

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Third Sunday in Lent 'A' 7th/8th March 2026

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

Weekend 7th/8th March: Third Sunday in Lent 'A'

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| Saturday 7 th | 6pm | St. Joseph's | Mass | Intentions of Clare Critch |
| Sunday 8 th | 9:15am | St. Joseph's | Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | 10:30am | St. Peter's | Mass | Deceased of the Denye Family |

Monday 9th 9am St. Peter's Mass John Nolan *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*
7pm St. Peter's Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Tuesday 10th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Susie Jordan *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*
7pm St. Joseph's Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Wednesday 11th 9am No Mass today

Thursday 12th 10am No Mass today

Weekend 14th/15th March: Third Sunday in Lent 'A'

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| Saturday 14 th | 6pm | St. Joseph's | Mass | Nigel Ogden |
| Sunday 15 th | 9:15am | St. Joseph's | Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | 10:30am | St. Peter's | Mass | Mary Chesworth |

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

6:30-6:55pm Monday Before Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's And Saturday from 5:30pm at St. Joseph's

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: We gather together this day to meet the risen Lord. It is he who gives us living water - the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare our minds and hearts to offer fitting worship in spirit and in truth.

First Reading *Exodus 17:3-7* Moses is frightened that the complaints of the people will be turned against him. The Lord provides for the needs of Israel: there will be water flowing from the rock.

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8* Our healing, our salvation, is not earned by our good behaviour but is given as a free gift in Jesus Christ.

Gospel *John 4:5-42* When she meets Jesus at the well, the Samaritan woman is unaware of how significant this moment will be. Her life will be transformed and, as she shares her experience with others, their lives will also be changed.

Message from Father Peter: Anyone heard of Saint Photini? No, I hadn't either. Or Saint Svetlana, as they call her in Russian? Nope, again. Photon in Greek, Svetlana in Russian, is actually the name given to the biblically unnamed Woman at the Well in today's Gospel. After meeting the Lord she went to tell many people about her encounter with the Lord, who came to believe in Jesus, so many that she became known as one of the first Evangelists. But according to Eastern Tradition, it was not until Pentecost Sunday that Photini herself was baptized, and given her name, which means 'Enlightened' or 'Luminous one', by the Apostles themselves. She converted her five sisters, all of whom became Saints themselves, as well as her two sons, Photino and Joses. Together they all went on to become great Missionaries, travelling to Carthage after the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul. Their Mission brought them to the attention of the Emperor Nero, and, amidst the persecution of the time, they were all martyred in 66AD, Photini herself being martyred by being thrown down a dry well. Let us rejoice in our meetings with the Lord this Sunday, and every day of Lent - and let our encounters have as profound effect on us as did to Saint Photini. *Lord Jesus, I come to You like the woman at the well, tired and longing for something more. I confess the areas in my life that are dry and thirsty. You know my story, my mistakes, and my hidden hurts, yet You still invite me to drink. Give me, I pray, that living water which quenches my deepest longings and satisfies my soul. Wash away my fear, anxiety, and shame. Let Your grace become a wellspring within me, bringing healing, peace, and eternal life. Thank You for meeting me here, just as I am. Transform me, as You did her, so I may joyfully share Your love with others. Amen.*



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Lent 2026 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

*Mondays at SP's at 7pm and
Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm*

Extra Times for the Sacrament of Confession:

*During Weekday Exposition as usual and
before Stations at SP's on Mondays from 6:30pm and
during Exposition on Saturday afternoons at SJ's from 5:30pm, and...*

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *Weekday Exposition as
usual and Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm*

Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 25th March 7pm at Holy Family Church Freckleton

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Please pray for Catechumens Rhys and Liam, and Candidates Janos, Csanad, Alan and James as they make their final preparations to be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter.

2026 Lenten Challenge: This year I'm raising money to send them to a school in Malawi, run by the community. It costs just £300 for a child's education, board and lodging for a whole year, and it would be great to send as many children to build up the school as we can. **To this end I will be making 1000 Origami Paper Cranes – an international symbol of hope and peace.** If you would like to help us, please see the poster in the Church and Schools, use the QR code to gift if possible, or pass on enveloped donations at the back of Church. **And also check out the Paper Cranes made by the children at SJ's and SP's.** Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

🍀🍀🍀 St Patricks Day Celebration 🍀🍀🍀

Quiz, Food, bar and Singalong with the Ukelele Orchestra

🍀🍀 SJs Hall at 7pm on Saturday 14th March 🍀🍀

🍀 Adults £7 and Children £3 🍀

Tickets available after Mass or message Susan on 07712267971 !

First Holy Communion Course: we have now begun the course for our young people. Please pray for them as they gather each Monday evening to prepare this great step in the journey of faith.

Red Mission Boxes: The Spring collection from the boxes will take place in March. Please bring your box to church and leave in the sacristy (ensure your name is on the box). The boxes will be emptied and returned to the sacristy for your collection. If you would like a box please contact David Warwick 07541 914811.

Seminarians for the Diocese of Lancaster: This Autumn there will be 4 men beginning formation for priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster. They will join the propaedeutic year at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain. Please support them in your prayers: Alexander Kanaan, Ben O'Flynn, Dominic Standing, Paddie Denton. **We ask you to continue to pray for them and for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.**

A Week of Retreat and a School of Prayer. March 9-13 (7-8.30pm) plus day retreat (10am-3pm) on Saturday 14th March. If you feel you need help with prayer so did the first disciples. During this week in mid-lent we will introduce a variety of ways of praying each evening, and do the same again on Saturday. Come to any or all of the online evening meetings or the Saturday. The week is being led by members of the Jesuit Institute for anyone in Lancaster Diocese. The Diocese is covering the cost which makes it free. All the sessions are online. No need to register. To receive the zoom link, and a reminder that it's happening nearer the time, email Ursula, our Diocesan Spirituality Rep. uwalker@uwclub.net

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes This year the Lourdes Pilgrimage is 23rd – 30th July. Details are on the posters in the porch. There is also a Youth Pilgrimage at the same time. If anyone is interested booking forms are available at the back of Church.

Stations of the Cross Walk from St. Wilfred's Preston to Ladywell: Saturday 21st March. Setting off from St Wilfrid's, Preston at 9am, with Mass at 12:30pm On arrival at Ladywell, we will celebrate Mass together at 12.30pm. Transport back to St. Wilfrid's will be offered for walkers so it is vital that you sign up before hand so we can ensure there is enough transport. You can find all the details and sign up by following this link: <https://metanoiaoproject.churchsuite.com/events/x9vivawfr>

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COLLECTION COUNT: for February: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £407 Non Gift Aid £1108:04 SO £3696
St. Joseph's Care £172:30

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Michael Louis; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mary Billington, John Lord, Ann Mitchell, Andrew Walker, John Golightly and Peter Charles

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, 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, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. *(Still no Pringles for 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 Commnion 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. **Easter Cards now 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 14th/15th March

Readers Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett 9.15am Children

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

Sun 9.15am: M. Cookson and M Reid

9:15am Minister Catherine