

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Third Sunday of Eastertide C 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**“I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.”**

#### Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass My Beloved Wife Barbara
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Sheila Dewhurst

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Denise Duffy preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Saltcotes Cemetery	Mass Roseanne and Phillip Scott
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Thomas and Dorothy Gillully
	11am	St. Joseph's	Funeral Service for Ronald Rawstron

#### Weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	St. Peter's	Mass of First Holy Communion
	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Vernon and Mary Eccles
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Anniversary of Andrew Towler

#### 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: 3rd Sunday of Easter

The risen Christ calls us through his word and sacraments to come to him. He calls us whether we are at work or rest, in childhood, adulthood or old age.

**First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41** The apostles continue their new work of proclaiming the resurrection of Christ, and are happy to suffer for the sake of his name.

**Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-14** John has a vision of the saints and angels praising the Lamb of God, a symbol of the slain but victorious Christ.

**Gospel John 21:1-19** The risen Jesus comes to the apostles at the end of an unsuccessful night. He brings them warmth, food and new strength for the work entrusted to them.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** The weeks of this joyful Eastertide follow the days after the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, though Ascension Thursday (on May 29<sup>th</sup>), right through to the great celebration of Pentecost and our recalling of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles fifty days after Easter. The prayer 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a most appropriate prayer to pray in this season. It's actually a very ancient prayer, really a collection of mini lines and prayers which were put together by the praying faithful over the centuries. Some of its lines, for example, 'Send forth you Spirit, and they shall be created' go right back to the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament', while other parts of the prayer can be traced right back to the early theologian Hippolytus from the second century, through a European Monk named Rabanus Maurus who wrote a song called 'Come, Creator Spirit,' and onwards through to the twelfth century when the prayer became a common text for the Church throughout the world. As I say, it's a beautiful prayer to pray anytime, certainly during Eastertide, but perhaps especially in this time of 'sede vacante' as we wait for the election of a new Pope. Let us pray the prayer at our masses this week, seeking the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the College of Cardinals, that a worthy successor will be chosen to follow on the work of Pope Francis and his predecessors, going right back to St. Peter – present in the Upper Room on that very first Pentecost Sunday.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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*Third Sunday of Easter*

## **First Week of the Month at SJSP's Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**

*Please note that there is no Vespers Service this First Monday*

**First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:** The First Holy Communion Mass takes place **This Saturday at St. Peter's at 2pm**. Please pray for our twenty candidates who we will welcome to Mass on Sunday morning in their respective Churches. May God bless them on this hugely important day in their journeys of faith.

**Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal:** Dear friends at St Joseph's, St Peter's and St Bernadette's, After our visit to you in February, when we came to thank you for raising the money for three fishing boats, I was amazed to hear that Fr Peter had set a new Lenten challenge to raise £3000 to build a house for an albino family here in Malawi. I was also very touched as the need only came up in a conversation over a coffee! On Easter Sunday I received a video of Fr Peter announcing at Mass that you had donated over £8K and likely to reach £9K – enough for three houses! I was speechless and It took me a few minutes for it to register. The news came when I was with colleagues and we celebrated your generosity, fellowship and compassion. Three very vulnerable families in bad situations are going to benefit immensely from your kindness – I cannot tell you how grateful we are. I will write again with an update and pictures of the houses being constructed. In the meantime, I pray for you all and for your wonderful charity and I look forward to seeing you all again next year when we come to stay with our friends. Love and prayers, *Fr Steven, Missionary Community of St Paul the Apostle. (MCSPA)*

**Edwina Gillett: Papal Award:** At the 12:15 pm Mass on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** I am to receive the Bene Merenti from Bishop Paul in the Cathedral, Lancaster. This will be followed by a reception at Lancaster Golf Club. Unfortunately, because numbers at the reception are restricted, I haven't been able to invite everyone to the celebration but I have tried to invite a cross section of people from across our two parishes to participate in the day. However, everyone is welcome at the Cathedral should you wish to come along, you will be very welcome. On the following day, **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, we will have a Deanery celebration in St Joseph's** to which everyone is invited. It will take the form of **Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4pm** followed by a sherry reception in the Presbytery. *E. Gillett.*

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to Streetlife via Team Elston (Mike, Tom, Dan and Joe) who slept out on the cobbles of Blackpool with 100 other fundraisers. Thanks to your kind donations we raised £1936, nearly double our target! The whole event has raised about £20,000 so far. It was cold but dry, generally better than you can expect if you face the prospect of sleeping rough every night. These funds will be a massive help to Streetlife, both for its nightshelter and day center in Blackpool that help young people from 16-25, often with no other support. Thank you so much for the donations, and also to Father Peter for blessing us on the day! Donations can still be made at [www.justgiving.com/page/team-elston25](http://www.justgiving.com/page/team-elston25)



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for March: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £367.00 Non Gift Aid £1047.86 SO £3356.50  
St. Joseph's Care £396.89

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially James Quinn, Ron Rawstron, Elizabeth Teasdale, Sister Filumena, and Frances Julie Watson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time William Dagger, Bernadette Farish, Doris Haworth, Marjorie Smith and Helen Holt

**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 Meskeil, 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!

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week  
*(Better even than 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Readers Sat Vigil:** David Warwick

**Sun 9.15am:** Anne Wormleighton

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil:** J & C O'Neill

**Sun 9.15am:** M Cookson and M Reid