



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2026



Monday 2nd March

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 3rd March

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 4th March

(St. Casimir)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 5th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 6th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 7th March

(SS Perpetua & Felicity)

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 March

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 7th March, 5:30pm

Anne Anderson & Marie Roberts

Sunday, 8th March, 11:00am

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 8th March, 9:00am

Mary Rosbotham

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, Ellen Baron, Shirley Higginson.

Lately Dead: Eileen Marsden, Maria Rodia, Sheila Woods, Mary Ojelabi, Fr Bob Morrow

Anniversaries: Jim Warburton; Bill Pilkington, Mary Bone, Mary Teresa Lord.

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.



THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 4th March, 2:00pm - 4:00pm in St Joseph's Hall. We will be entertained by:

TROUBLE at' MILL.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be Monday, **9th March** at **6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

POLISH MASS



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

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 9th March**. We will be going for lunch at Café Bistro. Meet on the car park at St Anne's at 12:30noon for lunch at 1:00pm



BAPTISM



We welcome to the parish **Martin Tamahill**

who is to be Baptised in St Anne's church this coming Saturday, 28th February. Please keep Martin and his family in your prayers.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 4

Saturday Night's winning number was: **19 - Paul Bold**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **27 - Spare Number**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.

PUT IT IN YOUR WILL

None of us likes to think about the end of our lives and we tend to put off talking about funeral arrangements. However leaving instructions about your funeral can be helpful to the relatives you leave behind. It also means that you will have the type of funeral you want: Requiem Mass or Funeral Liturgy in Church otherwise you could be bumped off with just 20 mins at the Crem!

One way of doing this is to write down your arrangements and place them alongside your will. Better still have a chat with your Priest and discuss things with him and then he can lodge your funeral details in the parish safe until they are needed. This is perhaps a better option as sometimes the will is only read after the funeral.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 17th March, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

MASS AT ST ANNE'S

This coming Thursday, Mass at St Anne's will be at **9:00am instead of 6:30pm** so that Fr Francis can attend the Nursing and Medical Team Meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2026

7:00pm on Fridays in Lent

Stations will be offered together between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches in Accrington during Lent. All are welcome!

6th March - St Anne's

13th March - St Joseph's

20th March - St Andrew's

27th March - St Anne's

3rd April - St Joseph's

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our next celebration of the anointing of the sick will take place during the 12:00 noon Mass on Saturday 7th March. All who are in need of this sacrament are welcome to attend.

DEANERY STATION MASS



will take place on Thursday 5th March at 7:00pm at St John's Church, Padiham. **The celebrant will be Bishop John Arnold.** All welcome.

FUNERAL SERVICE



We offer our condolences to the family of **Eileen Marsden** who has recently died. Eileen's funeral service will take place at Accrington Crematorium, **on Wednesday, 4th March at 3:00pm.** The service will be led by Fr Theo Sharrock. Please pray for Eileen and her family at this sad time.

FUNERAL SERVICE



We offer our condolences to the family of **Maria Rodia** who has recently died. Maria's funeral service will take place in St Anne's Church on **Tuesday, 3rd March at 12:00pm.** Please pray for Maria and her family at this sad time.

CURRY NIGHT

The Salford Diocesan Nursing & Medical Group will be holding their annual curry night on 30th April at 6:30pm at The Agra, Hapton. Tickets cost £20.00 per person and include mixed starters and a main. If



you would like a ticket please speak to Father Francis

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for our Grand Easter Raffle are now available at the back of both churches. Please do take some books of tickets to sell to family and friends and help raise money for our parish. Lots of fabulous prizes on offer!



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead us to acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

Many thanks for your warm welcome to Fr Kris last weekend as he made an appeal for the Missions. I saw Father on Thursday evening at the Requiem Mass for Mary Olejabi, the mother of Fr Joseph and he asked me to pass on his thanks for your warm welcome and generosity.

I returned from my little Christmas Break on Tuesday. I had a lovely time and met up with a couple of good friends although I feel I have returned home more tired than I went. This is probably due to recovering from the cold that was afflicting me and for the fact I didn't sleep really well whilst away. Anyway I am back now so its back to the old clothes and porridge and the disciplines of Holy Lent.



Late Tuesday afternoon I had my mock exam for my BSL course. I was pleased with it but after receiving feedback from my teacher there is some fine tuning to be done before the real exam on Tuesday. The subject is a 10 minute presentation on Hearing Parents and Deaf Children and Deaf Parents and Hearing Children. Spare a prayer that all goes well. After Tuesday only another two exams to go to pass Level 3.

In other news...I returned to the presbytery after my break to find some wallpaper hanging from the ceiling. It turns out there had been a burst pipe whilst I was away. Mercifully not a great amount of damage done. My thanks to those who were able to arrange repairs so promptly.

On Thursday evening a good number of the priests from the Deanery and beyond gathered at St John's, Padiham for the Requiem Mass for Mary Ojelabi - the mother of Fr Joseph, the Parish Priest. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Friday morning we welcomed Years 5 and 6 from our Primary School for their Lenten Mass. It was lovely to have them with us and hear their lovely singing.

With my prayer for the coming week. Happy Fasting!

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.