



## ***Parish of St Anne and St Joseph***

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### **7th Sunday of Easter**

**17th May 2026**



#### **Monday 18th May (St John)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Tuesday 19th May (St Dunstan)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Wednesday 20th May (St Bernardine of Siena)**

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Thursday 21st May (St Christopher Magalanes and Companions)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Friday 22nd May (St Rita of Cascia)**

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

**NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S**

#### **Saturday 23rd May (Easter Weekday)**

**NO 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 24th May PENTECOST**

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

#### **READERS' ROTA**

##### **In St Anne's**

##### **Saturday 23rd May**

Margaret Gaskell & Paul Nester

##### **Sunday 24th May**

Sharon Gallagher

##### **In St Joseph's**

##### **Sunday 24th May**

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, Joyce Duckett.

**Lately Dead:** Gerry Keenen, Fr Peter McGiveron.

### 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.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be **Monday, 15th June at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA

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



### CONFIRMATION 2026

The next meeting will be **Monday, 18th May, at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church for young people in Year 8 or above who wish to be confirmed this year.



### IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 5

Saturday Night's winning number was: **5 - Anne Anderson**

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

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



### ST ANNE'S LADIES

Due to the Bank Holiday, our next meeting will be **Monday, 1st June**. Further details to be confirmed.



### 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!



**SATURDAY 30th MAY 7:30pm**

**ST JOSEPH'S HALL**

**£10 per person**

**including Pie and Pea Supper**

**Proceeds to the Lourdes**

**Nursing and Medical Team**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**RAFFLE AND SPOT PRIZES ON THE NIGHT**

## MASS AT ST ANNE'S



This coming **Friday, 22nd May**, Mass will be at the later time of 9:30am as we welcome the staff and students from our primary school, St Anne's & St Joseph's.

## SAVE THE DATE



To celebrate Father Livesey's up and coming Diamond Jubilee there will be Mass on Monday, 8th June, at 7:00pm in St Joseph's Church followed by refreshments in the hall. Signup sheets are at the back of both churches for those wishing to attend the celebration in the hall after Mass.

## CORPUS CHRISTI



On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi 7th June at 3:00pm this there will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Magdalene's

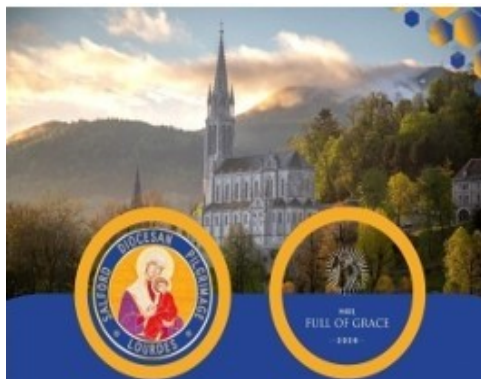
Church, This is a wonderful way to demonstrate our belief in the Holy Eucharist - 'our highway to heaven' as St Carlo Acutis called it.

I strongly encourage all of you to be present at that procession. We need to witness more to our faith in a public way rather than sit back and do nothing!



## SVP

Our next SVP Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 19th May at 6:00pm** in St Anne's presbytery.



**The 92<sup>nd</sup> Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**30<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

For booking information visit:  
[www.salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk)  
or contact Joe Walsh Tours on  
**0808 189 0468.**

## With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

*Father's Musings* The celebration of Mass on weekdays is an established part of the liturgical life of our parish-es. However Catholics will find time for work, shopping, television, football, holidays, and endless distractions, yet so few can spare thirty minutes for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, where Christ Himself is truly present.



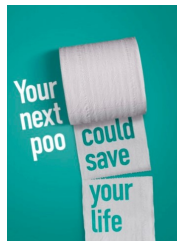
We say we believe in the Eucharist, yet our actions often reveal indifference. Churches that once overflowed with prayer now stand nearly silent during the week. Daily Mass attendance has collapsed not because God has become less important, but because He has been pushed aside by comfort, routine, and spiritual complacency. It is disappointing and disheartening that numbers at weekday Mass are so poor. On many occasion there are only two or three at weekday Mass at St Anne's.

If we truly understood what takes place at the altar, our churches would not be empty. The problem is not lack of time - it is lack of hunger for God. Until we Catholics recover a sense of reverence, sacrifice, and urgency in the spiritual life, the decline will continue.

The Church does not need more spectators. It needs believers willing to kneel before God, reorder their priorities, and live as though the Eucharist truly matters. Why not make an effort to make the celebration of Mass during the week the centre of your other activities? To be able to celebrate the Holy Mass our holy martyrs were prepared to risk their lives as were thousands of the Catholic lay faithful when, during penal times, it was a crime to be a Catholic. Have we forgotten the sacrifices they made? It now seems, like most things, a certain apathy has crept in were we can't be bothered or we don't see it as important.

This week I celebrated the Requiem Mass for David Bramley at St Joseph's and the officiated at the funeral liturgy for the late Patricia Ingham at the Crematorium Chapel followed by burial in the cemetery. Please remember both David and Patricia and their families in your prayers.

Things are heating up in the BSL Classroom as the exams draw ever nearer. Part of my class will take their conversation exam on Monday and the rest of us (me included) on Friday. Say prayer, that like Joseph of Cupertino (later Saint) when taking exams, was asked only the questions to which he knew the answers!



A couple of weeks ago, having reached a certain age, I received my bowel screening kit in the post. It is a bit of a poo-lava having to take the test but hopefully one that can help detect problems before they become too advanced for treatment. I'm pleased to say that the results are ok and no further investigation is needed at present.

With every blessing for the week ahead.

*Fr Francis*

...for we are nothing without Christ.