



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

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## **Pentecost Sunday**

**24th May 2026**



### **Monday 25th May**

**(Marv, Mother of The Church)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

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

### **Tuesday 26th May (St Philip Neri)**

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

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

### **Wednesday 27th May**

**(St Augustine of Canterbury)**

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

### **Thursday 28th May**

**(Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Eternal High Priest)**

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

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

### **Friday 29th May (St Paul VI)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

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

### **Saturday 30th May**

**(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)**

10:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Confessions at St Anne's

12:00noon Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

### **Sunday 31st May**

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

### **READERS' ROTA**

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

#### **Saturday 30th May**

Julie Leishman & Anne Anderson

#### **Sunday 31st May**

Andrew Szlaz

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

#### **Sunday 31st May**

Anne-Marie Parker

### **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

**Lately Dead:** Canon Jason Jones

**Anniversaries:** William McInnes

**Birthday:** John Wrynne

### 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.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be **Monday, 15th June at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 26th May, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly in-



### CONFIRMATION 2026

The next meeting will be **Monday, 1st June, at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church for young people in Year 8 or above who wish to be confirmed this year.



### IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 6

Saturday Night's winning number was: **20 - Mary Ruane**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **31 - Spare Number**

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



### ST ANNE'S LADIES

Due to the Bank Holiday, our next meeting will be **Monday, 1st June**. We will be going to Mr Gattys. 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!

### SVP COLLECTION



On the weekend of 30th/31st May, there will be a collection for the SVP in both churches. Please do give generously to help support the amazing work the SVP do for the housebound and those in need of support in our parish. The SVP will be very grateful for any donations received.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the Friendship Club will meet at Oswaldtwistle Mills for a 3 course lunch. We will be entertained by the dynamic, female vocalist, Saskia Starkie. Members should aim to arrive by 12pm when drinks will be served before lunch is served at 12.30pm.

### MASS TIMES



please note there will be NO MASS at St Anne's on Tuesday as Fr Francis has to attend a Safeguarding Training Meeting at the Cathedral that day.



**SATURDAY 30th MAY**  
**7:30pm ST JOSEPH'S HALL**

**£10 per person**

**including Pie and Pea Supper**

**Proceeds to the Lourdes**

**Nursing and Medical Team**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**RAFFLE AND SPOT PRIZES ON THE NIGHT**

### POLISH MASS



Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass this coming Sunday, **7th June at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

### SAVE THE DATE

Father Livesey's Diamond Jubilee  
Monday, 8th June, at 7:00pm  
in St Joseph's Church followed by refreshments in the hall.

### MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Due to Father Livesey being on leave there will be NO Mass at St Joseph's on Monday & Tuesday Morning. There will also be no Mass at St Joseph's on Friday morning.

### CORPUS CHRISTI



On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi 7th June at 3:00pm. There will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Magdalene's Church, This is a wonderful way to demonstrate our belief in the Holy Eucharist - 'our highway to heaven' as St Carlo Acutis called it. I strongly encourage all of you to be present at that procession. We need to witness more to our faith in a public way rather than sit back and do nothing!



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

### Father's Musings

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.



Our little band of Confirmandi met again on Monday evening to look at the gifts of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will strengthen them to be Missionary Disciples and Ambassadors whilst also being links in a chain each with their own mission.



For my free day on Wednesday I went to a place 'noted for fresh air and fun.' There was certainly fresh air as the wind blew, but thankfully the rain kept away and later on the sun came out. In the evening I hurtled off to Chorley for a meet up with some of my BSL Classmates for a practice session before the forthcoming exams. Here's hoping the practice has paid off.

On Thursday I disappeared to receive the 'kind and comforting ministrations' of a brother priest in the Sacrament of Confession. Recently someone was surprised when I remarked that I have to go to confession too. Yes we are all sinners and in need of God's mercy. If you haven't been for awhile I gently encourage you to go. I say that due to some sad news I received this week.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the soul of Canon Jason Jones of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia who was found dead in his bed on Thursday at the tender age of 57. May he rest in peace. It just goes to show that we know not the day or the hour so better be prepared!

I sat my BSL Exam on Friday afternoon. I think it went well but not confident that I have passed. It's now up to the assessors to decide if I am worthy of a pass.

With my prayer and blessing for the week ahead.

*Fr Francis*



...for we are nothing without Christ.