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First Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026



Monday 23rd February

(St. Polycarp)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 24th February

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 25th February

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 26th February

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's
9.00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 27th February

(St. Gregory of Narek)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 28th February

(Lent Weekday)

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 1st March

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's
11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 28th February, 5:30pm

Paul Nester & Anne Anderson

Sunday, 1st March, 11:00am

Caroline Farrelly

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 1st March, 9:00am

Anne-Marie Parker

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

Anniversaries: Michael Warburton

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.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 23rd February.**

We will be going for lunch at

The Tiger Lounge. Meet on the car park at St Anne's at 12:30noon for lunch at 1:00pm



POLISH MASS

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



ALMANCS 2026

If anyone would like to order an Almanac, please speak to Debbie Kenyon or if you inform Siobhan in the office, she will pass your details on.

SKIP HIRE



It has been suggested that we hire a skip to dispose of the rubbish etc that

has gathered mainly on the stage at St Joseph's.

So that we do not throw out anything that needs to be kept can all interested parties kindly sort out their things, clearly label them and store them neatly. Anything not labelled will be disposed of.

We plan to have the skip here at the beginning of March.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be Friday, **27th February** at **6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

White Flower Appeal 2026



Thank you to all those who donated to our recent White Flower Appeal. Your generosity raised a grand total of **£501.82.** Thank you!

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 3

Saturday Night's winning number was: **14 - Sam Camm**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **TBC**

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.



MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Kris Aneke MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** at all Masses.

Please be as generous as you can to this appeal. Fr Kris will also be celebrating the weekend Masses. I know you will make him welcome.

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!

**27th February - St Andrew's
Swiss Street**

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



ST MARY'S CHURCH, OWALDTWISTLE PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2026

All are invited to attend the upcoming Parish Lenten Retreat at St Mary's Church, Oswaldtwistle, led by Angela McMorro

23rd 24th 25th February

5:00pm - Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm - Mass

7:00pm Talk on a Lenten Theme

MASSES AT ST ANNE'S



This coming **Friday, 27th February**, Mass will be at the later time of 9:30am as we welcome the staff and students from our primary school, St Anne's & St Joseph's. Thursday Mass at St Anne's will be at **9:00am instead of 6:30pm** so that Fr Francis can attend the Requiem Mass for Fr Joseph's mother in Padiham.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for
Jordon & Ruth who were married in St Anne's last Tuesday. We offer them our warmest congratulations and good wishes for many years of happily married life!.



With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these



Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation.

What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.



The Penitential Season of Lent is upon us once again. A time to look seriously at our lives and our relationship with the Lord. Traditionally Lent is a time for giving things up in order for us to devote more time to prayer, fasting and other charitable acts. Our personal penances are not something we take on just for 40 days. They are to help us on that journey towards heaven. It's no good giving something up for Lent and then gorging ourselves on it once Lent is over and return to our usual way of life. The season of Lent has a its centre that nasty word no one likes: **CHANGE**. Unless we are already saints then we all need to change some elements of our lives if we are to get to heaven. And that change is not just for 40 days but life long!

There's not much to report this week. The topics for the BSL Exam came in on Tuesday and left me and my fellow students in a bit of a panic. Say a prayer all will be well. We have just under two weeks before the exam.

On Tuesday I celebrated the Wedding of Jordan and Ruth here at St Anne's. We wish them every blessing in their married life.

By the time you are reading this I will be away on a little Christmas Break. It will give me a little time to recover from the cold that currently afflicts me and spend sometime preparing for the BSL Exams.



SAVE THE DATE - 30th APRIL 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Curry Night at the Agra in Hapton to raise money for the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team. It was a grand do last year. Further details to follow.

Happy Fasting!

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.