

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 'A' 9th/10th May 2026

“Cry out with joy to God, all the earth”

Weekend 9th/10th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 9 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Birthday Intentions Collette Cookson
Sunday 10 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass In Memory of Eric and Agnes Walsh

Monday 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Rory Quinn <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 12 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Pat Ormond <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 13 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Francesca Corrigan (Speedy recovery)

The Ascension of the Lord

	7pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Mr and Mrs Flint and Family
Thursday 14 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Kevin Murphy
	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Gwen and Bayne Spedding
	1pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Peter Joseph Newton

Weekend 16th/17th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 16 th	2pm	St. Joseph's	First Holy Communion Mass Deceased of O'Dea Family
	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 17 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Pat Kay
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan

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 make others aware of God's love by our words and our actions. The Holy Spirit is given to help us in this work of bringing Christ to others.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Philip proclaims the good news of Christ to the Samaritans. They accept the message with joy and are baptised.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18 Writing during persecution, Peter advises Christians to be able to explain their faith and to live blameless lives, but to be prepared to suffer.

Gospel John 14:15-21 Jesus promises that the Spirit will be sent on all who love him and that they will be united with him, who is one with his Father.

Message from Father Peter: As a child at St. Mary's School in Cleator I can remember singing a hymn which had the chorus, 'O Lady of Fatima hail! Bring Russia back home again. O pray for us, helps us today, the Hope of the Human Race'. Whilst I'm guessing we had no idea that Fatima was a place in Portugal where apparitions of the Blessed Virgin took place, I always remember being confused about bringing Russia home – where had it been? Anyway, this Wednesday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. On 13 May 1917, whilst guarding their families' sheep in the Cova da Iria, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. She brought a message of peace and reparation for sin, encouraging devotion to her Immaculate Heart. At one of her apparitions Mary asked that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart – which explains the chorus of the Hymn. Several Popes throughout the last century have carried out this wish of Our Lady, including Pope Francis who, during the ongoing War, consecrated both Russia and Ukraine to her intercession. Mary also encouraged the recitation of the Holy Rosary, especially for World Peace. Francisco died in 1919 and Jacinta in 1920, during the international Spanish flu pandemic. Lucia dos Santos became a nun and lived until 2005. The two who died young were beatified on 13 May 2000 by Pope John Paul II, and were canonised by Pope Francis on 13 May 2017, the hundredth anniversary of the first apparition. Today Fatima is beautiful site of Pilgrimage (I went there fifteen years ago or so), and Our Lady's messages (of which the above is the tip of the iceberg) are well worth delving in to. And sadly, her continued prayers for Peace are more necessary than ever. *O Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, Guide the leaders of nations to seek understanding and compassion, And inspire all people to embrace dialogue over discord. May your loving presence soften hearts hardened by conflict, And may your grace lead us toward reconciliation and unity. We entrust our prayers to you, That the light of your Son may shine upon all nations, And that peace may reign in every heart. Help us to be faithful witnesses of your message, Spreading love, compassion, and understanding wherever we go. Amen.*



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Sixth Sunday of Easter 9th – 10th May 2026
Thursday 14th is the Feast of the
Ascension, a HolyDay of Obligation.
Vigil Mass at SJs at 7pm on Wednesday,
Morning Mass at SPs at 9am and SJs
at 10am on Thursday.



In This Feast's Gospel, Luke 24:46-53, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what his death and resurrection have achieved, so that they can continue to serve him wherever they may be after his ascension.

*Please note that attendance at the Requiem Mass for Peter Joseph Newton at 1pm on this day **does** fulfil the HolyDay Obligation.*

*The school children will be in SP's on **Wednesday morning at 9am** to celebrate the Feast.*

First Holy Communion: The course continues in SJ's Hall next Monday at 6pm. **We look forward to our First Communion Mass next Saturday at 2pm May 16th, with the children leading Marian processions in each Church the following day.** All are welcome to come and join in the mass.

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

Safeguarding: It is important to ensure that any parishioners who are involved in any role within the Parish are covered by the Safeguarding process. If you are new to a role or are unsure whether you are covered or have any questions, there are opportunities to talk to our Safeguarding Representatives over the next couple of weeks at the back of Church. Many thanks for your co-operation!

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

Gathering for Catholic Doctors in Lancaster. An opportunity for Catholic doctors to meet and support each other in their faith, and in the vocation as doctors. There will be a light lunch in the Cathedral library followed by a talk on 'The Art of Dying Well' by Dr Amy Gadoud. Please email cathedral@lrcd.org.uk to confirm attendance.

Thinking of Becoming a Priest? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese exploring a vocation to priesthood.



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 Peter Joseph Newton and Sarah McNamara and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Frances Watson, Eileen Whalley, Robin Shepherd, Joseph Cocker, Monica Burns, Anetta Brown, Winifred Patterson and Phillip Eyre.

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 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 (Hynning), Alan Watkins, Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

NO COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(No pringles left. Oops. 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 16th / 17th May

Readers Sat 6pm: Richard Golding Sun.9.15am: The Children

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: M & D Ghee

Sun 9.15am: P Benning and M Herron

9:15am Minister Susan