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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 1st November 2026

Monday 2nd November
9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 3rd November
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 4th November
9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Thursday 5th November
6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 6th November
8.45 Exposition & Confessions
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 7th November

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 8th November
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's
11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

Hymn Numbers
260; 122; 246; 832

READERS' ROTA

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In St Anne's
Saturday 7th November 5:30pm
Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell
Sunday 8th November 11:00am
Tony Yates

In St Joseph's
Sunday 8th November 9:00am
Mary Rosbotham

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 McGuiness; Martin Flood; Brid Fitzgibbon
Lately Dead: Cath Logan; Jean Sparkes
Anniversaries: Frank Burrell; Jack Tierney; Abbey Wilson; William McInnes; Elizabeth McInnes
Birthday Anniversary: Stephen Daly

POLISH MASS

Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass this Sunday, **1st November 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, 2nd November. We will be going to Mr Gatty's Tea Room. 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 9

Saturday Night's winning number was: **13 – Damian Beech**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **51 - Rollover**

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be Wednesday, 4th November at 2:00pm in St Joseph's Hall. We will be enjoying some easy Christmas craft activities, followed by pie and peas and some delicious cakes. You will also be able to sign up for our Christmas meal which is booked at The Mill House Restaurant, Clayton-le-Moors in December.

MOUNT CARMEL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mount Carmel are once again hosting their annual Community Christmas Party. Signup sheets are now at the back of both churches.

Dear friends in Christ

I'm not very good at composing letters so from now on, in my page we will have a little bit about the world and then a comment on one of the Saints this week, so here goes, but thank you for all the kind messages of welcome, and I ask you to be patient with me until I find out where everything is and get myself a little organised

Fr Peter

History, inevitably, will judge Israel through the lens of Gaza.

Now there is a new lens through which to view this horrific episode, which further magnifies the image. It is the explosive documentary film NAZA, which is causing an international sensation for the way it reveals some of the technological methodology behind the military operation. Yet the profound moral questions it raises are not unique to events in Gaza. There have been other stained consciences in the world.

The basic allegation against the Israeli military is that it employed software, including artificial intelligence, to authorise attacks on suspected Hamas operatives knowing they would also kill civilians, including children. The principle of proportionality is at the heart of international law. It uses the moral theory of "double effect", which says that an action may be morally and legally justified even if its foreseeable but unintended consequences are harmful, if the good end to be gained by that action is proportionate to that bad consequence. Thus the police may shoot at a terrorist about to set off a bomb, even if there is a high risk of hitting innocent civilians nearby.

All Saints Day this weekend but a little look at St Martin de Porres

The illegitimate son of a slave mother and a Spaniard Grandee, Martin was a Mulato or half caste. When Martin de Porres was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin de Porres applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor.

It was particularly impressive that he
Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister's house.