



The Parish of St Anne and St Joseph
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Masses this coming week

Monday 7th January, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's.
 Tuesday 8th January, Requiem Mass for Jean Witts at 11.30am in St Anne's
 Wednesday, 9th January, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's
 Thursday 10th January, Mass at 9.15am in St Joseph's
 Friday 11th January, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's.
 Saturday 12th January, Mass at 10.00am in St Joseph's

Sunday Masses at St Anne's

Saturday 12th January, Vigil Mass at 5.30pm
 Sunday 13th January, Mass at 11.00am

Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

Sunday 13th January, Mass at 9.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration

Monday 7th January, Wednesday 9th January, Friday 11th January, 8.15am - 9.05 in St Anne's
 Thursday 10th January 8.15am - 9.05 in St Joseph's
 Saturday 12th January, 10.30am - 11.30am in St Joseph's

The Sacrament of Confession

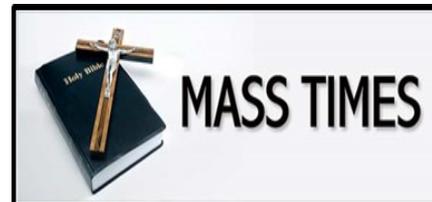
Saturday Morning 12th January, 10.30am until 11.30am in St Joseph's
 Saturday Evening 12th January, 4.30pm until 5.15pm in St Anne's

Sick of the parish:- Olive Farrell, Kieran Gallagher, Trudy Barker, Margaret Coyne, Paul Cain, Monica Cain, Eileen Wilkinson, Martin Moxham, Kathleen Lord, Joyce Duckett, Maureen Griffin, Judith Peacock, Barbara Livingston. Tony and Mona Daly, Assunta Christiano, Margaret Holmes and Barbara Livingston.

Anniversaries:- Mark Andrew Cronshaw, Vera Conboy, Joan Murray, Dorothy McGregor (Senior), Vincent Hornby, Michael Thomas Egan, John McGee, Mary Pilkington, Frank Fish, Mary Gibbons and Michael Gibbons.

Lately Dead:- Ena Mary McCarthy and Jennie Koman.

Other Masses:- 2 Masses for Special Intentions, Mass for Martin Feathers and Mass for Doris McGee.



Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



This coming week, beginning on Monday, we will begin once again our morning pattern of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on weekdays, beginning at 8.15am until 9.05am before the morning Masses. We had to break off this time of prayer whilst works were ongoing in both churches, but now we will start again for the New Year. Please be conscious if you attend weekday Mass when you come into church that the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar, therefore we are asked to keep a reverent silence before Mass. Come along and keep Our Lord company in prayer at the beginning of the day.

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the families of Arthur Heaton and Jean Witts whose Funerals are in the coming week. Jean's Requiem Mass will be in St Anne's church on Tuesday 8th January at 11.30am. No 9.15am Mass or Exposition that morning.

Arthur's Funeral Service will be in Accrington Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday 9th January at 11am.
May they rest in peace.



Piety Stalls in both Churches

2019 Calendars and Diaries are on sale from our Piety Stalls. These Catholic Diaries are very good reminders of important liturgical dates throughout the year.

Photographs from the past

If you have any photographs from the past, please pass them on to Bernard Holden and he will display them at the back of both of our churches.



Welcome

We welcome back Deacon Bob Hayes who is with us on placement for the next two weeks. Deacon Bob will be ordained to the Priesthood this summer so please make him very welcome and keep him in your prayers during these final months of his seminary formation.

The Ladies of the Parish of St Anne and St Joseph

The next meeting will be on Monday, 7th January and it will be held in the Marian Room at St Anne's. It will be a "Natter Afternoon" with refreshments.
All are welcome.



St Anne's Music Group

Epiphany Family Mass this Sunday, 6th January at 11.00am. If you enjoy singing come and join us at the front of church. **Everyone welcome**



SVP

This coming week, our SVP will meet again after the Christmas break on Thursday, 10th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's. Please feel free to come along and find out about helping those who are lonely or poor in our Parish.

IN IT TO WIN IT !!! Week 5

Saturday Night's winning number was

28: Philip Moxham

Wednesday Night's winning number was

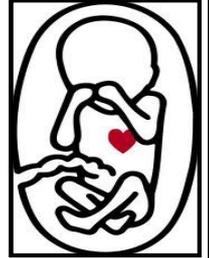
21: Simon Preugschat

Thank you to all those who support our weekly lottery



White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend, 5th/6th January. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat the latest attack on



unborn children and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting worse in this country by decriminalisation. **Please pray for all those who work for SPUC.**



Friday Night Bingo at St Anne's

Weather permitting, Bingo will commence again this coming Friday, 11th January at 7.00pm in the Marian Room at St Anne's. **Come along and join in the fun!** New Jackpot waiting to be won!

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend, in both of our Parishes Churches. The new Children's Liturgy rota for St Anne's can be found on the stand at the back of church.

Thank you to all our helpers.



School Mass for the Epiphany

On Tuesday, 8th January, there will be a Mass in our Primary School at 2.30pm to mark the Epiphany now that our school term begins once again. All parishioners, parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend this first school Mass of the New Year

Prayer to the Infant Jesus for the Feast of the Epiphany

Divine Infant Jesus, with Mary and Joseph and the Wise Men I kneel down in devout worship as I gaze upon you lying in Your crib. You wished to enter the world as a child in order to prove Yourself to be true Man; for by Your weeping and by Your need for rest and nourishment You prove that You have truly taken on human nature. You become human that I may be able to see You, to listen to You, to imitate You, and unite myself to You. Even though You are God, You are now able to suffer for us, atone for our sins, and merit graces for our souls. It is through the flesh that man turns away from God; it is in taking on the flesh that You, our God, deliver us. But You became Man also that man may become like God. In exchange for the humanity which You take from us, You wish to make us share in Your Divinity by sanctifying grace, that You may take complete possession of us. May the mystery of Your Birth bring me the grace to be born anew and live a new, divine life, more free from sin and from too great an attachment to myself and creatures, a life for God alone. As it was Mary's joy to form You in her own body, may her joy now be to form You in my soul, so that I may be more like You. Jesus, I believe that the greatest proof of God's goodness and love toward us is His gift to us of You, His only beloved Son. All love tends to become like that which it loves. You loved man; therefore, You became man. Infinite love and mercy caused You, the Second Person of the most Holy Trinity, to leave the Kingdom of eternal bliss, to descend from the throne of Your majesty, power, and glory, to become a helpless child, to suffer and die for us, that we might live.



In Your crib I see the most wondrous love that ever was the love of God humbling Himself so low to beg the love of our hearts. Give me the grace to love You in return with deep, true, personal love. I surrender to Your gentle saving influence my heart and mind and will, so that my life may be lived in You, and You may become my intimate daily Companion, Consoler, and Friend. May I come eagerly and often to unite myself closely to You in your Sacrament of Love. This church shall be my Bethlehem; the altar, Your crib; in the Blessed Sacrament may I, as Mary and Joseph and the Wise Men did, take You into my arms; yes, even receive You into my heart – a grace which even the Angels envy me. Jesus, from the crib You teach the world the true dignity of humility. Poverty, suffering and humiliation stand by Your Cross and by Your crib. Your becoming a child for love of us is the greatest act of humility the world has ever seen. Although heaven and earth cannot contain You, although You are the Creator of all and King of glory, You humble Yourself to such a degree that You need human help. The infinite Lord of all becomes a servant; the Almighty, a helpless creature; the Immortal, mortal. Your Divine love chose this way of raising fallen mankind to its former dignity, for nothing draws the hearts of people so easily to God as Your stooping so low to reach them. Draw me and all mankind to Yourself by the example of Your loving humility. Teach me that my true glory consists in humbling myself, for You said, 'I assure you, unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of God.' **Amen**