

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd August 2025

“Oh Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation”

Weekend 2nd /3rd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Joy Warwick
Sunday 3 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Gabriella Spedding Hobbs

Monday 4 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
	11:45am	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Jeanette Hartley

	7pm	St. Peter's	Vespers and Benediction
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Tuesday 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
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Wednesday 6 th	10am	Saltcotes Cemetery	Mass Don O'Toole
	12:45pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Baby Annie

Thursday 7 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Chris Hall
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Weekend 9th/10th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh
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Sunday 10 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Michael and Anne Wormleighton Golden Wedding Anniversary
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

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: We meet to celebrate the wonderful truth that in every place, at every time and in all circumstances, Jesus Christ is Lord. As we praise him for being Lord, we offer ourselves and all we have to him afresh.

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23* The wise teacher points out the apparent folly of working hard for material possessions which we cannot take with us when we die.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11* Paul calls us to refocus our priorities, so that we reflect the living presence of the risen Christ and grow to become more like him.

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21* Jesus tells a story about a man who focused so much on the material comfort he obtained that he forgot about the really important and eternal matters of the spirit.

Message from Father Peter: So last week we celebrated the memorial of the Holy Family of Bethany, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and a couple of weeks ago the Sunday Gospel was about Mary and Martha, with Martha bustling in the kitchen whilst Mary listened to the Jesus. I mentioned that it was because Mary listened to the voice of the Lord that Mary recognised Jesus on Easter Sunday when he called her name at his resurrection. But that wasn't necessarily correct, and this is the theological can of hornets which I alluded to in last week's bulletin message. For a couple of thousand years, the Church, or rather the Church in Western Europe, has considered Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalene to be the same person - as well as this one Mary being the person who anointed Jesus in Holy Week, which in John's Gospel is definitely Mary of Bethany, in Mark and Matthew is an unnamed woman, and in Luke is a sinful woman who anoints Jesus but not in Bethany, and much earlier than Holy Week - though there are some scriptural suggestions that Jesus was anointed more than once. In Eastern Christianity, and adopted by some non-Catholic Christians from the birth of Protestantism, the Marys were always considered to be two different people, but in the West, we only had one liturgical celebration for Mary Magdalene on July 22nd, and Martha, without her brother and sister, having a celebration on July 29th. Scriptural scholars have had a field day with all of this - apparently the French in particular prefer to see her as one person, and indeed various traditions tell of the one, or the two, Mary's living out her final days in France (remember the nonsense that was 'The Da Vinci Code'?). I don't know what shenanigans went on in the Vatican, but in 1969 Mary of Bethany was separated liturgically from Mary of Magdala, and it was only in 2021 that July 29th was given over to Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Either way, we have the example of a Mary who listened to the teaching of Jesus when the time was appropriate, and a Mary who, having being forgiven for much in her life, was granted the amazing privilege of being a witness to the resurrection and the first charged with telling others about this incredible event. Of course don't forget, there is also Mary, wife of Clopas (possibly a brother of St. Joseph), who is present at the crucifixion. And not forgetting our own Blessed Mother Mary. I'm sure we can't go wrong seeking the intercession of any, or indeed all, of these amazing women called Mary, a name which means 'beloved'. From the Common of Holy Women: *Lord, pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled the Holy Women of the Scriptures. By serving you as they did, may we please you by our faith and our actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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First Week of the Month at SJSP's
Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 4th August: Evening Prayer
and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Wednesday 6th August: Mass
at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's

Tuesday 19th August: Holy Hour with
Rosary & Benediction: St. Joseph's at 6:30pm

As requested, Large Print newsletters and missalettes are available at the back of Church.

Mother's Prayers: a welcome time of prayer for all in St. Joseph's this Tuesday 5th August at 6pm. All welcome.

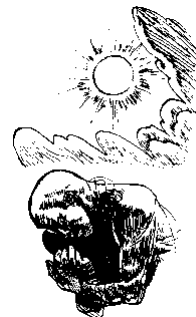
Burkina Faso: our annual appeal is now open and envelopes for donations are available at the back of church which can be returned via the offertory collection. Please be as generous you can to provide the Bernardines with continued vital funding to support their mission. The appeal will remain open until 7 September. *E. Gillett*

Please pray for those whom Requiems and Funeral Services we will be celebrating over the next few weeks; Funeral Service for Jeanette Hartley at Lytham Crematorium at 11:45am on Monday 4th August; Requiem Mass for Baby Annie in St. Josephs at 12:45pm on Wednesday 6th; and Funeral Service for Christopher Shaw at 1:30pm on Friday 15th August at 1:30pm in St. Peter's.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: still strumming away every Monday; this week in St. Peter's Hall at 7:30pm after Vespers.

Next week we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a HolyDay of Obligation, on Friday 15th August, with Masses at the usual HolyDay times of Vigil SJ's Thursday at 7pm. And Masses on Friday 15th at 9am at SP's and 10am at SJ's.

Date for the Diary: Deanery Mass for the Centenary for the Diocese, Saturday 27th September at 11am at St. Joseph's, Ansdell, for all the Parishes of the Kirkham Deanery, Celebrated by Bishop Paul.



COLLECTION COUNT: for June: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £3899.20 Non Gift Aid £2461.30 SO £3720.50
St. Joseph's Care £505.07 Specials Gift Aid £155.91

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Baby Annie, Jeanette Hartley, and Christopher Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Jessie McDermott, Pauline Drake, Alan Morris, Brid Jose, Teresa Bialecki, Joseph Ainsworth, Eileen Ayres, Alan Hesketh, Kathleen Donellan and Sheila Burdett

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, 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 Petravičiute, 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 (*For when I get home after 10;30am Mass. 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 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. 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: Back at the beginning of September, every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 9th/10th August

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Susan Brown

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker **Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M Herron