

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 5th/6th September 2026

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

Weekend 5th/6th September: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 5 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass For a Successful Outcome (C.N)
Sunday 6 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Joshua Stephen Foster
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 7 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Gerard Nolan <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	11:30am	Carleton Crematorium	Service for baby Leo
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Vespers and Benediction
Tuesday 8 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Kath Wilding <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 9 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass In Memory of Isobel and John Morrison
Thursday 10 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Peter Page

Weekend 12th/13th September: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 12 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the Soul of Patricia Earnshaw
Sunday 13 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass In Memory of Mark William Pollard

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: Christ promises to be with us whenever we meet in his name. Conscious of his presence among us here in this place, we offer God our thanks and our praise.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9 Like a guard keeping watch over a city, the prophet speaks the truth to avert disaster for the people.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10 Love is a “mutual debt” - an ongoing duty of care to one another.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20 It is through our unity - our communion with each other - that Christ is present among us.

Message from Father Peter: Last week, apropos nothing, a Parishioner gave me a copy of a poem called ‘the Spiritual Railway’. The poem is beautifully inscribed on the tombstone, in Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, of 30-year-old William Pickering and 24-year-old Richard Edgar who both died on Christmas Eve, December 24th 1845, in a railway accident on the Ely-Norwich railway line, which had only opened six months earlier. Although it might seem quaint and Victorian, bear in mind that railways were quite a new thing at the time of writing, so the poem uses what were at the time really modern references to put across a Christian message - just like Christ used the things round about him in Palestine in his stories and Parables. It makes a rather lovely prayer - perhaps especially when we are travelling.

The Line to heaven by Christ was made / With heavenly truth the Rails are laid,
From Earth to Heaven the Line extends, / To Life Eternal where it ends.
Repentance is the Station then / Where Passengers are taken in,
No Fee for them is there to pay, / For Jesus is himself the way.
God's Word is the first Engineer / It points the way to Heaven so dear,
Through tunnels dark and dreary here / It does the way to Glory steer.
God's Love the Fire, his Truth the Steam, / Which drives the Engine and the Train,
All you who would to Glory ride, / Must come to Christ, in him abide.
In First and Second, and Third Class, / Repentance, Faith and Holiness,
You must the way to Glory gain / Or you with Christ will not remain.
Come then poor Sinners, now's the time / At any Station on the Line,
If you'll repent and turn from sin / The Train will stop and take you in.



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Monday 7th September: Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Blessing of BackPacks for the New School Year,
next Sunday 13th at all Masses.

All welcome to have their school stuff,
stationary, pencil cases, sports kits or whatever,
blessed for the New Academic Year.

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. Huge thanks for everything that was brought in for the collection most of which has now been distributed to our schools. Check out the noticeboards for a picture of all the stuff laid out – we could have opened a stationary shop!

Red Mission Boxes. The Autumn collection from the boxes will take place during September. Please bring your box to church and leave it in the sacristy. The boxes will be returned to the sacristy for collection after emptying.

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

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

Preston Concert Band at St. Peters
on Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm
Tickets are now on sale after mass for an evening of
entertaining music and fun accompanied by a glass of
prosecco. £10 per ticket.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Birthday of our Lady. Perhaps tomorrow we could prayer this prayer in our homes with our families:

Heavenly Father, on this blessed day, we rejoice in the birth of the Holy Mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother Mary. We thank You for the gift of her life, her faith, and her unending love that guides us to Your Son.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, dearest Mother, on this joyful day of your birth, we thank God for the gift of your life. Through you came the Light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mother, intercede for our family. Protect our home, grant us peace and strength, and lead us always on the path of holiness. Teach us to live with the same humility and love that filled your heart.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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

Race Night: Saturday 3rd October at 7:30pm at SJ's

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's

SJSP Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for August: *with grateful thanks*

Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £1427:39 SO £3148

St. Joseph's Care £139:96 Burkina Faso £55

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Val Farrell, and Haydn Wood, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: James Joseph Cunliffe, Peter Page, Kathleen Judge, Tony Bolton, William George Dillon and James Joseph Fowler

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. (*I didn't get one last week as there was such a rush!*)

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 12th /13th September

Readers Sat 6pm: K/T Godden Sun. 9.15am: James Wormleighton

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

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid

9:15am Minister Wanda