



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 13th/14th May.

Sat 13 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 14 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	John Worsley
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Bob McMahon

Mon 15 th	9am	St. Peter's	Michael Cross followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Vespers and David's Profession of Faith with refreshments in the house
Tues 16 th	10am	St. Joseph's	William and Mary Murray Cross followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Wed 17 th	9am	St. Peter's	Frank Holland

The Ascension of the Lord

Vigil Mass	7pm	St. Joseph's	Peter Earnshaw
Thu 18 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mary Waddington
	10am	St. Joseph's	Mary O'Reilly

Weekend 20th/21st May.

Sat 20 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Margaret McKeon Birthday Remembrance
Sun 21 st	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	John and Agnes Walsh

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.
Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs.
 Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:
 Gift Aid £174.00 Non Gift Aid: £529.21
 St. Joseph's Care £94.84

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Mary Buckley, William Dagger, Helen Holt and Kathleen Benyon, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: William Crook, Monica burns, Anetta Brown, Don Darwell, Winifred Patterson, Phillip Eyre, Elizabeth Bowyer, Wyn Jenkinson and Patrick Scott

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Elaine Acton-Reid, Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Brid José, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy Bob Osachuk, Tony Quigley, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, 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? company or just someone to talk to? Someone who may, at times, need help with things? Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: anne.waters@talktalk.net

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: Cards and gifts for different occasions available, including first communion cards and Rosary beads. 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, Wednesdays in the Hall at 10am

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after 10:30am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

Rotas for weekend 20th and 21st May

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: C. O'Neill **Sun 9.15am** M.Zammit

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Waters

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: E. Gillett and P. Huskinson **Sun 9.15am:**T. Cookson and M.Golightly

Readings for This Sunday: We make others aware of God's love by our words and our actions. The Holy Spirit is given to help us in this work of bringing Christ to others.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Philip proclaims the good news of Christ to the Samaritans. They accept the message with joy and are baptised.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18 Writing during persecution, Peter advises Christians to be able to explain their faith and to live blameless lives, but to be prepared to suffer.

Gospel John 14:15-21 Jesus promises that the Spirit will be sent on all who love him and that they will be united with him, who is one with his Father.

Message from Fr. Peter: And so as our Eastertide journey to Pentecost continues, we stop off on Thursday at The Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord, a HolyDay of Obligation. The Feast celebrate that Jesus was lifted up and now sits at the right hand of God so that he may be present everywhere, not only in this age but also in the age to come. As we are in the Liturgical Year 'A', the Year of Matthew, we have our reading of the Ascension from his Gospel, Matthew 28:18-20, which doesn't actually give us a description of the Ascension, but instead focuses on the Mission of the Church, as we are given Christ's final two instructions to the disciples: to baptise, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and to teach to the world the commands that Jesus gave to us. The Gospel concludes *And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time,* a beautiful reminder that this Feast does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, closer to each one of us for ever – ready to send us the promised Holy Spirit: *"To our lives of wanton wandering send your promised Spirit-Guide, through our lives of fear and failure with your power and love abide: welcome us, as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide. Amen."* **We have Holyday Masses at SJs on Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday at 10am, and SPs at 9am** (I'm saying a vigil mass for our children in school). In other news... *The angel who was driving Jesus in the car to heaven on Ascension day suddenly stalled without reason. He was driving Emmanuel. I'll get my coat...*

The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope. David will make his formal **Procession of Faith during a Service of Evening Prayer, at St. Josephs at 7pm. this Monday May 15th.** All welcome. There will be refreshments in the Presbytery afterwards.

There will be a **coach to David's ordination on July 8th,** picking up at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's, and if you wish to join the coach (around £10) **please sign up** at the back of Church to gauge numbers. The newly Rev. David will lead **Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at St. Peter's on Sunday 9th July at 3pm.,** followed by strawberry scone and cream tea with **refreshments in the Hall.** (We will gauge numbers near the time). **Please make a note in your diary for these celebrations, and keep David in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his diaconate and appointment as Deacon to St. Joseph's and St. Peters.**

Bravo to Fr. Philip, who writes: *Dear Parishioners, My sincere thanks for your prayerful and financial support for the Lenten Walk undertaken to assist the work of "Aid to the Church in Need" in their project for the Ukraine. Your sponsorship raised £6869.00. The sponsorship from St.J realised £565.00 Thank you for your generosity and answering the call of the Gospel to rally to the need of our brothers and sisters. I will offer three Masses for all benefactors, for your intentions, health and well being. Let us give thanks to the Risen Lord.*

Lytham Club Day Magazine is available at £3 to raise funds for thei celebratory day, after all masses this weekend.

This week at St. Josephs at 9:15am on Sunday 14th May we celebrate the First Holy Communion of a group of a children. Please pray for them and their families.

Thanks to everyone who prepared and came along to our Coronation Celebrations in each Parish last week. A jolly time was had by all!

The Gift Aid envelopes are now at the back of church ready for collection. Please sign up for your box, and if you would like to join the scheme, please take a box and a form. Many blessings for your continued help and support.

Beautiful Sounds! Very kindly, Ed has offered to use his planned walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Northern Spain to raise funds towards a **new sound system in Church.** There is a sponsor sheet at the back of church and a JustGiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjosephsoundsystem>). Huge thanks to Eed, and huge thanks in anticipation for the sponsorship.

Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors have a particular responsibility within Catholic schools in preserving and developing the distinctive Catholic character and ethos of the school. To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs S Kelly, Headteacher's PA, on 01253 667 526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ's email by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so please make use of the noticeboards at the back of the Churches. Cheers.