

Parish of St Anne and St Joseph



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 2026



Monday 9th February

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 10th February

(St Scholastica)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

7:00pm Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 11th February

(Our Lady of Lourdes)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 12th February

(Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 13th February

(Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 14th February

(SS Cyril & Methodius)

10:00 Holy Mass at St Joseph's

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

12:00 noon Holy Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 15th February

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 14th February, 5:30pm

Paul Nester & Anne Anderson

Sunday, 15th February, 11:00am

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 15th February, 9:00am

Catherine Devenport

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Helen Hyndman, Joan Gallagher, Margaret Coyne, Stephanie Reid, Davy Lightbody, Sheila Young, Martin Moxham, Sheila Winterbottom, Teresa Chaplow, Theo Ralph, Peter Crossley, Fr J P Coulon, Joan Duckworth, Maureen Grady, Adrian Melling, Sr Mary Colette, Tommy McMullan, Janet Flood, Dympna Boyle, Ellen Baron, Shirley Higginson, Fr Bob Morrow

Lately Dead: Ann Mulligan; Anthony Jordan

Anniversaries: Eileen Wilkinson, Teresa McBurney

Confessions in St Anne's

Saturdays: 11:00am - 11:45am
4:45pm - 5:15pm

Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am



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.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 9th February**. We will be going for lunch at The Tiger Lounge. Meet on the car park at St Anne's at 12:30noon for lunch at 1:00pm



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

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



SVP MASS

On Tuesday, 10th February, there will be a Mass at St Joseph's for the SVP at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, including those who are interested in becoming a member or finding out about the work of the SVP.

Please note: There will be no morning Mass at St Joseph's, only the evening Mass.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next Sacramental programme will be Monday, **9th March at 6:00pm** in St Anne's Church.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 1

Saturday Night's winning number was: **11 - Margaret Heap**

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **5 - Peter 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.



MOUNT CARMEL NEWS

 Mount Carmel was inspected by Ofsted on 25th and 26th November, 2025. The report confirms that the school has many strengths and much to be proud of. Well done to all the staff and students at Mount Carmel.

To read the full report, please use the below link.

<https://www.mountcarmelhigh.co.uk/news/2026-01-27-ofsted-inspection-report-published>

CHURCH CLEANING

There will be a thorough clean of St Anne's church at 9:30am on Thursday, 12th February. If you can spare the time, please do come along to help.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

 We are delighted to announce the dates for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will take place between 30th July & 5th August.

Full details, including travel and accommodation pricing, insurance details and volunteer application forms are available on the Salford Lourdes website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or by calling 0161 817 2209.

White Flower Appeal 2024

On the weekend of, 14th & 15th February, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal in both churches. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.



HEALING SERVICE

All parishioners are invited to attend the upcoming Healing Service at St Mary's RC Church, Oswaldtwistle

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the sick



Wednesday 11th February

12:00noon - 1:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Confession

1:00pm - Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00pm - Prayer & Healing Service

With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.



On Monday last we had the first meeting of our Sacramental Programme for those preparing for First Holy Communion. Please keep the six children and your families in your prayers during this period of preparation.



A good number of us are of an age to remember the ‘Wag Officer’ at school who used to seek out those not attending. I think you better call the Wag Officer for me as I didn’t attend my BSL Class on Tuesday! This was partly due to other events and also the fact I hadn’t done my homework. With sign language I can’t even use the excuse that the dog ate it!!! As you will have worked out by now I am a bearer of very little brain and incompetent in many areas but I must try better this coming week especially as the first of the exams is on the horizon.

On Wednesday I hurtled off to the Church Suppliers in Southport to purchase some altar wine for the celebration of Mass and then had a walk along the promenade. Sadly there was no ice cream to be had as all the places to buy it were shut. I was back in time to attend the Governors Meeting at our Primary School. 😢

As a result of the Governors meeting I have to catch up on my Safeguarding Training, Cyber Training and Prevent Training. Mercifully most of this can be done on the hair-net. I am reminded of Fr Ray who used to say ‘when He said ‘Do this in Memory of Me’ He never meant it it turn into all this’!

Thursday morning saw the first Deanery Meeting of the New Year. These fairly informal gatherings of the deanery clergy enable us to get together and discuss matters pertaining to our parishes in this part of the diocese and for us to share our joys and sorrows of the priestly ministry. The meeting ends with a meal and a time of fellowship together. In the evening I was at the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team Meeting as we begin our preparations for the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July.

With my prayer and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.