

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**“O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts’ ”**

#### Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12noon St. Peter's	Wedding Service for Dorothy and Sean
	6pm St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am St. Joseph's	Mass Ron Rawstron
	10:30am St. Peter's	Mass Harrison Bretherton

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am St. Peter's	Mass Mrs. Patricia O'Brien followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
	7pm St. Peter's	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am St. Joseph's	Mass For Mary Chesworth in thanksgiving preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am St Peter's	Mass Deceased Of O'Dea Family
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am St. Joseph's	Mass Marie and Ted Gillett

#### Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am St. Joseph's	Mass Deceased Parents Ken and Margaret Hammond
	10:30am St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan

#### 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:** Faith is a gift and God is the giver of the gift. Through faith we prepare ourselves to encounter our living and loving Lord.

**First Reading *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*** In times of trial or tiredness, humanity fails to see the hand of God at work. God asks for faithfulness.

**Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*** St Paul reminds the community that they should never be ashamed to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus.

**Gospel *Luke 17:5-10*** The disciples recognise their need for an increase in faith.

**Message from Father Peter:** This Thursday we celebrate a Feast Proper to England and Wales, for Saint John Henry Newman, the most recent of English Saints, being Canonised by Pope Francis on 13<sup>th</sup> October just six years ago (I'm counting Carlo Acutis as an Italian, though he was born in England). Saint John Henry was born on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1801, into a Church going Anglican family. His family were not overly religious, but John Henry developed an interest in the Bible, and when he went to study at Trinity College in Oxford, and eventually was ordained as an Anglican Minister. Both in England and the English Church there was a lot going on, which caused John Henry to question his vocation, and his Anglicanism, and after withdrawing from the world for three years and living a strict ascetic religious life, he was drawn to the Catholic Church and received into full communion on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1845, by the Italian Passionist Priest, Blessed Dominic Barbari. Ostracised by family and friends because of his new-found faith, John Henry went to study in Rome, eventually being ordained priest. He founded two Oratorian Communities upon his return to England, in London and Birmingham, before, at the behest of the Bishops of Ireland, becoming the first Rector of the first University for Catholic Students, what is now University College Dublin. He was made Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, dying eleven years later. As well as all the ministries in his life which I've mentioned, he was also a great writer and scholar – his writing is absolutely beautiful, and I always say that his poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' which tells of the dying moments of a man and his subsequent entry into eternal life, is the best explanation of Purgatory that there is (it was famously set to music by Edward Elgar, and also includes the hymn 'Firmly I Believe and Truly' which we still sometimes sing). Newman did much to make Catholicism acceptable in England, at a time when Catholic loyalty to Queen and Country was still being strongly questioned. St. John Henry's life involved a great deal of change, and one of his phrases was, 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often'. This is one of his most beautiful prayers: *May the Lord support us all the day long, Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.*



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## First Week of the Month at SJSP's

*Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!*

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

**Many thanks** to everyone who took part in the Deanery Centenary Mass last Saturday, in the Church, on the Sanctuary and in the Hall and in the Gardens. It was a beautiful Mass and a fitting celebration for our Deanery and Diocese. We hope to have more deanery events, so watch this space. Let's hope we can have a great celebration for the bi-centenary...!

**Please note** that while Fr. Peter Hart is in Hospital and recovering from his Operation, I will be covering the 5pm Mass at Star of the Sea, so will not be around to welcome for the 6pm, and apologies for any breathlessness at the evening celebration! Please pray for Fr. Peter that he continues to make an excellent recovery.

**Lancaster Cathedral Mass for the Centenary of the Diocese Sat 18th October at 11.30am.** Each church has been allocated 2 tickets. If you would like to go please sign up, **in pairs**, on the sheet at the back of each Church. If necessary, I will draw names out of a biretta

**CAFOD Harvest Day Appeal** envelopes can be returned at the back of church or put in the collection. Many thanks for the great support you always give to CAFOD.

**Mission Boxes:** All Red Mission boxes which were handed in have been emptied. Please collect your box from the sacristy as soon as possible. And once again, many thanks for your continued support.

**Autumn Songs with Lytham Community Choir:** a Charity Concert supporting Marie Curies. **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at St. Joseph's.** Tickets £8 available on the door.

**SJSP Ukulele Orchestra:** still strumming away at St. Peter's on Monday evenings, and everyone welcome. Watch this space for exciting news about our Christmas Album.

**Our Next Parishes Social Event** in SJ's Hall: Saturday 1st November 7pm: **Line Dancing with Wendy.** Adults £7, Juniors £4. Includes American Food (cooked in Ansdell)! Bar and Raffle, and the Ukulele Orchestra!

**Thinking of Becoming a Priest?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge.



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for August (weeks 1-4): *with grateful thanks* Gift Aid £313.50 Non Gift Aid £1838.25 SO £2978.50 St. Joseph's Care £337.13 Specials Gift Aid £23.65

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Fr. John Baron, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Gabrielle Tattersall, May Whittle, Betty McNamara, Ronald Welsh, Claire Plant, Michael Wren Hilton and George Naticchi

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish**, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Judith Cross, Ann Cullen & The Cullen Family, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Fr. Peter Hart, 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, Mandi Taylor, 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 (*No Hot Dogs left over last week. The Deanery ate them all. 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.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, by our Lady's Altar.

**Rotas for Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Readers**

**Sat Vigil:** Catherine Ralston **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton

**Meet and Greet Sat Vigil:** Sheila and Paul **Sun 9.15am:** M Skene and M Lehman