



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2026



Monday 20th July

(St Apollinaris)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 21st July

(St Laurence of Brindisi)

No Mass at St Anne's

(Fr F attending a Priest's Funeral)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 22nd July

(St Mary Magdalene)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 23rd July

(St Bridget of Sweden)

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 24th July

(St Sharbel Makhlouf)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 25th July

(St James)

10:00am Holy 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 26th July

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 25th July

Margaret Gaskell & Julie Leishman

Sunday 26th July

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday 26th July

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

Lately Dead: Dolores Taggart, Cheryl Spencer

Anniversaries: Sheila O'Connor, Mary Catherine Livesey, Frederick Warren, John Pilkington

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.



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.

FATHER FRANCIS ON LEAVE



Fr Francis will be in Lourdes for the Diocesan Pilgrimage and then a few days break after that.

Tuesday, 28th July - Thursday, 11th August. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses at St Anne's. Weekday Masses at St Joseph's will continue as normal. Weekend Masses will be covered by the priests from St John Paul II in Padiham. Please do give them a warm welcome.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is this **Tuesday, 21st July, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church.

All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 27th July**. We will be going to The Tiger Lounge. 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!



POLISH MASS

Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, **2nd August at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.



BUMPER EDITON



There will be a bumper edition of the newsletter for the week-ends of 1st/2nd August and 8th/9th August. Please make sure any content for that period is sent in by 23rd July at the latest.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 4

Saturday Night's winning number was:
41 - Marie Kerr

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **56 - Rollover**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.

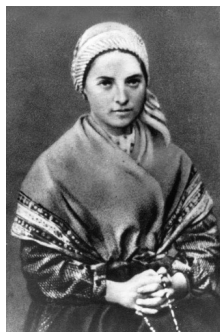
LOURDES PETITONS



At the end of July I will once again be visiting Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take your petitions to the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes then place them in the basket on Our Lady's Altar by 27th July.

Any money for candles etc should be placed in a separate envelope.

WAS SHE BEAUTIFUL?



'Oh yes indeed. So lovely that when you have seen her once, you would willingly die to see her again!'

St Bernadette



'God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place. Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever I am I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.'



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish: so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for 'all things that provoke offences, and all who do evil'. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not darnel; there are no quick judgements in the kingdom of heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of Man can judge.

On Monday I presided at the Requiem Mass for the late Joyce Duckett. The Mass was 'live streamed' to some relatives in Australia who couldn't attend so there were a number of cameras and microphones in church. Please remember Joyce and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.



On Monday afternoon I was back in Rochdale and the Primary School of the Holy Family for a celebration of Mass to mark the retirement of one of their teachers and a close friend of mine after 25 years service in that school. We wish Gwyneth a long and happy retirement.

On Tuesday I did a mock exam for my BSL course in preparation for the real exam and a re-sit that took place on Wednesday. I'm pleased to say that I thought it went well and I am more confident of a pass than I was last time. I now have to wait a few weeks for the results to arrive from the external assessors. It's now full steam ahead to prepare for the final exam the day before I set out for Lourdes and a little break afterwards.



On Thursday I was privileged to be at the Mother Church of the Diocese - the Cathedral for the consecration of the new altar after all the renovations and work has been completed. It looks magnificent. If you get the chance do go and have a look.



On Friday morning I celebrated Mass with our primary school as they prepare for the summer holidays. At this point may I take the opportunity to thank all our teaching and support staff at both St Anne's and Mount Carmel for all that they have achieved with and for our children this coming year. As Mr Bowers begins his retirement we thank him for his leadership of Mount Carmel and wish him well for whatever the future holds.

The saga of the leak in the car park at St Joseph's continues. Thus far we have had two holes dug by United Utilities to try and locate the source. Hopefully they are making some progress. I'm tempted to call it a miraculous well and then we can become a place of pilgrimage!



Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.