



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

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### **5th Sunday of Easter**

**3rd May 2026**



#### **Monday 4th May (The English Martyrs)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Tuesday 5th May (Easter Weekday)**

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Wednesday 6th May (Easter Weekday)**

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Thursday 7th May (Easter Weekday)**

**9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's**

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

#### **Friday 8th May (Easter Weekday)**

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

#### **Saturday 9th May (Easter Weekday)**

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 10th May**

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

#### **READERS' ROTA**

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

##### **Saturday 9th May**

Julie Leishman & Anne Anderson

##### **Sunday 10th May**

Caroline Farrelly

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

##### **Sunday 10th May**

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, Joan Duckworth, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Shirley Higginson, Joyce Duckett.

**Lately Dead:** David Bramley, Bridget Camblin, John Dunleavy

**Birthday:** Father Joseph

**Other:** A wedding Anniversary

### 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.



### FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be on **Wednesday, 6th May, at 2:00pm** in St Joseph's Hall. It will be a Mardi Gras theme celebrating carnival. It will be great fun!

### IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 3

Saturday Night's winning number was: 23 - Anne Bradshaw

Wednesday Night's winning number was: 27 - Spare Number

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



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be **Monday, 11th May at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

### ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 11th May**. 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.



All welcome!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 19th May, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

## REQUIEM MASS



We offer our condolences to the family of **David Bramley** who has recently died. David's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Monday, 11th May at 10:00am**. Please pray for David and his family at this sad time.

## MASS AT ST ANNE'S

This coming **Friday, 8th May**, Mass will be at the later time of 9:30am as we welcome the staff and students from our primary school, St Anne's & St Joseph's. Also, Thursday Mass at St Anne's will be at **9:00am instead of 6:30pm**.

## POLISH MASS



Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass this Sunday, **3rd May, at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

## CORPUS CHRISTI



On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi 7th June at 3:00pm this 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!



## CONFIRMATION 2026



Our Programme of Preparation has begun! There will be meetings for the candidates on the following days:

Monday 11th May  
Monday 18th May  
Monday 1st June  
Monday 15th June  
Monday 22nd June

All meetings are at St Anne's Church and begin at 6pm.

Bishop John will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00pm on Tuesday 30th June at St Mary's Oswaldtwistle.

## SAVE THE DATE

To celebrate Fr Livesey's up and coming Diamond Jubilee there will be Mass on Monday, 8th June, at 7:00pm in St Joseph's Church followed by refreshments in the hall. There are sign-up sheets at the back of both churches for those wishing to attend.



## MEETING

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 5th May at 7:00pm to discuss arrangements for Father Livesey's jubilee. Anyone within the parish wishing to help, would be most welcome at the meeting.

## CURRY NIGHT

Many thanks to all who supported the Curry Night in support of the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team.

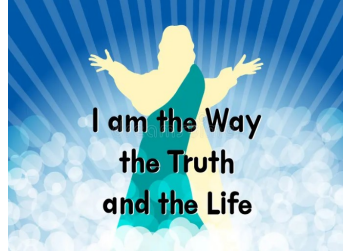


**A total of £982.80 was raised.**

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

### Father's Musings

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life



they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

On Monday we had the first meeting of our Confirmation Programme with six candidates. The programme will continue with more meetings and catechesis in preparation for Bishop John coming to celebrate the Sacrament on 30th June at St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.



On Friday I celebrated Mass with a group of students at Mount Carmel High School. This was followed by an impromptu 'Grill the Priest' Session with questions ranging from 'how old are you?' to 'when did you first realise you wanted to be a priest?'

**VOLUNTEERS** - Do we have anyone in the parish who might consider taking on any of the following roles? If so, please have a word with Fr Francis. The more people that volunteer the easier and less burdensome the tasks become for all of us. It will also help relieve some of the pressure from Fr F.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gardening                      | Reading at Mass      | Sacristan (preparing things for Mass) |                         |
| Unlocking & locking the Church | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Serving                         |                         |
| Church Cleaning                | Flower Arranging     | Choir                                 | Washing Altar Linens    |
| Parish Hall at St J            | Apparitors           | Welcomers                             | 1st Holy Communion Prep |
|                                | Cleaning Brasses     | SVP                                   | KSC                     |

...for we are nothing without Christ.