

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

“I will bless your name for ever, my God and king”

Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Martin Amriding
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Rosmarie Szollar

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass A Special Intention <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Vespers and Benediction
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass James David Cartmell <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Catherine King
	6pm	St. Peter's	Mass with our Year 6 Leavers      Roseanne and Patrick Scott
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Philip Waters

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Bill Cookson
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Emmanuel Zammit
	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 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 come together to celebrate the Mass, celebrating the kingship of Jesus and his humility and gentleness to all people and especially his understanding of the blessings of children.

**First Reading *Zechariah 9:9-10*** The prophet Zechariah presents the vision of a Messiah. It is a king riding on a donkey and proclaiming peace for all nations.

**Second Reading *Romans 8:9, 11-13*** The Spirit of God lives in each one of us, and attention must be paid to the spiritual dimension in our lives.

**Gospel *Matthew 11:25-30*** Those who are well informed and arrogant in their knowledge can easily miss what God is really telling us. Children can sometimes more easily relate to the teachings of a God who is “gentle and humble of heart”.

**Message from Father Peter:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of **St. Benedict**, Patron of Europe, and founder of western Monasticism, who founded his Monastery in Monte Cassino in Italy, and whose Monastic Rule is a great today still today. But there are actually **six Patrons of Europe** altogether. **St. Bridget of Sweden** lived in the fourteenth century, and having been married and had eight children, was widowed at a young age, and founded a religious Order, devoted to the saving presence of Christ on the Cross, now known as the ‘Bridgettines’. **St. Catherine of Sienna**, again of the fourteenth century, chose not to marry the men chosen by her parents, but nor did she want a cloistered life of silence, and so joined the Dominicans where in a very active life, supported Pope Gregory XI in various religious and political endeavours, and did so much before dying at the age of just thirty-three. From the twentieth century we have **St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross**, better known as Edith Stein, who was brought up a Jew, before being baptised and becoming a Carmelite Nun, and during the Second World War was sent to Auschwitz, where it is believe she was killed in the Gas Chambers. And going right back to ninth century, we have **Saints Cyril and Methodius**, two brothers who were born in Greece, but are known as the Apostles to the Slavs, and did so much work, liturgically and spiritually, with Cyril being martyred. And here is a Prayer for Europe: *Father of mankind, Lord of history, watch over Europe to whom you have sent philosophers, legislators, wise people, our forerunners in faith of your Son, who has died and has risen again. Watch over these peoples, evangelized by Peter and Paul, by the prophets, by the monks, by the saints; watch over these regions watered by the blood of the martyrs. Watch over the peoples united by so many ties but also divided, over time, by hatred and war. Help us work for a Europe of the Spirit founded on eternal values, a Europe capable of ethnic and ecumenical reconciliations, ready to welcome the stranger, respectful of each person's dignity. Grant that we assume our duty with hope to inspire and promote an understanding among peoples which ensures in all the continents, justice and bread, freedom and peace. Amen.* Incidentally, last time I went to Europe none of my electronic gadgets worked until I said a prayer – apparently they needed a higher power. I'll get my coat...



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Week of the Month at SJSP's

*Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!*

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Evening Prayer  
and Benediction at St. Joseph's at 7pm**

Mass this Wednesday Evening at St. Peter's 6pm for our Year Six class who will be moving on to pastures new. Everyone welcome to come and celebrate.

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

**Songs for Club Day with Lytham Community Choir;** An Evening of Uplifting Music! Next **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at St. Peter's.** See the poster for further details.

## SJSP Songs of Praise

*with your favourite hymns chosen by you!*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm at SJ's:**

**Followed by a Strawberry Tea**

**Tickets for the Strawberry Tea are available  
after Masses this weekend.**

**Holy Mass of Blessed Edward Bamber: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm** at St. Winefride's House, Bispham, followed by refreshments. All Welcome.

**Congratulations Deacon William!** Our congratulations, best wishes and prayers go to our retired Deacon, William Riley, as he celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on Monday of this week. He was one of five Deacons ordained at Lancaster Cathedral by Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue on 6th July 2001. We renew our thanks to Deacon William for his years of service in St Peter's Parish and wish him, his wife Dorothy and daughter Emma every grace and blessing on this happy occasion. Ad multos annos!

**Foundation Governor Vacancies at St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy, Blackpool and Christ the King Catholic Academy, Blackpool.** Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Academy are seeking committed practising Catholics to join our two Governing Boards as Foundation Governors. This rewarding voluntary role offers an opportunity to support the strategic leadership of the schools, promote its Catholic ethos, and help ensure the best outcomes for all pupils. No previous governance experience is required, as training and support will be provided. If you are passionate about Catholic education and want to make a positive difference in our school communities, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Cath Kelly (Chair of Governors) [cathkelly@aol.com](mailto:cathkelly@aol.com)

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

- Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm at SJ's
- Family BBQ: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September in SJ's Grounds
- Preston band Concert: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at SP's
- Race Night: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:430pm at SJ's
- Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Christmas Fair: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at SP's
- Fr. P.'s Family Nativity: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm SJ's



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for May: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £159 Non Gift Aid £675:21 SO £2973  
St. Joseph's Care £128:11 Burkina Faso £165

**Please pray for all who have died recently,** especially Michael Walter Wood and Yvonne Rayton, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Ray Todd, Betty Boyd, Tony Ivison, Padraig Toner, Fr. Harry Holden, Stuart Burns, Jennifer Rhodes, Caroline Glancy, Edward Mather, Hedley Haigh, Elizabeth Gunns, Bill Cookson and Ann Murray.

**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 Gleason, 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. (*You know you want to.*)

**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** 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 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July

**Readers** Sat 6pm: K/ T Godden Sun. 9.15am: Rosemary Page  
**Meet and Greet** Sat 6pm: Sheila and Paul  
Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid  
**9:15am Minister** Nikola