

Services This Week

Sacred Heart

Monday 9th June

Mary, Mother of the
Church
12.00 Noon

Tuesday 10th June

No Mass

Wednesday 11th June

St Barnabas
Eucharistic Service

Thursday 12th June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Eternal High Priest
12.00 Noon

Friday 13th June

St Anthony of Padua
(Exposition 11.30 a.m.)
12.00 Noon

Saturday 14th June

The Dedication of the
Cathedral of Salford
11.00 a.m.
6.15 p.m.(Vigil)

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday
10.30 a.m.

St Anne's

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday
12.30 p.m.

Sacred Heart & St. Anne's Parish Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday, 8th June 2025



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FEAST OF PENTECOST: Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles like tongues of fire. Fifty days after Easter, the promise of Jesus is fulfilled: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). And that power—God's own Spirit—transforms frightened fishermen into fearless preachers, hiding disciples into bold witnesses, locked doors into open missions.

MESSAGE FROM Fr. JIM: It is with deep sadness, and yet with profound gratitude, that I share the news of the passing of Ann Slater. For over 25 years, Anne was not only a steadfast support to me personally, but also an extraordinary presence in the life of THOMAS and St Anne's. Her faith, dedication, quiet strength, were a constant source of encouragement, wisdom, and grace to so many people. She gave generously of her time, always working behind the scenes with humility and care.

ANN SLATER RIP: Ann Slater passed away suddenly but peacefully on Thursday. We lovingly entrust her soul into the hands of the Lord and give heartfelt thanks for all she did for our Parish community. She was an inspiration to us all. May she Rest in Peace.

TODAY: You are invited to St Silas' Church this afternoon at 4.00 p.m. for 'Songs of Praise' to celebrate the birthday of the Universal Church on Pentecost Sunday. The event is organized by Churches Together in Blackburn. The Salvation Army Band will play and accompany some of the singing. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

SAINTS'-DAYS OF THE WEEK:

St Barnabas (Wednesday) : Living in the first century A.D., Barnabas is frequently mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. It was he who introduced St. Paul to the Twelve and accompanied him on his first missionary journey. Although not himself one of the Twelve, Barnabas has long been honoured as an Apostle. Different accounts suggest he suffered martyrdom in either his native Cyprus or at Salamis in Greece. St Barnabas is listed in the Roman Canon (1st Eucharistic Prayer).

St Anthony of Padua (Friday) : An outstanding theologian and preacher, he was born in Lisbon in 1195. He first joined the Canons Regular of St Augustine but after being inspired by accounts of the Franciscan martyrdoms in Morocco he switched his allegiance to the Friars Minor. Although he had a great desire to preach in Africa, he found his niche in Italy, becoming known as the 'Evangelical Doctor'. St Anthony is still popularly invoked as a finder of lost objects. He died in Padua in 1231 at the age of 36 and was canonized a year later. He is a Doctor of the Church.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Wilson, Enid Pickering, Brenda Connolly, Stanley Quirk, Connor Rhys Hicks, Thomas Dutton, Norma Walton, Ellen Walmsley, Elizerbet Clough, John Holliday, Mary Kennedy, Winifred Osbaldiston, Fr Francis Gaffney, Gerard Mellody, Margaret Mary Brennan, Alice O'Malley, Stephen Rusyn, Barbara Rosney. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS: Offertory £389.95 (Sacred Heart £268.10; St Anne's £121.85). Parish Pound (SH) £112.50. Many thanks.

APPRECIATION: Many thanks to the gardening-team for their excellent work in preparing the flower-beds and planting the colourful summer display in the front garden at Sacred Heart. The non-stop (weather-resistant) begonias will provide a lasting bright feature for the months ahead. Well done, everyone!

NO BINGO this week to avoid a clash with the parish lunch.

KNIT 'N' NATTER group will meet in the Parish Room tomorrow (Monday) afternoon from 2.00 p.m.

PARISH LUNCH: The June lunch, the last before the summer break, will be served on Thursday this week (12th June). There is still time to sign the list today if you haven't already done so and would like to attend. Alternatively, phone 580443 to book your place(s).

SETTLE-CARLISLE RAIL EXCURSION: A reminder to all travelling with us on Tuesday morning this week that departure is from the small car park (Billinge Avenue entrance) at 8.45 a.m.. Tickets for the 10.21 a.m. train from Settle must be booked on the day at the station. A one-third reduction on the return fare is available with a rail-card. We are due to arrive in Carlisle at 12.00 noon. The return train to Settle is at 4.15 p.m.. Evening meal at The Spread Eagle, Sawley at approximately 6.45 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC RALLY will be held at St Alban's Church on Sunday, 22nd June at 3.00 p.m. The programme includes a Blessed Sacrament procession round the grounds, homily, meditation and Benediction. The event is organized by the Legion of Mary who extend an invitation to all.

'TOP HAT': A group-booking has been made to see this spectacular song-and-dance musical at the Opera House, Manchester on Wednesday, 26th November. This is a joint-venture with our friends from Holy Souls' Church. While that date is a long way off, it is important to book early to assess numbers and to claim the maximum discount on our very handily priced centre-circle theatre-seats. The seats-cost will be £38 if we have forty people going (£42 if our numbers are fewer). Coach fare will depend on how many passengers we have but the total cost of the trip will be between £52 and £55. The good news is that no payment is needed until August. So book now, please!