



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2026



Monday 7th September (Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Tuesday 8th September

(The Birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 9th September (St Peter Claver)

NO Holy Masses Today

Thursday 10th September

(St Ambrose Barlow, Martyr)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 11th September (Weekday)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 12th September

(The Most Holy Name of Mary)

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 13th September

24th 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 12th September 5:30pm

Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday 13th September 11:00am

Caroline Farrelly

In St Joseph's

Sunday 13th September 9:00am

Carmel Fenning

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; Kathleen McGuinness

Lately Dead: Joe Harrison,
Tom Brennan

Anniversaries: Ivan Rosbotham,
Fr. Stanislaus Hill OFM,
Ethel Brecknell, Cecilia Gallagher,
Patrick Gallagher

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.



**Many thanks to all who supported our
Summer Raffle.**

The total raised was £1,920

The lucky winners are:

1st Prize - £250 - Ticket 02721

2nd Prize £150 - Ticket 00606

3rd Prize - £50 - Ticket 01645

4th Prize - Bottle of Wine - Ticket 01046

**Prizes can be collected
from the Parish Office at St Anne's.
Please ring to arrange collection.**



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 7th September**. We will be going to Café Bistro. 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!



MARY'S MEALS



Thank you to all those who have recently donated towards our appeal for Mary's Meals. The latest amount donated is: **£657.55** Thank you!

IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Week 1

Saturday No 55 Rollover

Wednesday No 9 Julie Wilkinson

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.





ST MARY'S

RC CHURCH
OSWALDTWISTLE

*Parish Feast of
The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026



12.00 noon -
Eucharistic Adoration
and the Sacrament of Confession



1.00pm -
Solemn Mass for the Feast of the
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



7.00pm -
Evening Healing Service



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday, **20th September**, after 9:00am Mass at St Joseph's, we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Care. If anyone would like to bake, or donate, you can bring your cakes along on the morning. Please do support this event as it was a great success last year.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 15th September, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



MASS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE

I will be celebrating Mass in sign language on **Sunday, 20th**

September at 3:00pm at: St John the Baptist, Bracewell Street, Burnley, BB10 1TB.

All parishioners are welcome



POLISH MASS



Fr Robert Pytel, the Chaplain to our Polish community, will be celebrating

Mass this Sunday, **6th September at 1:00pm**. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who might be interested.

CONGRATULATIONS



to Fr Tom Connolly who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood this weekend.

Fr Connolly was the PP at St Kentigern's in Fallowfield when I came to the Diocese. I was appointed as his curate so that he could 'show me the ropes.' I am very grateful for all that he taught me. Ad multos annos!



Father's Musings.....

No man is an island..." How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'



This week saw the return of the children to our schools. The younger ones going to the Primary School (some of them for the first time) and the older ones going to High School. There will of course be others who are going off to college and university and leaving home for the first time. As they return to their studies

so I return to mine. I had my first Level 4 Class on Thursday evening. There will certainly be a lot more involved than Level 3 but here's hoping I will be able to manage it all so I can be of service to the Deaf Community in the Diocese.



On Thursday the priests of the Denery gathered for their meeting at Finsley Gate, Burnley. It was good to be able to meet together and discuss the things that are relevant to our life and ministry in this part of the diocese. After lunch some of the Fathers were taken on a canal boat trip by a group entitled 'Canal Ministries.' I'm sure a good time was had by all.

On Friday I met with a member of the property department of the diocese and a contractor to discuss the location of the new garage that is to be constructed at St Anne's. The old garage has reached its 'shelf life' and in need of major repair. It was thought that a new build would be better. The new garage will be located in the corner of the carpark. Work is due to start on Wednesday this week.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis