



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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18th and 19th Sundays in Ordinary Time 2nd & 9th August 2026



Monday 3rd August

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 4th August

(St John Mary Vianney)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 5th August

(Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 6th August

(The Transfiguration of The Lord)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 7th August

(SS Sixtus II and His Companions)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 8th August

(St Dominic)

10:00am 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 9th August

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's



Monday 10th August

(St Lawrence)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 11th August

(St Clare)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 12th August

(St Jane Frances De Chantal)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 13th August

(Saints Pontian and Hippolytus)

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 14th August

(St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 15th August

(Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

10:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

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

12:00 noon Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 16th August

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 8th August 5:30pm

Margaret Gaskell & Paul Nester

Sunday 9th August 11:00am

Caroline Farrelly

In St Joseph's

Sunday 9th August 9:00am

Catherine Devenport

In St Anne's

Saturday 15th August 5:30pm

Marie Roberts & Anne Anderson

Sunday 16th August 11:00am

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday 16th August 9:00am

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, Annette McGuinness, Michael Cronin, Audrey Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Assunta Christiano

Lately Dead: Fr Michael O'Leary

Anniversaries: Vincent Persechino, Fred Livesey, Robert Kenyon, Jean Brennan, Michael Coyne Snr

Other: A Special Intention for a speedy recovery from an operation

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 the front of the 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.



FATHER FRANCIS ON LEAVE

Father Francis is currently on leave until **Tuesday, 11th August**. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses at St Anne's until Thursday, 13th August. Weekend Masses will be covered by the priests from St John Paul II in Padiham. Please do give them a warm welcome.

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.



IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Due to the bumper edition and date of publication, the lottery numbers/winners will not be published until Sunday, 16th August. However, all winners will be contacted by our lottery co-ordinator, Anne Anderson.



Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.

ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 10th August.**

We will be going to The Park. 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 this Sunday, **2nd August at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

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.

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.



Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may 'come to the water', when all who are hungry may 'eat as much as they want', when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.

When I was in seminary one of my tasks was editing our magazine. At this time of year it always amused me that articles had to be written describing what the seminarians had been doing in the summer - but these had to be written before the seminary broke up for the summer holidays. It's a bit like writing 'I'm having a lovely time on my holidays' but I have to write it before I leave Accrington! I will spare you all that and tell you about it when I get back!!!

Please be assured of my prayers for you all at the Grotto in Lourdes and in my celebration of Mass each day. As a priest friend of mine in the South always says 'Our Lady brings out the best in us and St Anthony never let's us down!' May the Beautiful Lady of Lourdes bring out the best in each one of us!

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes



O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

With my prayers and blessing from Lourdes....

Fr Francis