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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th October 2026

Monday 19th October **(Saint John De Berbeuf and Companions)**

NO Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 20th October **(Weekday)**

NO Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 21st October **(Weekday)**

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 22nd October **(Saint John Paul II)**

NO Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 23rd October **(Saint John of Capistrano)**

NO Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 24th October **(Saint Anthony Mary Claret)**

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 25th October
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's
11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

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In St Anne's

Saturday 24th October 5:30pm

Sunday 25th October 11:00am

In St Joseph's

Sunday 25th October 9:00am

All readings this week will be said by
members of the Knights of Columba.

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,
Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary
Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood,
Shirley Higginson, Annette McGuinness,
Michael Cronin, Benjamin Franklin,
Assunta Christiano; Kathleen McGuinness;
Martin Flood; Brid Fitzgibbon,
Pope Leo XIV

Lately Dead: Giovanni Ferrari, Angela
McLoughlin, Audrey Heys, Paul
McCarthy

Anniversaries: Nora Cooke; Margaret
Entwistle; Kathleen Burrell, Eleanor
Wadsworth

Other: Eileen Dickman (Birthday)
Maureen Bonner (Birthday)
A Birthday Intention

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 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 November at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

SVP



There is now a food bank at the back of both churches to help local families in need. Any donations would be gratefully accepted. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be Monday, 19th October.

We will be going to Café Bistro. 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.



IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 7

Saturday Night's winning number was: 21 – Spare Number

Wednesday Night's winning number was: 34 – Mary Harrison

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

On week commencing 19th October, there will be no weekday Masses at either St Anne's or St Joseph's due to Father being on leave. Weekend Masses will be as usual

ST JOSEPH'S PIETY

Advent Calendars, Catholic Diaries and Church Art Calendars for 2027, will be on sale at the back of St Joseph's from this weekend.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday, 29th November after 10:00am Mass at St Joseph's. As we approach our Christmas fair, we would be grateful if parishioners could donate the following items: bottles, toiletries, fancy goods, chocolates and baked goods (brought in on the day). **No bric a brac please.** Items can be left at the back of either church or dropped off at St Anne's Presbytery during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings).

We will shortly be selling raffle tickets for our grand draw. The prizes on offer are:

1st £200, 2nd £175, 3rd £150, 4th £100, 5th £ 75

Please do take some tickets and sell them far and wide! The raffle is one of our main fundraising events and there is some fantastic prizes on offer

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the fair, there will only be one Mass on Sunday, 29th November, at 10:00am. This will be at St Joseph's Church. There will be no 11:00am Mass at St Anne's.

JEWELLERY STALL

At the Christmas Fair we will be running a jewellery stall. If you have any jewellery that you would like to donate, please can you pass it on to Catherine Devenport as soon as possible so that it can be cleaned up and valued. Thank you

MOUNT CARMEL

SEPTEMBER 2027 APPLICATIONS.



If any parent/carer of a year 5/6 child would like a personal tour of the school, please contact Susan Fielding on 01254 233458 to arrange.

As we are currently full or oversubscribed in all year groups, we strongly advise parents who want a place for their children to put us down as first choice or it is unlikely that you will be awarded a place. Deadline for applications for a place at secondary schools is **31st October** and all applications are to be made online

If your child is a baptised Catholic, please let school have a copy of their baptism certificate to ensure that they are placed in the correct admission category.

RETIRED PRIESTS

Many thanks for your generous donations to the Retired Clergy Fund. The amount raised was £713.30

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Each year for the last 2 weeks in September and the first two weeks in October we are asked to count the number of people who attend Mass. These figures are then sent to the Diocese, the Bishops Conference and the Vatican to give an idea of church attendance. The figures for our parish are as follows:

20 th September	170
27 th September	194
4 th October	184
11 th October	203
Average 187.75	

These are the figures for all three Masses spread over two churches.

Father's Musings...



Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore, it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.



On Monday I was over in my new parish together with John Lord, the IT Manager from the Diocese to sort out the provision of broadband and Wi-Fi etc for when I am in residence. Denton. After nearly two hours on the telephone we had to give up as SkyTV the current provider would not release the phone number in Denton as it had to come here to Accrington when Fr Peter moves in. We tried to explain why changing the phone numbers would not be an option but to no avail. For the time being it's back to drawing board. A solution will need to be found as I need the Wi-Fi for my BSL Classes.

On Tuesday I was back over in my new deanery for the Deanery Meeting. It was good to gather with the priests of the Deanery and my new Dean, Mgr Michael Kujacz. Say a little prayer for him as he is unwell at this time.

On Wednesday I was out and about visiting the sick and housebound members of the parish with Holy Communion. This has been a great joy for me whilst I have been in Accrington. I know that they will pray for me as I take up my new appointment. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you too. There maybe a couple of people that I have not been able to get to see please accept my apologies for this. I am sure Fr Peter will be round as soon as he can after settling in.

On Thursday I was at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints in Blackburn (no I'm not defecting!) I was there to donate what was my 99th pint of blood. Only one more to reach the 100th scheduled for the 5th Feb 2027.

I will be away in Rome for a few days this coming week. Please be assured of my prayers for you all at the tomb of the Apostles. When I get back it will give me (hopefully) just enough time to pack the last of my bits and bobs before celebrating my final Masses with you and for you on 24th and 25th October.

With my prayer and blessing.

Francis