



## ***Parish of St Anne and St Joseph***

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### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**21st June 2026**



#### **Monday 22nd June**

**(Ss John Fisher and Thomas More)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

**No Holy Mass at St Joseph's**

#### **Tuesday 23rd June**

**(St Ethelreda)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Wednesday 24th June**

**(Nativity of St John the Baptist)**

**No Holy Mass at St Anne's**

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Thursday 25th June**

**(Weekday)**

**No Holy Mass at St Joseph's**

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

#### **Friday 26th June**

**(St John Southworth)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Saturday 27th June**

**(St Cviril of Alexandria)**

10:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

**No Morning Mass or Confessions  
at St Anne's**

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

#### **Sunday 28th June**

**(Ss Peter and Paul)**

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

#### **READERS' ROTA**

##### **In St Anne's**

##### **Saturday 27th June**

Paul Nester & Anne Anderson

##### **Sunday 21st June**

Andrew Szlaz

##### **In St Joseph's**

##### **Sunday 21st June**

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, Joyce Duckett; Annette McGuinness; Michael Cronin; Audrey Hayes.

**Lately Dead:** Ann Reynolds, George Shields.

**Anniversaries:** Nora Coyne

**Birthday Anniversary:** James and Marie McGinn

**Other:** Robert Kenyon, Fred Livesey, John Marsden, David Sutcliffe

### Confessions in St Anne's

Saturdays: 11:00am - 11:45am  
4:45pm - 5:15pm

### Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

### CONFIRMATION 2026



The next meeting will be **Monday, 22nd June, at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church for young people in Year 8 or above who wish to be confirmed this year.

### 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.



### IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 9

Saturday Night's winning number was:

**44 - Tony Mullen**

Wednesday Night's winning number was:

**16 - Spare Number**

**Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.**



### ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 29th June**. We will be going to Tiger Lounge. Meet on St Anne's carpark at 12:30 noon 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!

### GEORGE SHIELDS RIP

it is with sadness that I was informed of the passing of George on 6th June. We offer our prayers and condolences to his wife Marjorie, his children Helen and Simon together with his grandchildren and all the other members of his family. George's Funeral Service will take place on 1st July at 12:20pm at Accrington Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

will be holding a Recruitment Drive for new members to help it continue with the good work it already undertakes in our parish.

This will take place at all Masses the weekend of the **4th and 5th July** when a member of the SVP from Head Office will come and address us. This will be followed by an information evening on the **7th July**.

Do please consider whether you could be come a member of the SVP and help continue the good work already being done.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children on the Sacramental Programme will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, **21st June, at the 11:00am Mass.** Do please keep them in your prayers. It will also be lovely for you to support them with your presence on the day.



## CONFIRMATION

Bishop John will be coming to St Mary's Church in Oswaldtwistle on 30th June, at 7:00pm, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the children in your prayers as they take part in this important sacrament.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Alan Swift the PP of St Joseph, Todmorden who celebrates the Ruby Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood on 26th June. Remember him in your prayers. Ad multos annos!

## PLEASE NOTE

there will be no Exposition, Confessions or 12 Noon Mass this Saturday at St Anne's. Fr Francis has to attend a training conference in preparation for the forthcoming Lourdes Pilgrimage. All being well he will be back to celebrate the Vigil Mass.

## THE CATHEDRAL

The re-opening of the cathedral and dedication of the new altar will take place on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**—the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Each parish is invited to bring two parishioners to this Mass. If you would like to attend then please have a word with Fr



Francis as soon as possible as details of those attending must be given to the organisers by the end of June.

**ST MARY'S**  
RC CHURCH  
OSWALDTWISTLE

**ADORATION**  
— OF THE —  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING  
WILL FOLLOW THIS PATTERN:

- 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Adoration
- 5:00pm – Confessions
- 6:00pm – Holy Mass
- 6:30pm – Continued Adoration
- 8:50pm – Benediction

*“All who are thirsty,  
come to the water...”*  
(ISAIAH 55:1)

## MASS AT MOUNT CARMEL

I will be celebrating Mass at Mount Carmel High School on Friday at 12:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



# With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

## Father's Musings

On Monday evening I started with a slight irritation in my throat that developed into a very sore throat and symptoms of a cold. Since then my 'get up and go' feels it has got up and gone. I've not been firing on all cylinders. But as I can't phone the agency and arrange for a supply the show must go on even if it means a bit more effort is needed to accomplish what needs doing and possibly at a slower pace.



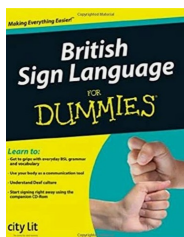
Monday evening saw the meetings of our Confirmation Group and First Holy Communion Group. Please keep them all in your prayers as the great day for their reception of these Sacraments draws near. This weekend we welcome the children who will receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Pray for them that they will grow in the love of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament throughout their lives. Now is not the end of the programme, but the beginning. Coming to Mass each week is now your responsibility so that you may strengthen your faith.

On Tuesday I presided at the Requiem Mass for Freddie Scorr. Please remember him and his family in your prayers at this sad time.



On Wednesday evening I was present at the High School for a celebration of Mass celebrated by Mgr John Daly to mark the retirement of Mr Xavier Bowers as Head Teacher of Mount Carmel. At the end of the Mass Xav was presented with the *Bene Merenti* award on behalf of Pope Leo XIV to mark his service to Catholic Education over the years. We wish him well in retirement and our thoughts and prayers now turn to Caroline Farrelly who succeeds him to lead the school in the next chapter of its history.

On Friday morning I celebrated Mass with a group of the children from our own Primary School of St Anne's and St Joseph's.



In other news on Wednesday I received the results of my second exam for Level 3 in BSL. As I thought then I wasn't confident that I hadn't passed and Wednesday proved that I was right as sadly I didn't. There is the possibility of a re-sit. We will see about that. I have informed the Bishop as my 'line manager' about this development and whether he wishes me to continue. He, after consultation with the VG's, is happy for me to continue as 'that qualification will certainly be of benefit to the deaf community, and it is provided by only a few priests.' Say a prayer to the Holy Ghost to help my decision making.

God Bless - Fr F



...for we are nothing without Christ.