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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 2026



Monday 28th September (St Wenceslaus)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 29th September **(Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)**

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 30th September **(St Jerome, Priest, Doctor)** **NO Holy Masses Today**

Thursday 1st October **(St Therese of The Child Jesus)** 9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 2nd October **(The Holy Guardian Angels)** 9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 3rd October **(Weekday)** 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 4th October **27th 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 3rd October 5:30pm

Anne Anderson

Sunday 4th October 11:00am

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday 4th October 9:00am

Catherine Devenport

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, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Higginson, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Assunta Christiano, Kathleen McGuinness, Mark Starkie

Lately Dead: Brian Davies, Phil Phillips, Joan Duckworth, Michael Twist.

Birthday Anniversary: Patrick Cooke, Marguerite Warren

Anniversaries: Fr Ray Matus

Confessions in St Anne's

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

NO CONFESSIONS AT ST JOSEPH'S FOR THE TIME BEING

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.



MACMILLAN COFFEE

Thank you to everyone involved in making this years MacMillan Coffee Morning such a success, bakers and buyers alike. We raised a tremendous **£324.10** on the morning before gift aid is added to it. There is still time to contribute if anyone who missed the event wishes to via this Just Giving link:



https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26006577?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our next celebration of the anointing of the sick will take place during the 12:00 noon Mass on Saturday, 3rd October. All are welcome to attend.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be

Monday, 5th October.

We will be going to The



Park on Manchester

Road. 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.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Week 4

Saturday Night's winning number was - **45 - Karen Dabrowski**

Wednesday Night's winning number was - **29 - Anne Holden**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.



REQUIEM MASS

We offer our condolences to the family of **Joan Duckworth** who has recently died. Joan's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's church on **Monday, 5th October at 10:00am.**

Please pray for Joan and her family at this sad time.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Theo, currently based at St Mary's, Burnley, who celebrates the 1st Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this weekend.

Ad multos annos!

SVP

There is now a food bank at the back of both churches to help local families in need. Any donations would be gratefully accepted. Thank you to all those who have already donated.



Thank you also for the great turn out at the recent SVP meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 4th October, in St Anne's presbytery after 11:00am Mass

RETIRED PRIESTS

There will be a retiring collection for retired priests in both churches this coming weekend, 3rd/4th October. Please do give generously to help ensure that all retired priests have the care and support needed in their retirement

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be on 7th October at 2:00pm in St Joseph's Hall. We're really looking forward to it because we've finally managed to get The Golden Oldies to come and perform for us. Last time they came they were fantastic!!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

There will be a meeting for the Christmas Fair in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday, 29th September at 7:00pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



PETER & SONIA REGAN

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Peter and Sonia Regan as they retire from their work as our local Funeral Directors at the end of October. For many years, Peter and Sonia have accompanied countless families at some of the most difficult moments of their lives. With kindness, dignity and great professionalism. They have helped families to make funeral arrangements and, above all, have ensured that the Catholic faith and traditions of the deceased have been respected and honoured.

Their work has been much more than simply arranging funerals. They have been a reassuring presence to families in times of grief, often offering a listening ear, practical help and quiet compassion when it was needed most.

On behalf of our parish and the wider Catholic community, we thank Peter and Sonia most sincerely for their many years of dedicated service. We pray that the Lord will bless them abundantly in retirement and reward them for all that they have done for so many families.

Thank you, Peter and Sonia and may God bless you both!

And remember: never trust an undertaker...they always let you down in the end!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the happy repose of the soul of Brian Davies, the father of Ben Davies, Head of RE at Mount Carmel High School who has recently died.

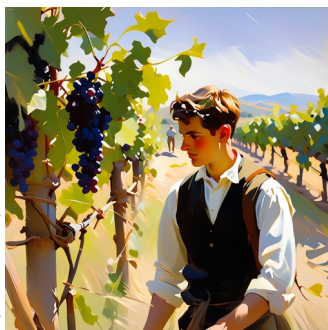
Also remember Ben and his family in your prayers at this time.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Father's Musings.....

"Once a sinner, always a sinner." That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God



tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: "Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

Last Sunday, after the 11:00am Mass we held a meeting for the members of the SVP. It was good to see new members have joined and the Conference has doubled in size. This will help the Conference to continue its valuable work in our community. If you would like to know more about the SVP and its work then come along to the next meeting at St Anne's on 4th October after the 11:00am Mass.



As you can imagine some of my time has been taken up this week with packing up my bits and bobs as I prepare to move to Holy Family Denton. It's amazing how much stuff we accumulate in our lives as we move hither and yon. Some things we keep because hey of personal, sentimental value. Other items are kept because we need them for our work. But I'm sure all of us have that one box or two where we keep things because 'they might come in useful one day.' If I'm honest that day hasn't yet arrived with some of the things I have carried from one parish to the next.

As a respite from packing I went to B and Q on my free day to look at possible paint colours for my new sitting room. I think I've decided on 'Rugged Olive' and 'Soft Glows' As a friend of mine would say 'it'll be nice when it's finished. At the moment it's a case of getting from start to finish.

This afternoon (Friday) I was in the Convent at Burnley to fulfil my role as Confessor to the Sisters. After hearing confessions there was the customary cup of tea and slice of cake whilst we exchanged stories of our novitiate! Pray for the Sisters and for vocations to the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph.



With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis