

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Seventh Sunday of Eastertide C 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

**“The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.”**

#### Weekend 31<sup>st</sup> May / 1<sup>st</sup> June Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Isobel Quinn
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Pat Kay
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	People of the Parishes

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Special Intentions (Anne Marie) followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass	for Clare Tattersall
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Eileen Sheehan
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Harry and Emily Illingworth
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	John Halliwell

#### Weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Edwina Gillett
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	John Hallion
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	People of the Parishes

**Please note that Mass on Tuesday at St. Joseph's is at 9am**

**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: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The Lord, who rose in glory and ascended into heaven, remains with us through the Spirit. May the Spirit preserve us in unity.

**First Reading Acts 7:55-60** As one young man, Stephen, is stoned to death, another young man, Saul, watches.

**Second Reading Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20** The triumph of goodness and truth is promised in Jesus Christ, the beginning and end of all things.

**Gospel John 17:20-26** Jesus prays for the gifts of unity and peace for us, his followers.

**Message from Father Peter:** Last Sunday I mentioned that the New Translation of the Scriptures somewhat bowled me a googley in changing Jesus's description of the Holy Spirit as an 'Advocate' to 'helper'. Lo and behold the following day on Monday's Scripture reading there was another googley, when, in Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15 we catch up with St. Paul, on his Second Missionary Journey, where he reaches Macedonia and goes to the town of Philippi, where they meet Lydia, a devout woman, who, in the previous translation we were told worked in the expensive 'purple dye and linen trade'. This was quite a noble task. Purple dye was expensive because of the way in which it was made, involving collecting thousands of snails, which were then boiled (causing one heck of stink), eventually becoming transformed into the valuable purple dye, used to adorn regal robes – you'll remember that Christ was mockingly given a purple robe. Lydia was obviously an intelligent and astute businesswoman. She and her whole household are baptized, and then she insists that Paul and his companions stay with her throughout their visits. And after one of his stays in prison Paul stayed with Lydia again. She is now venerated as a Saint, and her prayer references her purple dye and cloth trade: *O Holy Eternal Fire grant to us, as You did for Thy child St. Lydia, the gift of conversion and transformation that our ears and our hearts may be opened to hearing and understanding Thy words of life so that we, too, may better serve Thee as a community through our gifts and talents so as to bring Hope to those who are in need of You through us. We ask Thee, O blessed Mother and Queen, for Thy holy intercession that you may weave within us, and those whom we are called to serve, all the graces necessary for the Will of God to be accomplished in us so that a royal tapestry of Faith and good works may be offered and made pleasing to our God. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King. Amen.* Rather a lovely prayer, don't you think? Alas, the new translation makes no reference to any of this and just tells us that Lydia was 'a seller of purple goods', which I guess could be anything – aubergines, iPad covers, who knows...? Incidentally, *did you hear about the hopeful farmer who loved purple? He had great eggplantations.* I'll get my coat. And my umbrella – it looks like purple rain...



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Please note that as I am on Pilgrimage this week, the usually First Week events are cancelled this month. Normal service will resume in July!

**Please pray for those whom Requiems and Funeral Services we will be celebrating over the next few weeks;** Clare Tattersall June 2<sup>nd</sup> at SJ's at 11am; Vincent Lutas June 10<sup>th</sup> at SJ's at 10am; Eileen Whalley June 20<sup>th</sup> at Lytham Crematorium at 12:15pm; and Mary Veronica McLaughlin July 2<sup>nd</sup> at SP's at 1pm *Requiescat in pace.*

**Edwina Gillett**

**Reception of the BeneMerenti for Service to the Diocese**  
as Editor of the Catholic Voice

**Celebration Vespers**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4pm at St. Joseph's**

*Followed by Sherry in the Presbytery All Welcome.*

**Mothers Prayer Group:** Prayers By and For Mothers, and anyone else who wants to come along. This Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6-7pm in St. Joseph's Church, and every First Wednesday of the Month. All Welcome.

**Deanery Celebration of First Holy Communion**

for the First Holy Communion Children  
of the five Junior Schools in our Deanery

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 11am at SJ's. All Welcome.**

**Lourdes Petitions:** Next Week I will be in Lourdes on a very mini Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take a prayer petition to place in the grotto, just fill in one of the petition papers at the back of Church and place it in the basket- needs to be done this weekend, as I leave after Mass on Tuesday. Papers and pens are at the back of Church.

**The Syrian Refugees and the Displaced Lebanese** thank the Parish of St. Peter in Lytham for donating £635.00 and St. Joseph's in Ansdell for donating £1410:00 in support of the project in Zahleh, Lebanon. This project involves feeding 1500 refugees each weekday as well as offering comfort and companionship and especially to the Sick and the Elderly infirm. Aid to the Church in Need helps with this endeavour. The total raised is £9,100.20. Thank you. Fr. Philip will offer 3 Masses for the intentions & wellbeing of all benefactors. *Fr. Philip Newbold* (And bravo to our friend Fr Phil for his successful Lenten challenge! *FrP*)

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Sat 12 July, 12.15pm Lancaster Cathedral. Bishop Paul invites all couples in the Diocese celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year - to a Mass of celebration and blessing. All are welcome to attend. For those couples wishing to be included for their Catholic marriage please email the Cathedral at [clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk)



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for April: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £572.92 Non Gift Aid £1940:92 SO £2928.50  
St. Joseph's Care £574:17 Cafod £1499.97 Easter flowers £25  
Specials Gift Aid £82.34 Non Gift Aid £70.30 Bell ropes £610

**Please pray for all who have died recently,** especially, Clare Tattersall, Vincent Lutas, Eileen Whalley, and Mary Veronica McLaughlin, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Pauline Walton, Anne Frith, James Smith, Brother Broadhurst OSM, Antonio Lanza, Marie Louise Armer, Eileen Annesley, Jack Fallon and Mary Murray.

**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 Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, 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!

**No COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week  
(*Back to the chocolate cereal. 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:** Mass cards, a selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues always available. **First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts now 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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Readers**

**Sat Vigil:** Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Saoirse Altham

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil:** Sheila and Paul **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle