

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 8th /9th August 2026

“Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation”

Weekend 8th/9th August: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 8 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh
Sunday 9 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Sister Julian Breakell

Monday 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary Josephine Buckley <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass John Nolan <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 12 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Francis (Frankie) Spedding Hobbs
	2pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Robert James Tierney
Thursday 13 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Christina Garnett

Weekend 15th/16th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Harry Whitehead
Sunday 16 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Barbara Delaney
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

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: As Christians, in times of difficulty we find it natural to turn to God as a flower grows towards the light. Unafraid and empowered to share the message of the Gospel, we now turn in our Eucharist to our loving Father in faith.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Running for his life, the prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters the presence of God.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5 St Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 While they are afraid, caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to the apostles. He calms their fears, and brings them peace.

Message from Deacon Michael: On Monday of this week, we keep the feast of St Lawrence, a patron saint of deacons. Lawrence was born in AD 225, in Huesca, in the region of Spain later known as Aragon. He met the future Pope Sixtus II, in Caesaraugusta (Zaragoza) and they travelled together to Rome. When Sixtus became pope in AD 257 he ordained Lawrence as a deacon and later appointed him as Archdeacon of Rome. This was a position of great trust which included the care of the treasury and riches of the church and the distribution of alms to the poor. At the beginning of August AD 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict that all bishops, priests and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope Sixtus II was captured whilst saying Mass on 6th August and was executed. After the death of Sixtus, the prefect of Rome demanded that Lawrence hand over the riches of the church and St Ambrose of Milan relates that Lawrence asked for three days in which to gather together the wealth. In those three days he actually worked swiftly to distribute as much Church property as he could to the poor and needy. On the third day when ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church, he brought forward the poor, the crippled, the blind and the suffering and declared that 'these were the true treasures of the Church'. The prefect was so angry that he had a gridiron prepared with hot coals beneath it and had Lawrence placed on it to roast him to death. This cruel martyrdom of St Lawrence has been famously depicted by many artists over the centuries including Rubens, Titian and Veronese. *St Lawrence, deacon and model of charity, you dedicated your life to serving the poor and needy, recognising in each person the sacred presence of God. Inspire us to follow your example to see Christ in our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and to respond with a generous heart to the needs of those who suffer. May your example inspire us to be devoted disciples, ready to give of ourselves for the good of others, and to bear witness to the Gospel through our actions. St Lawrence, beloved of Heaven, we entrust our prayers and intentions to you. Amen.*



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Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes: Fr. Philip will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes in September and is willing to take any petitions to the Grotto. 1. Place your written petition in an envelope. 2. Seal the envelope. 3. On the front of the envelope write "Lourdes Petition". 4. Place it in the box in front of the Lady Altar at church. 5. Do NOT include any money. 6 Closing date Sunday 30th August. *Many thanks to Fr. Philip. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*



August Collection for School Stuff to help children. For the past three years each August we have had a box at the back of the Church for 'school stuff' which can be passed on to our schools for children and families that need a little help in the new school year, and it is always gratefully received. This year we'd ask especially for **Scientific Calculators, Geometry Sets and 'Filled' Pencil Cases**. All donations gratefully accepted, and boxes are at the back of Church. **Many thanks in anticipation.**

School Uniforms Needed During August: Fylde Food Bank in partnership with Lytham Rotary Club is collecting good quality, clean school uniforms for secondary and primary schools. There is a big box at the back of church for contributions. Thank you for your support.

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

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

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred from the Saturday 15th.

***Family Barbecue in the grounds of SJs.
12noon on the 6th September***

***£6 for adults, £3 for children. Music and Entertainment for all!
Tickets available after Masses***

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

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for July: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £2279:45 SO £3098
St. Joseph's Care £386:31 Burkina Faso £250

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Samantha Cornall-Saunders, Hilary Plum, and Robert James Tierney, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Sheila Burdett, Valerie Robinson, Joyce Clarke, Ann Teresa Keighley, Bobby Kelly, John Nolan, Robert Worthington, Steven Challiner and Elizabeth Flannagan.

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 Meskill, 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. *(Gets you out of any difficulties.)*

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 15th /16th August

Readers Sat 6pm: Stephanie Gilully Sun. 9.15am: Rosemary Page
Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: O & J Baker
Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly
9:15am Minister Jake