

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C' 9th February 2025

“In the presence of the angels I praise you, Lord.”

Weekend 8th/9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 8 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Richard Sisson Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 9 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass May White

Monday 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For a dear Husband <i>followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
	6:30pm	St. Joseph's	Mass of Confirmation <i>led by Bishop Paul Rose & Philip Scott</i>
Tuesday 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Joan Green <i>preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 12 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Worsley
Thursday 13 th	12noon	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Mary Isobel Menzies
Friday 14 th	9am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Houghton Gledhill

Weekend 15th/16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 15 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Terry Thompson and Family
Sunday 16 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Joan and David Holt

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: Jesus calls us to be his followers and to offer his words of truth and love to all we meet. At each celebration of the Eucharist we renew our commitment to him.

First Reading *Isaiah 6:1-8* The prophet is called as God's messenger despite his unworthiness.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:1-11* Paul reminds his listeners of the truth of the Gospel he preaches.

Gospel *Luke 5:1-11* Jesus calls his disciples, and they leave everything to follow him.

Message from Father Peter: And so it is that after several weeks hard work, including the weekend which I reported in last weeks 'message' our twenty-seven candidates for confirmation will be receiving this great Sacrament. The Gift of Confirmation enables two things; the candidates receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit, completing their initiation into the Catholic faith which was begun years ago at the baptisms, and journeyed through their reception of the Eucharist, to this day; and the Sacrament also enables the candidates, instead of their Godparents and Parents as at their baptism, to make their own profession of faith. The Gifts of the Spirit, introduced to us by St. Paul, are outlined in the prayer which the Bishop will pray over all the candidates, '*Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence... the spirit of wonder and awe.*' What incredible gifts! But how many of those gifts can we honestly say we have used since the moment of our own Confirmations? As we congratulate our young people (and one Dad!) let us ourselves make a twofold promise; firstly to remind ourselves of the gifts of the Spirit that we have received and pledge to use them more often in the service of God and his Church, and secondly to do all we can to allow these gifts to grow and flourish in the young people of our Parishes. And may God, and His Holy Spirit bless us all, through his anointed Son, Amen. Incidentally, *a guy phoned last week and asked 'How much it is to rent a church music group?'. I said, 'do you mean a choir?'. He said, 'Alright, how much does it cost to acquire a church music group?' I'll get my coat...*

This Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of this Diocese of Lancaster. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 12.15 in the Cathedral (at which the choir from the Cathedral primary school will sing). He will also celebrate vespers at 6pm in the cathedral. All welcome to these celebrations. *Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Cuthbert, Pray for us.*



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Confirmation 2025: Please pray for our twenty-seven candidates who will make this important step in the faith journey, as **we welcome Bishop Paul this Monday evening at 6:30pm.** Huge thanks to our amazing catechists, and our wonderful candidates who have worked so hard over the past month.

Trinity Hospice: Our 2025 Appeal for Trinity has now been launched and we will be collecting after the weekend masses at both Churches, this weekend and next. A 'Just Giving' page has also been set up to accept donations – large or small – and this can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-10>. Taxpayers can add Gift Aid to their donation. (You **do not** have to make a contribution to 'Just Giving Admin' just opt to 'customise amount' and enter £0.00). If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

The Christmas Cribs have now been put away until next Advent. Many thanks to those who put them up, put them away, and kept them tidy throughout the season, and to everyone who works behind the scenes in our churches throughout the year.

Rome Intentions: In a couple of weeks' time I will be going to Rome on a mini (though jam packed) Pilgrimage, which will include entrance to St. Peter's through the Jubilee Holy Door, an audience with Pope Francis, as well as two Masses in St. Peter's. One of the masses I would like to say for all your intentions, so if you have any particular intentions to be included in that mass, drop them on a piece of paper in the envelope at the back of Church and I will include them, and you all, in my prayers.

Diocesan Pilgrimages for the Holy Year:

Lindisfarne 21-23 May 2025 with Bishop Paul. Accommodation at Ushaw College with visits to Lindisfarne, Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral. Full board and lodging: £310 for shared / £340 for single. If interested, please contact us via email: info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk for a booking form

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' 23rd – 30th July. Details and booking forms on the notice boards at the back of Church or at: www.joewalshstours.co.uk

Walsingham: 20-24 October 2025 £475.00-£550.00 (dependent on accommodation type). For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrcc.org.uk

Talking of Pilgrimages: there is a suggestion SJSP's might have a miniPilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer? Four nights 3rd-7th June, £650 sharing, £749 single. If interested mention it to FrP or DeaconD and we'll get some forms out soon. Cheers.



COLLECTION COUNT: for December: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £351.00 Non Gift Aid £1031.25 SO £3266.50
St. Joseph's Care £458:3805 Flowers: £5

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Sr. Mary Curtin, Mary Isobel Menzies and Houghton Gledhill, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Peter Davies, Barbara Gillett, Florence Ronson, Ron Wilson, Bridget Ashton and Mary O' Rourke

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill, 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, 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. (*With ketchup, always ketchup*)

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. 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.

Rotas for weekend 15th / 16th February

Readers

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston **Sun 9.15am:** Children

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: C Williams and M Taylor **Sun 9.15am:** M Skene and M Lehman