

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th August 2025

“Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.”

Weekend 9th/10th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh
Sunday 10 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Michael and Anne Wormleighton Golden Wedding Anniversary
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

Monday 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Catherine King followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
Tuesday 12 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Vincent Lutas preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 13 th	9am	St Peter's	Mass Mary and Arthur Horton
Thursday 14 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass For a Successful Operation

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

	7pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Special Intentions
Friday 15 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Jennifer Rhodes
	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Harry Whitehead
	1:30pm	St. Peter's	Funeral Service for Christopher Shaw

Weekend 16th/17th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Patricia Mary Rawlings
Sunday 17 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass 100 th Birthday Remembrance of Joseph Zammit
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish; Joan and Ray's Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

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: God is faithful and God's mercies are new every morning. We meet in Christ's name to celebrate his faithfulness and to seek his help that we may remain faithful to him.

First Reading *Wisdom 18:6-9* Reflecting on the experience of the Exodus from Egypt, the writer describes how the ancient Israelites trusted in a faithful God.

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19* In this extract from a famous passage about faith, we hear how people in the past trusted God without always seeing God's promises finally fulfilled.

Gospel *Luke 12:32-48* Jesus encourages his disciples always to be ready for his call or his return.

Message from Father Peter: August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And fittingly in the middle of the month, this coming Friday, we celebrate the lovely Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. One of my favourite Marian Devotions, which was introduced to me by a Parishioner from my old stamping ground of St. Bernadette's a few years ago, during a particular trying time, was 'Our Lady, Untier of Knots'. As long ago as the second century the great St. Irenaeus told us that, 'the knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary', but it wasn't until the eighteenth century, in Germany that the first well known painting of Mary Untier of Knots was created, in response to a German couple who had asked Our Lady to untie the difficulties and knots in their marriage. They brought a knotted ribbon from their wedding and placed it on Our Lady's Altar - which was miraculously untied, as a symbol of their prayers being answered. In the second half of the last century this devotion spread, with the first chapel named as such in Austria in 1989, following the disaster at Chernobyl of April 1986; the devotion was popular in Argentina, and was perhaps brought to greater world wide conscious with Pope Francis who, as a Cardinal distributed pictures of the Icon, and had this image of Mary engraved on a Chalice which he presented to Pope Benedict – and he himself received a similar chalice from the people of Argentina when he became Pope. The lovely image and devotion just reminds us that through the intercession of Mary, through the unique closeness she shares with her son Jesus, any difficulties, any 'knots' in our lives, can be unravelled and solved – just as she asked her Son to solve the problem of the lack of wine at a wedding in Cana. I was able to buy a little statue of the image when I was in Lourdes earlier this year, which seemed fitting after knotting lots of crosses during Lent, and I've put an image of the devotion on the Lady Altar of each Church. There's a whole Novena to the devotion, and here is an excerpt of Pope Francis' Prayer: *Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the days of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will. Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord. Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.*



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This Friday 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a HolyDay of Obligation.

Masses are at St. Joseph's Thursday 7pm Vigil,
St. Peter's Friday 9am, St. Joseph's Friday 10am

Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's

Tuesday 19th August: Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction: St. Joseph's at 6:30pm

Large Print newsletters and missalettes are available.

School Stuff: Once again I am making my August Appeal to you for stationery items - pens, pencils, pencil cases, school bags whatever, for those children who might need a little help with their supplies for the new school year. **I'd also add this a plea for 'scientific calculators' 'and geometry kits' for a Catholic Secondary School I am in contact with, who would greatly appreciate them.** There is a box at the back of Church, and please be assured that all donations will go to those most in need. Many thanks in anticipation. (I'll be blessing backpacks for the New Year on Sunday 7th).

Burkina Faso: our annual appeal is now open and envelopes for donations are available at the back of church which can be returned via the offertory collection. The appeal will remain open until 7 September. *E. Gillett*

Please pray for those whom Requiems and Funeral Services we will be celebrating over the next few weeks; Funeral Service for Christopher Shaw at 1:30pm on Friday 15th August at 1:30pm in St. Peter's.

Deanery Mass

**for the Centenary for the Diocese,
Saturday 27th September at 11am
at St. Joseph's, Ansdell,**

for all the Parishes of the Kirkham Deanery,

Celebrated by Bishop Paul.

Followed by a picnic in the grounds,
with Refreshments available from the Hall.

SJSP Back to Skool Nite!

With A Quiz, a School Dinner, a Bar,
and some Assembly Bangers for us all to sing.
Saturday 13th Sep. 7:30pm in SJ's Hall
Tickets on sale £6 adults, £4 children.



COLLECTION COUNT: for June: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £3899.20 **Non Gift Aid** £2461.30 **SO** £3720.50
St. Joseph's Care £505.07 **Specials Gift Aid** £155.91

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Christopher Shaw and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Valerie Robinson, Joyce Clarke, Ann Teresa Keighley, 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, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, 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 (*No onions? 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. 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: Back at the beginning of September, every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 16th/ 17th August

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul **Sun 9.15am:** W and E Doyle