

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 'A' 6th/7th June 2026

"O Jerusalem glorify the Lord"

Weekend 6th/7th June: Corpus Christi 'A'

Saturday 6 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass In Loving Memory of Mary O'Reilly
Sunday 7 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Chris Hall

Monday 8 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Joan Woodcock Birthday Remembrance <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	2pm	St. Joseph's	Funeral Service for William Eric Garside
Tuesday 9 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Arthur Horton <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Sylvester King
Thursday 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Victoria Trzeciak Rozanska

Weekend 13th/14th May: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 13 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Patrick and Bernadette Farish
Sunday 14 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Frank and Winnie Mulligan

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 today to celebrate the memorial of Christ's life, death and rising again. We receive the body and blood of Christ, the bread of everlasting life.

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 Moses reminds his people that they owe everything to God who led them out of slavery and provided for them in the wilderness.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 In the sacrificial meal, participants become united with God and each other.

Gospel John 6:51-58 The very life of Christ is presented to his followers as food and drink.

Message from Father Peter: As you can see overleaf, in July we are organizing an afternoon of our Favourite Hymns followed by a Strawberry Tea. I guess I have a lot of 'favourite hymn' (and quite a few I'd be quite happy never to sing again). However, my top two are, in second place, 'O Come, O come Emmanuel', the wonderful setting of the "O' Antiphons' which we sing during Advent. And my Number One is 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'. The Hymn has an intriguing history, being taken from an American Quaker text, encouraging people not to try and seek contact with God through Alcohol, and it was then taken up in the eighteenth century in England by the Temperance Society which sought to discourage people from Alcohol, and drugs, particularly the use of Opium which was prevalent at the time. If you look at the words in the hymnbook you'll see that while they can be taken as a simple and beautiful prayer for peace and heart of mind through Christ in the midst of the toils and troubles of this world, as he brought peace to people when Jesus walked this Earth, they can also be read referring to various addictions which might cloud the mind in whatever way. I love the imagery, particularly the idea of resting by Galilee – a wonderful picture of what this earth should be, and what heaven might be. It also restates the commandment to keep the Sabbath Holy, something which is sadly observed less and less. The tune is also brilliant: in England we sing it to the hymn tune 'Repton' by the great tunesmith Charles Parry, who wrote much wonderful Church music – not least the great anthem 'I Was Glad' which was sung at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and I remember singing it at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Brewer (about forty years ago!). The tune is so great that when Andrew Lloyd Webber got together with his second wife Sarah Brightman, he had alternative words written to it to make a pop song (punningly entitled 'Him'), which you might search for on the internet, (although beware the very eighties video). I don't know when we'll next sing the hymn in Church (I don't pick the music for Sundays), but it'll be getting my vote for the Songs of Praise on July 12th. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper rev'rence, praise.*



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Corpus Christi 6th/7th June 2026

On this Feast of Corpus Christi it might be an opportune time to remind our selves of the Act of Spiritual for the times when we are unable to receive Holy Communion in actuality: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

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

Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12th July at 3pm at SJ's: forms to suggest your favourite hymn to be sung and played at this jolly gathering are available at the back of Church, and can be placed in the box. Tickets for numbers for the Strawberry Tea will be sought soon.

St Joseph's & St Peters Sunday Lunch 1st November 1pm at The Bedford Hotel. We are now taking bookings, please pick up a leaflet after mass, select your menu choices and return the form with your payment as soon as possible. Teresa Mallabone & Pete Rickards will accept forms at St Peters & Susan Brown at St Joseph's, or pass to a member of the Social committee or to FrP.

Message from Peter Welsby, Publicity Officer for Lytham St. Anne's Catenian: **New Catenian President:** *In April, Lytham St. Anne's Circle, Circle 89, installed a new President, former Grand Present, Tony Godden. He will continue the charitable work of the association initiating enjoyable social occasions for its members and families during his term of office. Brother Peter Welsby held the post of president for the past three years, successfully leading the circle in providing significant donations to Trinity hospice gathered at various social events.*

This Friday 12th is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Saturday is the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both present in the Home at Nazareth, this is the beautiful Prayer for Consecration of Families: *Most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, united in perfect love, as you look upon us with mercy and caring, we consecrate our hearts, our lives, our family to you. We know the beautiful example of your home in Nazareth was meant to be a model for each of our families. We hope to have, with your help, the unity and strong, enduring love you gave to one another. May our home be filled with joy. May sincere affection, patience, tolerance and mutual respect be freely given to all. May our prayers be filled with the needs of others, not just ourselves and may we always be close to your sacraments. Bless those who are present, as well as those who are absent, both the living and the dead; may peace be among us and when we are tested, grant us the Christian acceptance of God's will. Keep our family close to your Hearts; may your special protection be with us always. Most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, hear our prayer.*

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes are displayed on our noticeboards at the back of Churches.

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

Corpus Christi



Jesus said: The man who feeds in my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him

COLLECTION COUNT: for April: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £222.50 Non Gift Aid £1101.33 SO £2951.00
St. Joseph's Care £279.55 Specials Gift Aid £46.81 Non Gift Aid £134.05. Easter Flowers £25

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Paul Hilton, Patricia Mary Cartmell, and William Eric Garside, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Jack Fallon, Sr. Margaret Brown, Mary Murray, Dulcie Haig, Bill Drake, Fr. Joe Geoghan, John Guest, Sheila Chong, Greta Nixon, Bishop John Brewer and Annie Sumner

Please pray for the sick and household 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 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, 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, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. *(Tea, please; a VERY large one, and a good dollop of milk. No sugar (I eat too much sugary cereal at lunchtimes) 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 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 13th/14th June

Readers Sat 6pm: Stephanie Gilluly Sun. 9.15am: James Wormleighton

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

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle

9:15am Minister Catherine