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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January 2026



Monday 19th January

(St Wulstan)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 20th January

(St Fabian)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 21st January

(St Agnes)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 22nd January

(St Vincent)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 23rd January

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 24th January

(St Francis De Sales)

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 18th January

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 24th January, 5:30pm

Paul Nester &

Anne Anderson

Sunday, 25th January, 11:00am

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 25th January, 9:00am

Anne-Marie Parker

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, Dympna Boyle, Ellen Baron, Shirley Higginson, Fr Bob Morrow,
Latently Dead: Andrew Leyland
Anniversaries: Jane Gilbert, Patrick Cooke, Mary Coyne, Mary Pilkington, Elaine Hargreaves, Harriet Watts

Other: Bill Brady, David Ormerod

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.



POLISH MASS

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



ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 26th January**. We will be going for lunch at The Acorn. Meet on the car park at St Anne's at 12:30noon for lunch at 1:00pm

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 8

Saturday Night's winning number was: **9**
- **Josie Cronshaw**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **23** - **Spare Number**

Thank you to all those who support our weekly lottery



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 20th January, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



HOSPITAL BLEEP

I will be covering the hospital bleep from Thursday to Saturday this week. Please remember all who are sick and in hospital at this time.

FROM THE REGISTERS

In the year recently finished 2025 in the parish there have been:

- 9 Baptisms
- 7 First Holy Communions
- 18 Confirmations
- 0 Marriages
- 21 Funerals

An average Mass attendance over three Sunday Masses and two churches of **210**.

MASS IN SIGN LANGUAGE

I will be celebrating Mass in sign language on **Sunday, 25th January at 3:00pm** at: St John the Baptist, Bracewell Street, Burnley, BB10 1TB. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

LEPROSY APPEAL



Each year, over 250,000 people worldwide are diagnosed with Leprosy. Although curable, many people are unable to access treatment. Lack of treatment can lead to life changing disability caused by leprosy. The Lepra organisation aims to beat leprosy so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated. To support The Lepra organisation, they will be holding an appeal on the weekend of, 24th & 25th January.

Please do give generously to help support this worthy cause.

MANY THANKS



to an anonymous parishioner who kindly gave me a personal donation that covered the costs of the new battery for my car. It is very generous and kind of you and I am deeply grateful and humbled. I will offer Holy Mass for your intentions. God bless you.

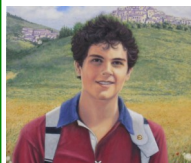
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis. If you have a current DBS Certificate and are able to volunteer on Wednesday 28th January and Thursday 29th January then please do be in touch with Fr Francis in the first instance. There will be a short information and training session at 5:30pm on Friday 23rd September for all



volunteers. This will take place in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's, 3 Todmorden Road, Burnley, BB10 4AU.

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS



This month, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026

The Programme for Wednesday 28th January at St Mary's is as follows:

10:00am – Opening Liturgy to Welcome the Relics, including explanation of the relics

Open to the faithful for veneration

2:30pm – Talk: Eucharistic Adoration and Miracles

3:00pm – Adoration and open visits

6:00pm-6:30pm – Talk: *St Carlo Acutis: An Ordinary Life Becomes Extraordinary*

6:30pm – Meditated Rosary with Sayings of Saint Carlo Acutis

7:00pm – Welcome Mass for the Relics with Bishop John Arnold

8:00pm – Church Closes

Thursday is mainly given over to school visits. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

'The Eucharist is the highway to heaven. The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.'

St Carlo Acutis

With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings There is no break between Christmas and

Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues

today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.



Bookings are now open for our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which this year takes place 30th July to 5th August. There is a wee bit too much info to include in the newsletter but full details of the Pilgrimage together with Booking Forms etc are available on the hairnet by looking up www.salfordlourdes.co.uk. I’m going to try and arrange for some booking forms to be delivered here for anyone who might be interested.

If you are not able to travel to Lourdes would you consider supporting the pilgrimage by making a donation to help support the nursing and medical team? This dedicated band of helpers (who have to put up with me as their chaplain) give generously of their time and expertise to enable those who are sick to have the best pilgrimage experience possible. A little donation can go a long way with this. If you could help then have a word with Fr Francis. Many thanks in advance.

This week I have celebrated two Requiem Masses. The first for the repose of the soul of Ann Duckworth on Monday and the second on Friday for the repose of the soul of Joseph McMorrough. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

A lot of my free day was spent at the desk and studying BSL. Some of this was with fellow students via Zoom and in the Slug and Lettuce Online Pub! At times the course can be challenging but I hope some of it is sinking in as the first of the exams is looming on the horizon.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.