

Parish of St Anne and St Joseph



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st February 2026



Monday 2nd February

(The Presentation of the Lord)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 3rd February

(St Ansgar)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 4th February

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 5th February

(St Agatha)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 6th February

(SS Paul Miki & Companions)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 7th February

(Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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 8th February

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 7th February, 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday, 8th February, 11:00am

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 8th February, 9:00am

Anne Bradshaw

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

Anniversaries: Florence Pearson, Kathleen Warburton

Other: An Intention for a serious operation

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.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet on **Wednesday, 4th February, at 2pm** in St Joseph's Hall. It will be great to meet up again for our first time in 2026. The theme will be 'Howdy Cowboy'! And members can dress for the theme if they wish.



POLISH MASS

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



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 9th February**. We are going to the Black Horse for lunch. Meet at the church car park at 12:30pm



IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 10

Saturday Night's winning number was: **29 - Margaret Gaskell**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **15 - Spare Number**

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.



Lepra Appeal 2026

A big thank you to everyone who donated towards this year's Lepra Appeal. A grand total of **£653.78** was raised.

Thanks again for your kind generosity



WEEKDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S

Please note the Mass on Thursday will at 9:00am to allow Fr Francis to attend the meeting of the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team in the evening.



This coming **Friday, 6th February**, Mass will be at the later time of 9:30am as we welcome the staff and students from our secondary school, Mount Carmel. All parishioners are welcome to attend

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

We are delighted to announce the dates for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will take place between 30th July and 5th August.

Full details, including travel and accommodation pricing, insurance details and volunteer application forms are available on the Lourdes website www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

or by calling 0161 817 2209.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Preparation for 1st Holy Communion begins this Monday, **2nd February**, with a meeting for parents and children at **6:00pm** in St Anne's Church. Information will be given out at the meeting.



Our next celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will take place at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Saturday 7th February.

11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions. All welcome

White Flower Appeal 2024

On the weekend of, 14th & 15th February, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal in both churches. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

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



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most

important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God – what we refer to as the “Sermon on the Mount.” This great collection of Jesus’ teachings begins with the Beatitudes – the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God – the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.



Eeeee I've been double glazed!!! After much toing and froing between myself and the diocese I finally received permission to replace windows in the presbytery. During the week the old, wooden and in some cases, rotten single glazed windows have been replaced with lovely double glazed units. I can immediately feel the benefits as I don't have huge draughts coming into the presbytery. That should help keep the place a bit warmer and hopefully cut down on heating bills.

On Wednesday and Thursday I had the joy and privilege of being present at St Mary's, Burnley for the visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis. The church saw a steady flow of the faithful who came to venerate the relics and bring their petitions to St Carlo. There was also the opportunity to go to Confession with priests hearing confessions throughout the two days. This was combined with talks on the life of St Carlo, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and meditated rosary devotions. The Welcome and Farewell Masses of the visit were well attended and I am pleased to say by a lot of young people. At the Welcome Mass I had the task presenting the message of St Carlo to a wider audience by interpreting in Sign Language.



“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 my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.