



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

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## **Palm Sunday**

**29th March 2026**



### **Monday 30th March**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's  
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

### **Tuesday 31st March**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's  
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

### **Wednesday 1st April**

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

### **Holy Thursday 2nd April**

7:30pm Evening Lord's Supper at  
St Joseph's



### **Good Friday 3rd April**

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion at St Anne's  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
at St Joseph's



### **Saturday 4th April**

8:30pm Easter Vigil and 1st Mass of  
Easter at St Anne's  
**NO VIGIL MASS AT 5:30pm**



### **EASTER DAY 5th April**

9:00am Easter Sunday  
Mass  
at St Joseph's  
11:00am Easter Sunday



## **READERS' ROTA**

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

### **Good Friday 3rd April**

Margaret Gaskell & Anne Bradshaw

### **Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 4th April**

Anne Anderson & Tony Yates

### **Easter Sunday 5th April**

Andrew Szlaz

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

### **Holy Thursday 2nd April**

Anne Bradshaw

### **Easter Sunday 5th April**

Mary Rosbotham & Anne-Marie Parker

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Helen Hyndman, Joan Gallagher,  
Margaret Coyne, Stephanie Reid, Davy  
Lightbody, Sheila Young, Martin Mox-  
ham, Sheila Winterbottom, Theo Ralph,  
Peter Crossley, Fr J P Coulon, Joan  
Duckworth, Maureen Grady, Adrian  
Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy  
McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Hig-  
ginson, Peter Wilkinson, Joyce Duckett.

**Lately Dead:** Teresa Chaplow,  
Margaret Buckell, Christopher Allen  
**Anniversaries:** Josephine Bradley,  
Robert Kenyon, Henryk Dabrowski,  
Michael Coyne, Agnes Edna Holden

### 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.



### REQUIEM MASS



We offer our condolences to the family of **Teresa Chaplow** who has recently died. Teresa's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Monday, 13th April at 10:00am**. Please pray for Teresa and her family at this sad time.

### 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 lunch at the Tiger Lounge.

### 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.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next Sacramental programme will be this coming **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!



### CURRY NIGHT

The Salford Diocesan Nursing & Medical Group will be holding their annual curry night on 30th April at 6:30pm for 7:00pm 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 Francis



**IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 8**

Saturday Night's winning number was: **46 - Mary Harrison**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **43 - Debbie Kenyon**

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**2026**

**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!

**3rd April - St Joseph's**

**GRAND EASTER RAFFLE**

Tickets are still available for our Grand Easter Raffle at the back of both churches. Please do take some books of tickets to sell to family and friends and help raise money for our parish. Lots of fabulous prizes on offer!



# Good Friday



**Stations of the Cross Walk at The Coppice, Accrington**

Pupil readers from Mount Carmel R.C. High and St. Christopher's CofE High schools

**3rd April 2026 - 11.15am**

Meet at the top of Avenue Parade



**CHRISM MASS**

We have been allocated a number of tickets for this year's Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst on **Wednesday, 1st April at 11:00am**, followed by light refreshments. If any of our parishioners would like to attend, please speak to Fr Francis for a free ticket.

MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM



DIocese of SALFORD

St Patrick's RC Church, Collyhurst

Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 11:00am

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

*Father's Musings* Things are a bit different this weekend. We begin our liturgy outside with the blessing of Palms. We then process into the church in imitation of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



On Tuesday of this week I gathered with the Bishop and the clergy from St Mary's Burnley to celebrate the Feast of St Oscar Romero and all the good things that are happening in the Trust and in our schools. The Bishop took as his inspiration, as he so often does from the words of St John Henry Newman 'God has created me to do Him some definite service.'

The weather on Wednesday was not really conducive to a day out so I stayed put catching up on a few things. The evening was given over to attending the Governors Meeting at the primary school.

On Friday morning I celebrated the funeral liturgy at the crematorium Chapel for the late Pat Burgess and on Friday afternoon the late Ellen Baron. Please remember them and their families in your prayers at this sad time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Wednesday of this coming week the priests of the diocese will gather with the Bishop and Deacons for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. At this Mass the priests present will renew the promises made at their ordination and the Bishop will consecrate the oils that will be used for the celebration of the Sacraments during the coming year. It is a wonderful celebration. If you would like to go then please see Fr Francis for a ticket. There is transport leaving St Mary's, Burnley at 9:15am and returning about 3:15pm.

**Thursday evening** sees the beginning of the Easter Triduum. The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at St Joseph's beginning at 7:30pm. This will be followed by the Watch at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm.

**Good Friday** begins with the Stations of the Cross on the Coppice beginning at Avenue Parade at 11:15am.

**The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** is at St Anne's Church on Good Friday beginning at 3:00pm. Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's at 7:00pm

**The Solemn Easter Vigil** and 1st Mass of Easter takes place at St Anne's beginning at 8:30pm. Do try to attend all the liturgies of the Easter Triduum.

A blessed and fruitful Holy Week to you all.

*Fr Francis*

...for we are nothing without Christ.