



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2026



Monday 23rd March

(Lent Weekday)

10:15am Requiem Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 24th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 25th March

(The Annunciation of The Lord)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 26th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 27th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 28th March

(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 29th 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 March, 5:30pm

Paul Nester & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday, 29th March, 11:00am

Andrew Szlaz

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 29th 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, Shirley Higginson, Joyce Duckett

Lately Dead: Margaret McIntyre, Margaret Bullock, John King

Anniversaries: Annie Anderson, Michael Caine, Mary Hall

Other: Sr. Pat's Birthday

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, 30th March at 1:00pm** in the Marian room at St Anne's. for Stations of the Cross followed by afternoon tea.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next Sacramental programme will be **Monday, 30th March at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be on **Wednesday, 1st April, at 2:00pm** in St Joseph's Hall. There will be a fabulous Easter celebration, so please feel free to bring your best Easter bonnet!"



FUNERAL SERVICES

We offer our condolences to the families of **Ellen Baron & Patricia Burgess** who have both recently died. Both funeral services will take place on **Friday, 27th March** in Accrington Crematorium. Patricia's service is at 10:20am and Ellen's service is at 1:30pm. Please pray for Ellen, Patricia & their families at this time.

NO 9:00am Mass at St Anne's on Friday, 27th March

REQUIEM MASS

We offer our condolences to the family of **Margaret Bullock** who has recently died. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place in St Anne's Church on **Monday, 23rd March at 10:15am**. Please pray for Margaret and her family at this time.

FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend, **21st & 22nd March**, there will be a collection after Mass in both churches for Easter flowers. Please do give generously so that the church looks wonderful for Easter.

PIETY STALL AT ST JOSEPH'S

The piety stall at St Joseph's offers a wide range of cards and gifts. We now have Easter cards available.



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 see Fr

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 7

Saturday Night's winning number was: **59 - Rollover**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **54 - Rollover**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.



SVP



Our next SVP Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 24th March at 7:00pm** in St Anne's presbytery.

EASTER MASS TIMES

7:30pm Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watching till

10:00pm **at St Joseph's**

3:00pm Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion **at St Anne's**

7:00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross **at St Joseph's**

8:30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (no Vigil Mass at 5:30pm)

at St Anne's

Masses on Easter Sunday are at the usual times and churches.

EASTER CLEANING

There will be a thorough clean of St Anne's Church at **9:30am on Thursday, 26th March**. If you can spare the time, please do come along to help get the church ready for Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

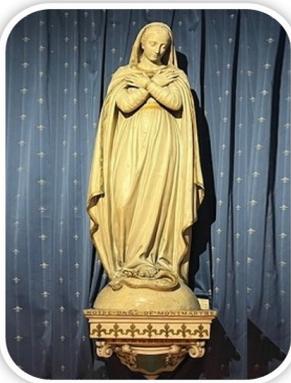
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7:00pm on Fridays in Lent

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

27th March - St Anne's

3rd April - St Joseph's



PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST JOSEPH,
ACCRINGTON

*With Every Blessing on
Mothering Sunday*

15th March 2026

Fr Francis Wadsworth
Fr Robert Livesey

*Image of Our Lady from the Eglise Saint Pierre
Montmartre, Paris*

Please accept this belated 'virtual card' for Mothering Sunday with my apologies on behalf of the couriers for their appalling service. No one knows where the cards are!

With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death.



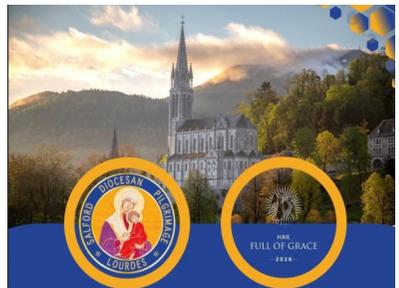
The last couple of weeks have been very much a time of accompanying people in grief as they come to terms with loss of their loved ones and making arrangements for their funerals. When supporting families with funeral arrangements, I often meet those who do not regularly practise their faith, yet still carry a deep, sometimes unspoken connection to the Church. In these moments, I am called, in the spirit of Pope Francis, to walk with them just as they are - not as strangers or outsiders, but as people still held within the embrace of faith - offering compassion, understanding, and a sense of welcome at a time when it is most needed. It is not always easy and at times it does sap a lot of my energy.

This week I have presided at the funerals of the late Donald McMillan and Sheila Woods and a burial of ashes for Lilian Walsh. Please remember them in your prayers. Also remember Margaret Bullock, Ellen Baron, Patricia Burgess and Joyce Creagh who will be laid to rest this coming week. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Wednesday was a quiet day spent at home reading a book about St John Henry Newman entitled 'Newman's Unquiet Grave.' I recommend it to you. In the evening I went off to Chorley to meet up with fellow students of various levels who are learning BSL for a chat and practice.



A reminder that the clocks will go forward 1 hour **NEXT SATURDAY**. Please remember so that you are not too early or too late for Holy Mass



The 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

30th July - 5th August 2026

For booking information visit:
www.salfordlourdes.co.uk
or contact Joe Walsh Tours on
0808 189 0468.

...for we are nothing without Christ.