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Third Sunday of Lent

8th March 2026



Monday 9th March

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 10th March

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 11th March

(Lent Weekday)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 12th March

(Lent Weekday)

12:30pm Requiem Mass at St Joseph's

6:30pm Holy Mass at St Anne's

Friday 13th March

(Lent Weekday)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at Joseph's

Saturday 14th March

(Lent Weekday)

10:00 Holy Mass at St Joseph's

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

12:00noon Holy Mass at St Anne's

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Sunday 15th March

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday, 14th March, 5:30pm

Paul Nester & Margaret Gaskell

Sunday, 15th March, 11:00am

Tony Yates

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 15th March, 9:00am

Anne Bradshaw

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, Ellen Baron, Shirley Higginson.

Lately Dead: Christina Duffy, Sheila Woods, William Brady, Joyce Creagh; Linda Hodkinson.

Anniversaries: Patrick Gallagher, Cecelia Gallagher, Clare Melville

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.



ST ANNE'S LADIES

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



ST JOSEPH'S LADIES

St Joseph's ladies will also be going for lunch on **Wednesday, 11th March at 1:00pm** at the Griffin's Head, Accrington.

NEXT SUNDAY

is Laetare Sunday and the liturgical colour is **ROSE**. Try to come to Mass next weekend in something **ROSE** so that Father is not the only one doing so.

SKIP HIRE



A skip will be delivered on **Monday, 9th March**, to begin the disposing of the rubbish etc from the hall at St Joseph's. Please ensure that anything that needs keeping, is either moved from the area or clearly labelled and stored away.

Thank you!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

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



SVP

Our next SVP Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 10th March, at 7:00pm** in St Anne's presbytery



IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 5

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

Wednesday Night's winning number was: **45 - Katherine Dabrowski**

Thank you to all those who support our parish draw.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 17th March, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church.

All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

REQUEIM MASS



We offer our condolences to the family of Christina Duffy who has recently died. Christina's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church on **Thursday, 12th March at 12:30pm**. Please pray for Christina and her family at this sad time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2026

7:00pm on Fridays in Lent

Stations will be offered together between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches in Accrington during Lent. All are welcome!

13th March - St Joseph's

20th March - St Andrew's

27th March - St Anne's

3rd April - St Joseph's

PUT IT IN YOUR WILL



None of us likes to think about the end of our lives and we tend to put off talking about funeral arrangements. However leaving instructions about your funeral can be helpful to the relatives you leave behind. It also means that you will have the type of funeral you want: Requiem Mass or Funeral Liturgy in Church otherwise you could be bumped off with just 20 mins at the Crem! One way of doing this is to write down your arrangements and place them alongside your will. Better still have a chat with your Priest and discuss things with him and then he can lodge your funeral details in the parish safe until they are needed. This is perhaps a better option as sometimes the will is only read after the funeral.

CURRY NIGHT

The Salford Diocesan Nursing & Medical Group will be holding their annual curry night on 30th April at 6:30pm at The Agra, Hapton.



Tickets cost £20.00 per person and include mixed starters and a main. If you would like a ticket please speak to Father Francis

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for our Grand Easter Raffle are now available at the back of both churches. Please do take some books of tickets to sell to family and friends and help raise money for our parish. Lots of fabulous prizes on offer!

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Grand Easter Raffle		
1st Prize £200		
2nd Prize £100		
3rd Prize Large Easter Egg		
4th Prize Bottle of Gin		
Sunday 5th April 2026 after 11:00am Mass at St Anne's		
RETURN ALL MONIES AND STAMPS/CHEQUES BY 30th APRIL		
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With Love and Faith, we achieve together ...

Father's Musings The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

On Tuesday lunchtime I officiated at the funeral liturgy for the late Maria Rodia. Please remember Maria and her family in your prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Tuesday afternoon I sat my 1st of 3 exams for my Level 3 BSL Course. I think it went ok. my teacher was very pleased with it so hopefully that is a good sign. It has now been sent to the external assessors. The results will be known in a few weeks.



On Wednesday, courtesy of British Rail I went into the smoke of the city for mooch round and a few husks for my belly. Its amazing how many of the shops are festooned with Easter Bunnies and Chocolate Eggs. Among the many cards available I don't think I saw one that depicted the reason for our Christian Celebrations at Easter.

Thursday was taken up with our monthly Deanery Meeting when the priests of the deanery come together to discuss various matters relating to the parishes in this area of the diocese. It is always followed by a pleasant lunch and a time to catch up with what is going on in the lives of the brethren. The afternoon was taken up with me making scones to take to the monthly meeting of the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team as we continue with our preparations for our pilgrimage at the end of July.



On Friday I was down at St Patrick's Church Collyhurst for a Day of Recollection for the Deaf Community. It was a great day and also a chance for me to get some much needed receptive practice. Being able to sign is one thing but you also have to understand what is being signed back to you!

A number of our parishioners have been anointed by Fr Theo in the hospital these last couple of days. Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers.

Fr Francis

...for we are nothing without Christ.