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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026

Monday 5th October (Weekday)

10:00am Requiem Mass at St Joseph's

Joan Duckworth RIP

Tuesday 6th October

(Saint Bruno)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 7th October

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 8th October

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 9th October

(Saint John Henry Newman, Priest)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 10th October

(Saints Denis, Bishop and His Companions)

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 11th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Sunday Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

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In St Anne's

Saturday 10th October 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday 11th October 11:00am

Caroline Farrelly

In St Joseph's

Sunday 11th October 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, 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; Martin Flood; Brid Fitzgibbon

Lately Dead: Angela McLoughlin (Nee Clarke)

Anniversaries: Denis Pickup

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 and it will direct you to a website where you can donate money to the parish.

MACMILLAN COFFEE



There is still time to contribute towards the Macmillan Coffee Morning that was held the other week. If you would

like to contribute, please do so via this Just Giving link:

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

Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

RAFFLE PRIZES

we still have a couple of prizes that have not been claimed from our summer raffle. Please check your tickets to see if you are one of our lucky winners.

ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be this 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 5

Saturday Night's winning number was:

31 - Marie Wilkinson

Wednesday Night's winning number was:

33 - Finley McVicker



It is time once again to collect church lottery money. Please either post your lottery money through the presbytery door or, leave in the collection basket at the back of church. Please ensure that you place your money in an envelope with your name written on.

MONDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S



There will be no 9:00am Mass at St Anne's on Monday, 5th October due to the Requiem Mass for Joan Duckworth in St Joseph's Church at 10:00am

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

POLISH MASS



Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating Mass this Sunday, **4th October, at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 13th October, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church.

All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

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 who are in need of this sacrament are welcome to attend.

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!

HELP NEEDED!

As you may be aware, a new garage has been built on the car park at St Anne's. There are currently a number of items that need to be moved from the old garage to the new one.

Some of these items are heavy and will require more than one person to safely lift and move them. Are there any parishioners who are willing to lend a hand with the move? If so, please speak to Father Francis.

Thank you for your help and support

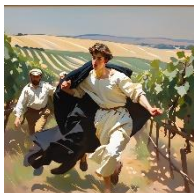
ST JOSEPH'S PIETY

Advent Calendars, Catholic Diaries and Church Art Calendars for 2027, will be on sale at the back of St Joseph's from this weekend.

Father's Musings...



Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?



The newsletter may seem to be in a slightly different format than usual. This is because we have had to change the programme we use to create it as Microsoft have decided to 'retire' Publisher from October. We are now using Word. It is not as good as Publisher for creating newsletters and the like but I am sure we will manage one way or another.



There is not a great deal to muse on this week. The packing of boxes and other

bits and bobs have continued in the presbytery. Nearer and nearer draws the time for me to put all the boxes etc into a van and have them transported to Denton. There the process of unpacking them will need to be accomplished as I start to make the new presbytery home. One priest suggested not to label the boxes and then it would be like Christmas Day and opening each box would be a surprise!

On Thursday I joined the priests of the Deanery for our monthly Deanery Meeting to discuss items relevant to our parishes in this part of the diocese. This was my last deanery meeting in Burnley. I will miss the friendship and fraternity of the priests as I move away. Thank you for all your support, laughter and friendship. Let's hope I can emulate this example of good practice in my new deanery.

This afternoon (Friday) I celebrated the Welcome Mass for the Year 7 children who began at Mount Carmel this year. Please keep them in your prayers and may Our Lady of Mount Carmel watch over them. At the end of Mass I was presented with a framed picture collage highlighting my ministry at MC.

Pope Leo encourages us to pray the rosary each day in the month of October for Peace. Let us follow his example.



With my prayer and blessing.

Francis