

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday of Advent Year A 7th December 2025

“In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever”

Weekend 6th/7th December Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Special Intentions
Sunday 7 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan

Monday 8 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Judith Cross followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
	12:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Funeral Service for Madeleine Wright
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Vespers and Benediction for the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 9 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Chris Cedly preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For the Holy souls
Thursday 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Julie Denny
Friday 12 th	2:45pm	Lytham Crematorium	Funeral Service for Arthur Campbell

Weekend 13th/14th December Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 13 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Paula Dunn
Sunday 14 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Zosia Koch Nowakowska
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish
	3pm	St. Joseph's	Children's Liturgy Story Book Nativity

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 Through our baptism we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather together in his name we remember our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way of the Lord.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 When the Messiah comes a new era of peace with justice shall dawn. Enemies will become friends and all will have knowledge of the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9 Members of the Christian community are to be friends to one another just as Christ has befriended us. This will give God glory and lead the nations to sing God's praise.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist appears in the desert wearing simple clothes and eating only food that could be found in the wilderness. He is not interested in power or glory but in preparing hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Message from Fr. Peter: So as we begin celebrating this New Year in the life of the Church, so we begin, this Monday, celebrating the life of Our Lady, Feasts of whom joyfully take us through the year, right up to her Glorious Assumption and Crowning as Queen of Heaven. And we begin celebrating the life of our Lady indeed from its very beginning with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the doctrine, promulgated only in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, though spoken of from earliest times, and theologically widely discussed in the Middle Ages, and possibly even referenced by the Angel Gabriel who greeted Mary as 'Full of Grace', that Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin. This was granted to Mary through the grace her Son won for us on the cross, and is known as 'prevenient grace' as it was given to Mary before the event of the crucifixion in time, an incredibly honour for Mary, and demonstrating to us how much our salvation is always at the heart of God's plan for us. The whole of Advent is about the beginnings of our Salvation, from the prophecies of Isaiah about the coming Messiah who was prepared to be a Suffering Servant on the cross for us, to the moment of the Annunciation when Mary consented to being the Servant of the Lord, through to the birth of Jesus itself, the life that would change our lives. Mary's Immaculate Conception shows to us how God can supernaturally make everything perfect for the birth of His Son, this assuring our salvation. How wonderful for us, and for Mary on this great feast. Mass for the Feast on Monday is at SP's at 9am, and we have Vespers of the Feast at SJ's on Monday evening. This is the opening prayer for Mass on Monday, which beautifully explains to us in the form of prayer this beautiful teaching. *O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*



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7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

Please note that while Fr. Peter Hart is recovering from his operation, I'm on 5pm at SoS. Please pray for Fr. Hart as he continues his recuperation.

Advent and Christmas Leaflet: Please take one of the leaflets and join us for the many gatherings throughout this beautiful season. **Perhaps you could take a leaflet for a friend and invite them to SJSP for Christmas? Evening Prayer and Benediction Every Monday during Advent:** see Newsletter and Advent Leaflet for details.

Advent at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 8th December: Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Next Sunday at 3pm at SJ's all our SJSP Children's Liturgy Children are invited to Church for Fr. Peter's Storybook Nativity followed by cakes, and a special visitor, in the Presbytery!

Saturday 20th after Evening Mass everyone is welcome to the Presbytery for a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and some jolly Carol Singing.

SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm.** Candidates in Year 6 or above are welcome to get an application form from Fr. Peter after Weekend Masses.

The Food Bank: during the weeks leading up to Christmas, if it is possible to boost any Food Bank offerings, perhaps with some children's Christmas type goodies, it would be much appreciated.

Advent at Fairhaven Methodist Church: Music for Christmas, Saturday 13th December at 7:30 pm.

The Posada, the statue of the Holy Family has begun its journey to Bethlehem, starting at St. Bede's high School. They were warmly welcomed by the School Chaplain and a group of pupils in the school chapel. In a time of reflection we were encouraged to clear away the clutter of everyday life and instead to make room for the hope, love and peace of Christmas.

And *after* Christmas we can look forward to the **SJSP Late Christmas Party on Saturday 17th January** at 7pm after Evening Mass, with food, songs and games. Tickets available soon.

The SJSP Ukulele Orchestra (along with children from the parishes) **Christmas Album. Only £5 - a perfect stocking filler!** All proceeds shared between Brian House Children's Hospice and the StreetLife Trust in Blackpool. CDs available at the back of church at the end of Mass and for **downloads, email ann@zammits.me.uk.** *With huge thanks to Mark Brocklesby for his recording and producing expertise.*

COLLECTION COUNT: for November: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £317 Non Gift Aid £1262:39 SO £3272
St. Joseph's Care £333:48

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Tony Walsh, Deacon Bill Adams and Madeleine Wright and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Jenny Milner, James Murphy, Kathryn Mavis Bennett, Hugh Patrick ghee, Joy Warwick, Thelma Gallagher, Kathleen Cooper and Vera Lyons

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, Theresa and Denis Flannigan, 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 Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, 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 (*Yogurt and Blueberries? 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: Mass cards, a selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues always available. **Religious christmas Cards available now.** 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, by our Lady's Altar.

Rotas for Weekend 13th / 14th December

Readers Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: O&J Baker **Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M Herron