



Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

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Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2025



Monday 3rd February (St Blaise)

9:30am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9.30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 4th February (Feria)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9.30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 5th February (St Agatha)

No Holy Mass at St Anne's

9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 6th February (St Paul Miki)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's
No Holy Mass at St Joseph's

Friday 7th February (Feria)

9:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's
9:30am Holy Mass at St Joseph's

11:00am Requiem Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 8th February (in Hon BVM)

10:00am 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 9th February

9:00am Holy Mass at St Joseph's
11:00am Holy Mass at St Anne's

READERS' ROTA

In St Anne's

Saturday 8th February, 5:30pm
Julie Leishman & Margaret Gaskell
Sunday, 9th February, 11:00am
Caroline Farrelly

In St Joseph's

Sunday, 9th February, 9:00am
Catherine Devenport

Confessions in St Anne's

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



Confessions in St Joseph's

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Helen Hyndman, Joan Gallagher, Margaret Coyne, Stephanie Reid, Davy Lightbody, Sheila Young, Martin Moxham, Sheila Winterbottom, Teresa Chaplow, Sr Teresa Joseph, Peter Crossley, Fr J P Coulon, Theo Ralph, Shirley Hodson, Joan Duckworth, Fred Greer

Lately Dead: Stephen Daly, Mary Beard, Mick Simpson. Bishop Richard Williamson
Anniversaries: Kathleen Warburton, Florence Pearson, Irena Lisowka.

Other: Harriet Watts

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!

You can now 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 now 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.



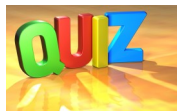
ST JOSEPH'S LADIES

St Joseph's ladies meet every **Wednesday** in the church hall at **1:00pm** for chat, games, quizzes, tea/coffee, cake, occasional meals out and good company. All welcome!



PARISH QUIZ

This Sunday, **2nd February**, in St Joseph's Church Hall, we will be running another parish quiz! 7:30pm start, £1 per person entry fee, teams of up to 6 people, spot prizes, snowball questions and a cash prize to the winning team. Please bring your own refreshments to be shared amongst other teams. Come along, test your knowledge and have a bit of fun too.



ST ANNE'S LADIES



Our next meeting will be **Monday, 10th February**. Further details to be confirmed.

REQUIEM MASS

We offer our condolences to the family of **Stephen Daly** who has recently died. Stephen's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church this coming **Friday, 7th February, at 11:00am**. Please pray for Stephen and his family at this sad time.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 18th February, at 7:30pm** in the Marian Room at St Anne's Church. All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



WELCOME

to all the children and their families who today begin their preparations for First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers during this time that their love for the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will grow ever deeper.



BLESSING OF THROATS

the traditional blessing of throats in honour of St Blaise will take place at the 9:30am Mass on Monday.

ST ANNE'S MASS ON THURSDAY

will be at 9:00am and not 6:30pm so that Fr F can attend the Lourdes Medical Team Meeting to whom he is Chaplain.

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

this Saturday 1st Feb at 12:00 Noon in
St Anne's

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 6

Saturday Night's winning
number was:



50 - Rollover

Wednesday Night's winning number was:

56 - Rollover

Many thanks to all those who support our
weekly lottery.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The next meeting for the Sacra-
mental Programme will take
place on Monday, 10th February
in St Anne's and St Joseph's
Primary School at 5:30pm.

MONDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S

This coming Monday, **3rd February**,
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 Jo-
seph's. **All welcome to attend.**

TEA AND COFFEE

AFTER MASS



Tea and coffee are
served in St Joseph's
Hall after the 9:00am

Mass and in the Marian Room after the
11:00am Mass at St Anne's

every week.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet on
Wednesday, 5th February, at 2pm in St
Joseph's Hall. It will be great to meet up
again for our first time in 2025. We will be
entertained by one of our favourite singers,
Andy Smith.

We are desperately in need of volunteer
drivers to bring members to the meeting
each month and take them home
again afterwards. If you can
help, please let Siobhan know so
that she can pass your details on.



The clergy of the Deanery gath-
er for their Deanery Meeting on
Thursday.

Please remember us in prayer.

Mount Carmel

The best secondary
school in Hyndburn for

Pupil Progress

NUMBER

1

FOR THE SECOND
CONSECUTIVE YEAR

DfE data January 2025

INFORMATION FROM GOV.UK WEBSITE 'COMPARE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE'



Pupil Progress (PROGRESS 8)

Overall performance at end of key stage 4 in 2024
Hyndburn & Ribbles Valley school comparison table

School name	Score	Description
1. Clitheroe Royal Grammar	+0.55	Well Above Average
2. Mount Carmel	+0.38	Above Average
3. Bowland High	+0.38	Above Average
4. St. Augustine's	+0.19	Average
5. Hollins	-0.16	Average
6. Ribblesdale	-0.25	Below Average
7. St. Christopher's	-0.26	Below Average
8. Accrington Academy	-0.63	Well Below Average
9. Hyndburn Academy	-0.78	Well Below Average
10. Rhyddings	-0.87	Well Below Average

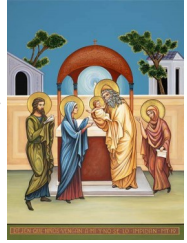
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With Love and Faith, We Achieve Together...

Father's Musings

Today the Church celebrates the Lord's Presentation. The narrative is only found in

Luke's gospel. It was Jewish Law that the first-born son belonged to God and had to be "bought back" from God forty days after birth. Thus, today, forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph, faith-filled Jews, bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Being poor, they simply offer the modest sacrifice of two turtledoves. While they are accomplishing the prescribed ritual in the temple, two unique individuals arrive on the scene: Simeon and Anna. Both are pious, prayerful, elderly, and faith-filled people; they thank God for this unique opportunity and speak prophetic words about this special child. He is destined to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." Truly, a beautiful prophecy! Through the life of this child, "the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."



On Monday of this week we began our preparations for First Holy Communion with our introductory meeting. The children will be meeting regularly from now on to deepen their knowledge and love of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To-day they will be presented to the Lord as they begin their journey. Please remember them in your prayers.

My BSL lessons on Zoom continue on Tuesday evenings. I hope some of what I have been studying is sinking in as the first round of exams is fast approaching. The teacher is pleased with our progress and is confident we will do well in the first exam.



I was back in a former parish on Thursday morning to celebrate a Requiem Mass in Polish for one of the parishioners whose family requested me to celebrate the Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers at this said time. The lady who died was only 41 years old.



After celebrating the Mass and committal I wended my way back to the parish so that I could be ready to take up my turn on the rota for the hospital bleep to Blackburn Royal and also to meet with families to prepare for the forthcoming funerals of their loved ones and celebrate the evening Mass.

By the time you read this I will have completed another session of 'Grill the Priest' at Mount Carmel High School. These are always challenging sessions for the priest and the students. The students are challenged to think for themselves and look at things in different ways and the priest has to think on his feet to give answers that are pastoral and in conformity with the teachings of the Church.

With my pray and blessing for the coming week.

Fr Francis

...For We Are Nothing Without Christ.