

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 31st/1st February 2026

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven "

Weekend 31st/1st February: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 31 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 1 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	In memory of Wilma Bealey

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of the Worsley Family

Monday 2 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Tom Charnley <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	2pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Gwen Quinn	
	7pm	St. Peter's	Vespers and Benediction	
Tuesday 3 rd	11:30am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Vincent Moss	
Wednesday 4 th	10am	Saltcotes	Mass	Ken Hargreaves
Thursday 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Mr. & Mrs. North and Family
	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Adrian Connor	
Friday 6 th	9am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Michael Mahon	
	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick	Collete and Harry Cookson
Saturday 7 th	9:30am	St. Bernadette's	Requiem Mass for Paul Huson	

Weekend 7th/8th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 7 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Repose of the soul of David and Barbara Cookson
Sunday 8 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Christopher Hill

10:30am St. Peter's Mass People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week. Monday 9:30-9:55am at St. Peter's
Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: Be still before God and wait patiently, for God will appear. Be happy with God, for God will come into your world and satisfy your hunger. Call upon God and God will answer you.

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 The Lord says he will guard and care for the humble.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Paul stresses how the Lord chooses those the world considers to be weak.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 The way of God is quite different from our way. He turns the world's values upside down.

Message from Father Peter: Tomorrow we celebrate the lovely Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, a Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, otherwise known as 'Candlemas,' and the traditional conclusion of our Christmas celebrations. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple eight days after his birth, an occasion when offerings were made and the mother was ritually purified. Simeon's prophecy referred to Jesus as 'a light to enlighten the pagans,' summing up the Christmas theme of light coming into the darkness, but also points towards the paschal mystery, for 'he was destined to be a sign that is rejected,' neatly moving us from Christmas through to Passiontide and Eastertide. The Gospel Luke 2:22-40 tells us of the Presentation of Jesus, with Simeon praying what has become known as the 'Nunc Dimmitus', used in the Night Prayer of the Church; 'Now master, you can let your servant go in peace, Just as you promised; Because my eyes have seen the salvation Which you prepared for all the nations to see, A light to enlighten the pagans, And the glory of your people Israel.' We also meet the prophetess Anna who 'spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Israel.' The Gospel concludes with the Holy Family returning to Nazareth; 'Meanwhile the child grew to maturity and was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.' Traditionally we bless candles on this Feast Day, to be used throughout the liturgical year, and this is one of the beautiful blessings with which we are provided: *O God, true light who create light eternal, Spreading it far and wide, Pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful, The brilliance of perpetual light, So that all who are brightened in your holy temple By the splendour of these candles May happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.* A lovely Feast. Time to put away the Christmas cribs and look forward to, in just a couple of weeks' time, beginning our Lenten journey.



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First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 2nd February: Evening Prayer

and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Wednesday 4th February: Mass

at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

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

SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm. Please pray for the Candidates as they make this important step on their faith journey.

First Holy Communion 2026: our course will begin after half term for children in Year 4 and above. Application forms are available from Fr. Peter after Masses.

Forthcoming Requiem Masses and Funeral Services: Funeral Service for Gwen Quinn at Lytham Crematorium on Monday 2nd at 2pm; Requiem Mass for Vincent Moss at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 3rd at 11:30am; Funeral Service for Adrian Connor at Lytham Crematorium on Thursday 5th at 1:15pm; Requiem Mass for Michael Mahon at St. Joseph's on Friday 6th at 9am; Requiem Mass for Paul Huson at St. Bernadette's at 9:30pm on Saturday 7th February; Requiem Mass for Colin Brindle at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 10th at 11am. *May they rest in the Peace of Christ.*

Trinity Hospice: Following the success of our joint fundraising appeal for Trinity Hospice and Brian House Children's Hospice in 2025, we plan to launch a similar Appeal in both Parishes, to run during the month of February 2026, featuring a 'Just Giving' page and will be supplemented with Trinity Hospice bucket collections, at the end of masses in both parishes for two weekends 7/8 and 14/15 February. More information to be provided next week. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis on 07432602753.

Friday March 6th World Day of Prayer: This year, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is hosting the 2026 World Day of Prayer event, which is from Nigeria entitled "I will give you rest, come". The service will be held at 2pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre at 63 St Alban's Road. If you are interested in knowing more or taking part, there will be a brief meeting in the Parish Centre on Friday 20th February 2pm. All welcome.

Forty days and Forty Nights: Lent begins on February 18th, with Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross in both of our Churches will begin the following week. Please pray for our candidates seeking reception into the Church at this time.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: back strumming away every Monday night in St. Peter's at 7pm. Newcomers always welcome!

Message from Simon Cox who has taken Over the St Annes Juniors U14 Platinums team, and is in need of a few more players: a fun and friendly football environment guaranteed. If interested please contact Si on 07900225364



COLLECTION COUNT: for December: with grateful thanks
Gift Aid £454 Non Gift Aid £1638.39 SO £3193
St. Joseph's Care £335.27

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Peter Foulkes, Fr. Bryan Irving, Nigel Ogden, Gwen Quinn, Vincent Moss, Adrian Connor, Michael Mahon, Paul Huson, and Colin Brindle; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Ben Jakes, Jackie Little, Michael Armer, Fr. Bill Dowds, Thomas Melling, Eileen Barclay, June Anne Dillion, Joan Benson, Leslie Jackson, Colin Woods, James Wilson Andrew, Christopher Hill, Philip Clitheroe and Ken Hargreaves

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Ann Cullen & The Cullen Family, Theresa and Denis Flannigan, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Fr. Peter Hart, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraciute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. (*Dry January officially over... FrP*)

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: 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 in the hall on Wednesdays at 10am.

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

Rotas for weekend 7th /8th February.

Readers

Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton 9.15am Rosemary Page

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm J & C O'Neill

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid

9:15am Minister

Dean