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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2026



Monday 27th July

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 28th July

(Weekday)

10:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 29th July

(Saints, Martha, Mary & Lazarus)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 30th July

(St Peter Chrysologus)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 31st July

(St Ignatius Loyola)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 1st August

(St Alphonsus Mary De' Liguori)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

No Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament and Confessions at St Anne's

No 12:00 noon Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 2nd August

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 1st August

Marie Roberts & Anne Anderson

Sunday 2nd August

Sharon Gallagher

In St Joseph's

Sunday 2nd August

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: Mike Cronin

Anniversaries: Mary Dabrowski, John McBurney

Other:

An Intention for Margaret Bullock

Confessions in St Anne's

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

Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am
NB: Times may change due to holidays. Please check front of newsletter for any changes

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.



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.



FATHER FRANCIS ON LEAVE



Father Francis will be on annual leave from, **Tuesday, 28th July - Tuesday, 11th August.**

Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses at St Anne's. Weekend Masses will be covered by the priests from St John Paul II in Padiham. Please do give them a warm welcome.

Father Livesey will also be on leave from **Monday, 27th July - Saturday, 1st August.** There will be **NO** weekday Masses or Saturday Morning 10:00am Mass at St Joseph's that week.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 27th July.** We will be going to The Tiger Lounge. 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!



POLISH MASS

Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, **2nd August at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is this **Tuesday, 28th August, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's

Church.

All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 5

Saturday Night's winning number was: **10 - Sonia Regan**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **46 - Colin Broadley**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.



NEWSLETTER - BUMPER EDITION

The newsletter NEXT WEEKEND will cover **TWO WEEKS**. There will be NO NEWSLETTER the weekend of 8th August. Any items for that period must be given in to the presbytery by **MONDAY 27th JULY AT THE LATEST**.

LOURDES PETITONS



At the end of July I will once again be visiting Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take your petitions to the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes then place them in the basket on Our Lady's Altar by 27th July.

Any money for candles etc should be placed in a separate envelope.

RED BOXES



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Bradshaw for his service over many years as local secretary for the Red Mission Boxes. He has gone a tremendous job emptying the boxes, taking monies to the bank and distributing the Mission Magazine. It is now time for him to take a well deserved break.

Moving forward... 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

With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness ! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

Last Sunday afternoon I had an unintended de-tour around Manchester! I left Accrington at 1:30pm so that I could concelebrate at the Diamond Jubilee of Mgr Michael Quinlan, Provost Emeritus in St Winifred's Church, Heaton Mersey. However there were roadworks on the M60 reducing the traffic to one lane. We were then diverted off the motorway. On the diverted road a car had broken down and someone else was attempting to get it going again with jump leads. This meant another build up of traffic as we skirted round the cars in the middle of the road. When my sat nav told me I would arrive at the church at 3:25pm I decided to abandon my trip and made my way home. I said the rosary on the way back for the intentions of the good Monsignor.

On Tuesday I attended the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Fr Peter McGiveron at St Luke's Church, Irlam O' Th'Heights. The Mass was a small gathering as we gave thanks to God for Father's ministry and service in the diocese.. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

During the week I have also been trying to do a bit of study, combined with Mock Exams for my final exam this for my BSL studies. Say wee prayer that all will go well on Monday afternoon when I sit my final exam. Hopefully soon after that will be able to upgrade my skills set to being Level BSL qualified!



On Tuesday of this week, after Holy Mass at 10:30am in St Anne's I will begin the trek to the torrid south as I start the journey to Lourdes for the Diocesan Pilgrimage. The flight to Lourdes is early on Wednesday morning. After the pilgrimage I will take a few days break in Paris before returning to the parish on the train.

Please be assured oy my prayers for you all at Our Lady's Grotto in Lourdes. If you have any intentions that you would like me to take please make sure they are left at Our Lady's Altar in either of our churches by Monday 27th July at the latest.

With my prayer and blessing for the week ahead. *Fr Francis*

...for we are nothing without Christ.