our Lord into heaven. She is the First to follow him - but not the last: this feast should open our eyes to our final destination - heaven. This feast pushes us right back into the Easter Season, to thoughts of death and resurrection: it is the second reading which underlines all this. It talks of the 'gradual' resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then "those who belong to him". Of these, the first is Mary, she who was without stain of original sin, she who was "most blessed of all women". In her, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the First reading: the end of death, and the victory of life in Christ.



Many thanks to those who looked after things whilst I've been away in Lourdes and then a few days break in Parish. I'm particularly grateful to the priests from Padiham who came to supply the weekend Masses.

The pilgrimage to Lourdes was as lovely and rewarding as ever, although the heat was a little unbearable at times. It was a nice surprise to see some of our own parishioners there too. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

From Paris I went up to Paris to spend a few days break before returning to the parish. Even when a Parish Priest is away from his parish he still has the obligation to offer Mass for the people of the Parish on Sundays and Holydays. It was my privilege to be able to offer the Mass for you all in Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday evening with His Excellency Phillippe Marsset, one of the auxiliary Bishops of Paris together with the Vicar General and other visiting priests.



Whilst it's good to get away it's also nice to be back. As one of my seminary confreres used to say after the major solemnities of Christmas and Easter 'it's back to the old clothes and porridge now!' Let's keep each other in prayer as I take up my duties once again among you. Let's also pray that the heat subsides a little too!

Fr Francis

