

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 1st/2nd August 2026

"You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord"

Weekend 1st/2nd August: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 1 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Pat Ormond
Sunday 2 nd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass In Loving Memory of Norah Shortt

Monday 3 rd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Recovery from Surgery <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 4 th	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Jack Gledhill
Wednesday 5 th	10am	Saltcotes	Mass 50 th Birthday Ints. Dan and Anya
Thursday 6 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Gwen and Bayne Spedding Hobbs
Friday 7 th	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick Mark William Pollard B'day Remembrance

Weekend 8th/9th August: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 8 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh
Sunday 9 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Sister Julian Breakell

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-9:55am at St. Peter's and 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 Lord is overwhelming in his generosity towards us. He gives us the food of life, the Eucharist, which we celebrate together today. May this celebration help us to become more generous to each other and especially to those in need.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:1-3* The Lord provides all that we need for free.

Second Reading *Romans 8:35, 37-39* Nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21* Jesus feeds the crowd with both his word and physical food.

Message from Father Peter: This Friday we celebrate the Diocesan Feast of the Lancaster Martyrs, fourteen martyrs who were actually martyred at Lancaster on the hill above the Cathedral including St. Edmond Arrowsmith SJ, St. Ambrose Barlow OSB, Blessed James Bell, John Finch, Richard Hayhurst, Robert Nutter OP, Edward Thwing, Thursaton Hunt, Robert Middleton SJ, John Thules, Roger Wrenno, Edward Bamber, John Woodcock OFM, and Thomas Whittaker. The last three were the last group of Lancaster Martyrs, murdered on 7th August 1646. I guess the most local to us (though Geography is *not* my strong point) would be Blessed Edward Bamber, who was born just up the road in Carleton, near the Crematorium. He was a seminarian in St. Omer, France, and at the English College of St. Gregory in Seville, Spain, where he was ordained a priest in 1626. Upon returning to England, disembarking in the port of Plymouth, he was stopped and incarcerated, but immediately released. For sixteen years he served the Catholic Mission, mainly in Lancashire. Imprisoned again between 1643 and 1646, he lay three years in prison before his trial, in which two devious anti-Catholics swore that they had seen him baptise and marry, which was considered sufficient proof of his priesthood. On 7th August 1646, Edward Bamber and two other priests were executed in Lancaster. Edward was the first to suffer, and at his execution he threw a handful of money into the crowd and reconciled a man condemned for the murder of his brother, giving him absolution on the gallows, before being hung, drawn and quartered. A very gruesome end for our very own local saint. We pray that our witness to Christ may be strong and faithful, and pray for vocations to the priesthood and active laity, in the footsteps of our martyrs. *Almighty Father, mindful of the cheerfulness and courage with which our martyrs faced a barbarous death, may those who died on the hill above Lancaster, justified in the court of conscience, grieving for England which they prayer God soon to convert, be our patrons now in heaven that our lives may witness to the faith they professed. Through Christ Our Lord.*



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First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Wednesday 5th August: Mass

at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

Friday 7th August: First Friday Mass

& Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,
followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

First Monday and Third Wednesday Benediction will return in September

Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes: Fr. Philip will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes in September and is willing to take any petitions to the Grotto. 1. Place your written petition in an envelope. 2. Seal the envelope. 3. On the front of the envelope write "Lourdes Petition". 4. Place it in the box in front of the Lady Altar at church. 5. Do NOT include any money. 6 Closing date Sunday 30th August. *Many thanks to Fr. Philip. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. For the past three years each August we have had a box at the back of the Church for 'school stuff' which can be passed on to our schools for children and families that need a little help in the new school year, and it is always gratefully received. This year we'd ask especially for **Scientific Calculators, Geometry Sets and 'Filled' Pencil Cases**. All donations gratefully accepted, and boxes are at the back of Church. **Many thanks in anticipation.**

School Uniforms Needed During August: Fylde Food Bank in partnership with Lytham Rotary Club is collecting good quality, clean school uniforms for secondary and primary schools. There is a big box at the back of church for contributions. Thank you for your support.

The Food Bank: Contributions are most welcome, and still most necessary. **Please bring stuff to Masses or the Presbytery any time.**

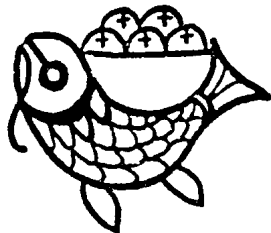
Burkina Faso 2026: the collection continues and envelopes are available at the back of Church.

Family Barbecue in the grounds of SJs.

12noon on the 6th September

£6 for adults, £3 for children. Music and Entertainment for all!

Tickets available after Masses



Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes

Family BBQ: Sunday 6th September in SJ's Grounds

Preston band Concert: Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm at SP's

Race Night: Saturday 3rd October at 7:430pm at SJ's

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's

Fr. P.'s Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for June: *with grateful thanks*

Gift Aid £342 Non Gift Aid £1272:07 SO £2973

St. Joseph's Care £310:02 Burkina Faso £595

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Jack Gledhill, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Teresa Crilly, Joseph Strickland, Jessie Mc Dermott, Alan Morris, Brid, Jose, Teresa Bialecki, Joseph Ainsworth, Eileen Mary Ayres, Alan Hesketh, Kathleen Donellan.

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, Pat Gleeson, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Joan McCombe, Zoe Mc Laughlin, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Alan Watkins, Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. *(The extraordinary from the ordinary.)*

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. **Children's Prayer Books 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 no meetings until September.

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 8th /9th August

Readers Sat 6pm: Edwina Gillett Sun. 9.15am: Maria Hall

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: C Williams and M Taylor

Sun 9.15am: W and E Doyle

9:15am Minister Susan