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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August 2026



Monday 24th August (St Bartholomew)

9:00am Holy Mas at St Anne's

Tuesday 25th August (Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 26th August (Weekday)

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 27th August (St Monica)

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 28th August (St Augustine)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 29th August

(Beheading of John the Baptist)

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 28th August

22nd 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 29th August 5:30pm

Anne Anderson & Paul Nester

Sunday 30th August 11:00am

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday 30th August 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, Joan Duckworth, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Higginson, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Assunta Christiano

Lately Dead: Jimmy Cricket, Canon Mortimer Stanley

Anniversaries: Fr David Elder, Trevor Kerr

Other:

Confessions in St Anne's

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

**NO CONFESSIONS AT
ST JOSEPH'S FOR THE TIME
BEING**

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

Tickets are available at the back of both churches for our Summer Raffle. Please take some and sell them far and wide!

The raffle is one of our main fund raising events so please do support it.
Many thanks.



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



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 24th August**. We will be going to The Griffin. Meet on St Anne's car-park 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!

RED MISSION BOXES

If you have a Red Mission Box then please feel free to bring it to church at anytime for emptying. The money will be counted by the counting team and then banked. If you are unable to bring it to church please have a word with Fr Francis. **If you have recently handed in your box for emptying** have a word with Fr Francis so that you can have it back to be filled again.

Thank you for your support of the Missions.



MASS ON THURSDAYS

Although I am still awaiting results of my final Level 3 BSL Exam I have enrolled on Level 4 as this is something the Bishop is keen for me to do.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm via Zoom. As a result our usual 6:30pm Mass at St Anne's will be celebrated at 9:00am instead.

**THIS WILL BEGIN FROM
THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.**

My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Saturday No 7 Andrew Szlaz

Wednesday No 9 Julie Wilkinson

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.



FATHER LIVESEY

I went to see Fr Livesey again on Tuesday together with his sister, Mary. I'm pleased to report that he was in good spirits and sends his thanks to you all for his prayers.



I was able to set up his laptop and getting connected to the hairnet. This means Father has more communication with the outside world. I was also able to change SIM cards in his mobile phone, reducing the tariff from a rather expensive one to one of more reasonable expectations.

We do not know when Father will be returning to Accrington at this stage so I will endeavour to provide Mass at least two days a week at St Joseph's. Please understand that due to other commitments this may not always be possible. Remember that we are ONE PARISH with two churches. From time to time there might need to be last minute changes due to funerals or other commitments. Thank you for your understanding. Let's pray for each other in this time of change.

ST MARY'S RC CHURCH OSWALDTWISTLE

*Parish Feast of
The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*



TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026



12.00 noon -
Eucharistic Adoration
and the Sacrament of Confession



1.00pm -
Solemn Mass for the Feast of the
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



7.00pm -
Evening Healing Service



CONGRATULATIONS



to the students at Mount Carmel who received their GCSE results on Thursday they should be extremely proud that their hard work and determination has paid off.

Early indications show that our 2026 GCSE results are the best ever for the school for a fourth consecutive year!

A big thank you to our hardworking and dedicated teachers, support staff and parents/carers who collectively have worked to ensure that all pupils achieve the very best exam grades possible.

Caroline Farrelly, Headteacher



Father's Musings.....

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

Last Sunday evening to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption the priests of the Deanery gathered at the Franciscan Convent in Burnley for a time of prayer, praying for the needs of the diocese, the deanery and our own parishes. This was followed a meal together in the presbytery. It is good for the priests to get together and socialise from time to time. In these days where there are less of us than in the past we need the support of each other to help us continue with our ministry. The evening finished off with a friendly game of darts!!!

On Wednesday I was in Chorley to meet up with fellow BSL students for a catch up and a practice as we still await exam results. Presumably no news is good news and we can look forward to good results. Here's hoping.

This afternoon, Friday I was mixing with stars of stage and screen as we gathered for the funeral of James Mulgrew - better known to most of us as the comedian Jimmy Cricket. His son, Fr Frankie Mulgrew, is a priest of our diocese so it was good for the priests to gather and support our brother as well as to pray for the eternal repose of Jimmy. Please remember his wife May, his sons, Fr Frankie, Dale and Jamie and daughter Katie in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



With the arrival of exam results for our young people let's keep them all in our prayers as they set out on the next chapter of their lives. We remember those who will be leaving home and going to university, those continuing their education and those entering the world of work. For those who didn't quite get the grades they wanted I'm reminded of a wise priest in the seminary who encouraged us students by saying 'when you're ordained and doing what priests do, no one's bothered whether you got a first class from Oxford or a 2:1 from Bolton Polytechnic!' I managed to scrap through with a 2:1 from the Early Learning Centre and I've managed thus far.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis