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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2026



Monday 21st September (St Matthew)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 22nd September (Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 23rd September

(St Pius of Pietrelcina)

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 24th September

(Our Lady of Walsingham)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 25th September (Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 26th September

(Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs)

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 27th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 26th September 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday 27th September 11:00am

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday 27th September 9:00am

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, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Higginson, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Assunta Christiano; Kathleen McGuinness

Lately Dead: Joan Duckworth, Phil Phillips, David Parkins

Anniversaries: Fr Ray Matus CO, Jennifer Mangan, Kathleen Holden, Valerie Moxham

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 phone and it will direct you to a website where you can donate money to the parish.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be this **Monday, 21st September**. We will be going



to The Crown on Whalley Road. 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!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This Sunday, **20th September**, after 9:00am Mass at St Joseph's, we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Care. If anyone would like to bake, or donate, you can bring your cakes along on the morning. Please do support this event as it was a great success last year.



MOUNT CARMEL MASS

There will be a Year 7 welcome Mass in Mount Carmel school on Friday, 2nd October, at 2.00pm. Parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

MASS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE

I will be celebrating Mass in sign language **Sunday, 20th**

September at 3:00pm at: St John the Baptist, Bracewell Street, Burnley, BB10 1TB.

All parishioners are welcome to attend

IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Week 3

Saturday Night's winning number was - **26 - Mary Tierney**

Wednesday Night's winning number was - **30 -**

Frances Greenhalgh

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.





A MESSAGE

from Fr Peter your soon to be new PP

Dear people of St Anne's and St Joseph's,

Fr Francis has asked me to write a little about myself. I was brought up in Kent and moved to Blackburn after serving as an Anglican curate in Canterbury diocese. In 1990 I became a vicar in Blackburn and after 7 years moved to Burnley so I am no stranger to East Lancs and I love it's beautiful countryside. In 2019 I was received into the Catholic Church spending time in Bolton, Ramsbottom and latterly Denton. I enjoy cooking and eating and I have two dogs who are people friendly. I will be sad to leave the people of the parish here and the garden but look forward to meeting you all and working with you in your part of God's vineyard.

May God bless you all

Fr Peter

MOUNT CARMEL OPEN EVENING

This is the ideal opportunity for families of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to experience our welcoming school.

Thursday 24th September 2026
5:00pm – 8:30pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm: Explore our facilities, tour classrooms, and speak to our staff and pupils.

8:00pm: Listen to our Headteacher's presentation.

All Evening: Enjoy interactive activities across all subject areas.

We look forward to seeing you then

Mount Carmel
R.C. HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening

24th September 2026
5.00 - 8.30pm

Wordsworth Road, Accrington BB5 0LU
www.mountcarmelhigh.co.uk

REQUIEM MASSES



We offer our condolences to the family of **Joan Duckworth** who has recently died. Joan's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's church on **Monday, 5th October at 10:00am.**

Please pray for Joan and her family at this sad time.

SVP

Our next meeting will be this **Sunday, 20th September** in St Anne's presbytery after 11:00am Mass. If you would like to know more about the work of the SVP then please feel free to come along to the meeting.





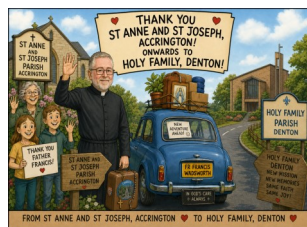
Father's Musings.....

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts. "Why be envious, because I am generous?"



On Monday morning our Primary School received the long awaited and dread phone call from Ofsted that they would be coming to inspect our school on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Nothing can be said publicly at this stage but the comments on their findings are positive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Colbeck and Mrs McManus and their leadership teams during my time here. The school has been and still is on a journey. As we all know perfection is only possible when we reach heaven and which one of us can say we are ready for that, just yet?

As you all know from my announcement last week the Bishop has appointed me to be the new Parish Priest at Holy Family Parish in Denton. During the week I was able to clarify the arrangements for this. I will be moving to Holy Family on Monday 26th October and Fr Peter will be moving here the same day. Our removal vans will probably pass each other at some point on the M60. This means my last weekend with you will be that of the 24th/25th October. Please pray for me as I begin the process of packing and sorting out a few bits and bobs here before then.



To help me prepare spiritually for taking up my duties in Denton I have booked a few days away in Rome. It will afford me the time to dedicate the next chapter of my priesthood to the intercession of the Apostles Peter and Paul and to give my credentials to the Holy Father! Please be assured of my prayers for Fr Peter and you all. But before that can happen there is the dreaded packing to be accomplished!!

The Knights of St Columba will be entering their Centenary Year soon. They will mark this the weekend of 24th/25th October at the weekend Masses. It will be a fitting end to the end of my ministry here among you. Do please give some consideration to joining the Knights and helping them to continue their good work.



With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis