

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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First Sunday of Advent Year 'C' 31st/1st December 2024

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul”

Weekend: The First Sunday of Advent 'C'

Saturday 30 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Kath Wilding Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 1 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	William and Mary Murray
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Monday 2 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Gabriella Spedding Hobbs
	7pm	St. Peter's	Evening Prayer and Benediction	
Tuesday 3 rd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Joseph Nickson
Wednesday 4 th	10am	Saltcotes	Mass	Jean McLaughlin
Thursday 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Kosia Koch Nowakowska
Friday 6 th	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass with Sacrament of the Sick	Deceased of the O'Dea Family

Weekend: The Second Sunday of Advent 'C'

Saturday 7 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Eileen Draper
Sunday 8 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	Intentions of Barbara Mathews

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: The season of Advent begins today with a call to renewal of life. Let us respond every day to the Lord, and practise honesty and integrity in the land.

First Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16* In a time of war and bitterness, Jeremiah speaks of better days. Not wishful thinking, but a time of personal honesty and integrity.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2* St Paul urges us to grow in holiness with every passing day.

Gospel *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36* Do not be afraid, is Jesus' message to us. Stay awake, stand up, and hold our heads high!

Message from Fr. Peter: And a Happy New Year to you all as we begin a new Year in the life of the Church, with lots of new things happening. You'll notice that this Newsletter you are reading is seeing some changes, in line with the Bishop's Edict of July 2022 that SJSP should work towards one newsletter. It's still a work in progress – particularly with regards to graphics, so bear with me. Rest assured, all the info that was on the previous incarnations is still here, perhaps just in a different place. And today we begin using the new translation of the Scriptures. Rest assured that if your missals say the Gospel is, e.g. Matthew 5:1-12, it will still be the same Gospel, just in a different translation. We'll see how things go as regard to sheets and books, but please let me know how it is going. The only thing different said by the people from the previous missals is the response to the Psalm, so please listen to the reader, and I will also put the response at the heading of each week's newsletter (when I remember). Don't forget new Sunday Missals are available, but weekday missals won't be available till April. Hopefully the new translation might give us some pause for thought on the actual Word of God, and that can never be a bad thing. Also new for this Advent is Monday evening Vespers. Each Monday of Advent we'll celebrate Evening Prayer at our alternating Churches, as a reminder in these busy days, that what we are actually preparing for is the greatest of celebrations of the birth of our Saviour. We'll also be hosting St. Peter's and St. Bede's wonderful School Advent services, and also look forward to our little service for our children next weekend in the afternoon. Advent is always one of the busiest times of the times of the year, so let's make sure we make time for Christ in the preparations for his birth, and look forward to a **Happy Christmas and a continuing Happy New Year!**

This Liturgical Week: 3rd St. Francis Xavier *Priest* 4th St. John Damascene *Priest and Doctor* 6th St. Nicholas *Bishop, best known to us as 'Father Christmas'* 7th St. Ambrose *Bishop and Doctor*

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

This Monday 2nd December: Evening Prayer at St. Peter's at 7pm

This Wednesday 4th December: Mass at Saltcote's Cemetery at 10am.

This Friday 6th September: First Friday Mass & Anointing at St. Joseph's at 2pm, followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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**All Welcome at St. Peter's to the
Blessing of the New Outside Crib at
St. Peters after 10:30am Mass today**
followed by Christmas Celebrations in the Hall.

SJSP Christmas Bingo
This Friday 6th at 7pm in St. Peter's Hall.
With drinks and cakes
and songs from the SJSP Ukulele Orchestra

**Children's Storybook Nativity: Next Sunday at
3pm** All our SJSP children's liturgy children are
welcome to a special nativity reading in SJ's at 3pm
followed by some cakes in Fr. Peter's House next
door, with a special visitor!

Advent Vespers Every Week: In order to keep the
season Holy we will celebrate vespers **every
Monday of Advent at 7pm**, each involving a short
sermon on the preceding Advent Gospel's **beginning
with St. Peter's at our usual time on Monday 2nd
at 7pm.** Next week SJ's at 7pm for the Immaculate
Conception.

Confirmation 2025: Bishop Paul will be coming to
confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday
10th February next year. **The Sacrament is open to
our young people in Year 6 and above.** If you
would like to receive the sacrament, please see Father
Peter for an application form.

Nation Grief Awareness Week: Pop Up Support Café:
Tuesday 3rd December 9:30-11am at the Fig and Olive, the
Old Bakery, Green St. Lytham FY8 5LG. For those looking
for support, supporting others, or interested in finding out
more about the support that is available. All welcome.

SJ's Annual Christmas Breakfast: Sunday 22nd December
after SJ 9am mass. Adults £5, children £3. Sign up sheet at
the back of mass. Be quick, places are sure to fill up fast!!

Ansdell Community Carol Service: Outside Ansdell
Institute Friday 13th December at 5:30. All welcome.

Christmas Mass Times: Tuesday 24th December: St. Joseph's
6pm Children's Mass of Christmas; St. Peter's 8pm CandleLit
Mass of Christmas with Carols and readings from 7:30pm;
Wednesday 25th: St. Joseph's 9:15am and St. Peter's 10:30am
Christmas Morning Mass.



COLLECTION COUNT: for October:
Gift Aid £358.00 Non Gift Aid £1069.23
Special Collections Gift Aid £81.10
St. Joseph's Care £167.71
CAFOD Family Fast: £658:28

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Sr. Mary
Lolar SHCJ and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
especially Fr. Billy Bootle, Maureen Hydes, Pat Metcalfe, John
Cross, Stuart Peacock, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard
McKenna, Eileen Draper and Peter Hulme

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially:
Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline
Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill,
Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret
Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer,
George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy, Zivile
Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane,
Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Alan Watkins,
Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit,
Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: Do you know of anyone in our community
who is in need or might need a little more support, and would like
either a friendly a visit, or Holy Communion at Home? Please let St.
Joseph's Care Visiting Team know by emailing or phone the Parish
on the above contact details.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE every Thursday from 7-8.30 pm. If
you are interested in learning to ring the bells at St Joseph's, please
get in touch with Tower Captains James (07743684900) and Stacey
(07921032390) and they'll show you the ropes!

**REPOSITORY: Christmas cards, packs and individual ones now
on sale aswell as Advent Candles and Children's Christmas
books. New Sunday Missals now in stock at £15. All our usual
items, Mass cards, selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads ,
Prayer cards and statues etc are still available..** Orders for other
items can be taken, too. If you are interested in joining a rota for either
of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

LECTIO DIVINA Scripture prayer and discussions in the hall on
Wednesdays at 10am.

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church,
for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for weekend 7th/8th December
Readers

Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd 9.15am Maria Hall

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee

Sun 9.15am: T. Cookson and M.Golightly