

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Baptism of the Lord 'A' 10th/11th January

"The Lord will bless his people with peace"

Weekend 10th/11th January: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 10th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass The People of the Parishes

Sunday 11th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Mrs Howard

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Elizabeth Whelan Cantoni

Monday 12th 9am St. Peter's No Mass today

Tuesday 13th 10am St. Joseph's No Mass today

Wednesday 14th 9am St. Peter's Mass Frank and Darren Holland

Thursday 15th 10am St. Joseph's Mass In Thanksgiving for Special Lourdes Friends

Weekend 17th/18th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 17th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass The People of the Parishes

Sunday 18th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Birthday Remembrance Samantha Rawstron

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Dennis O'Brien

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

This Sunday's Readings: We have recently celebrated the great feasts of Christmas and the Epiphany, both related to the childhood of Jesus. Today we celebrate the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus. He is ready to undertake his mission to the world.

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7* This prophetic passage, concerning the life and work of Jesus, offers insight into the depth and breadth of God's love for human society, particularly for those who are poor and oppressed.

commitment to do good after being baptised and then anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17* Jesus is baptised by John. The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove and a voice is heard from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him."

Message from Father Peter: There were a few raised eyebrows in our Churches – and Sacristies for that matter – over the Epiphany, when I made the traditional 'Noveritis 2026'. This is the announcement of the date of Easter and the Movable Feasts for the present liturgical year. As you know the date of Easter changes every year, being the First Sunday after the First Full Moon after the Spring Equinox, which means that other dates are affected accordingly. In the days when people had no easy access to a liturgical calendar, and couldn't just Google or ask Alexa, the proclamation was made after the Gospel on the Feast of the Epiphany. The tradition fell into disuse in the last century as it was considered unnecessary but has been slowly brought back, as it reminds us of the Universal nature of the Church, proclaiming to the whole world the dates the whole Church will be gathering for its most important Feasts. It also reminds us that everything in the calendar – and hopefully our lives – revolves around the Resurrection of Jesus. It's called the 'Noveritis' after the opening words 'We announce', and it even has a tune for it to be sung (if I don't have this cough next year I might sing it). This year's text was as follows: *Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts: Know, dear brethren that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the fourteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the feast of Pentecost. On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.* Incidentally, did you hear about the guy who was arrested for stealing a calendar? He got twelve months. I'll get my coat... and my diary...



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Continued Personal Thanks from Father Peter for all the kind Cards, Gifts, and Offerings over the Christmas season. Mass will be said in thanksgiving for all your intentions. God bless you. **And Feline Thanks** from Tobias, the Presbytery Cat, for all the kind treats and toys received over the Christmas season.



SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm.** Please pray for the Candidates who have registered for the course as they make this important step on their faith journey.

The Lenten Houses. In his Christmas message Fr. Steven Jerry Ochieng, MCSA of the Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle wrote: *Signs of God's Providence* *This year has brought other remarkable blessings too. Four houses for our brothers and sisters living with albinism now stand completed with three built with the help of Christians from St Joseph in Ansdell, St Peters in Lytham and St. Bernadette's in Bispham in England, offering not just shelter but dignity, safety, and a tangible sign that they are valued members of our community. Each house represents a family no longer living in fear, children who can play freely, and parents who can rest peacefully. Many blessings to everyone who supported last year's amazing Lenten project.*

Next Saturday! Grab your ticket for the...

SJSP Late Late Christmas Party
Saturday 17th January at 7pm,
with a Jolly Quiz, Food and Song!
Tickets available after Masses.

This Tuesday the 13th is the Memorial of St. Kentigern, or Mungo as he is also known. He was a missionary in Strathclyde and eventually became their bishop. He had to leave due to persecution and then preached in north-west England and Wales. He returned to Scotland later and died in 603. He is buried in Glasgow, and is Patron Saint of the City, and one of the secondary Patrons of Scotland.

This Saturday 17th is the Memorial of Anthony who was born near Memphis in Upper Egypt in 251. Before he was twenty he inherited a large estate when his parents died. He was impressed with the Christian message to 'go sell what you have and give to the poor'. He did just that – putting his sister in a Convent - and spent the rest of his life as a hermit in various parts of Egypt. He founded a number of monasteries. At one stage he was asked by the bishops to preach against the Arians, who did not believe in the divinity of Christ (I mentioned this in my Christmas Sermon – Mary 'kissed the face of God' showing belief in the divinity of Jesus). All were very impressed by his character and words. He was over a hundred when he died.

COLLECTION COUNT: for December: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £454 Non Gift Aid £1638:39 SO £3193
St. Joseph's Care £335:27

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Ann Hayes and Sue Brockbank, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Agnes Snape, Terence Burke, Alan Bealey, Cliff Walsh, Richard Beesley, Frances O'Connor, Alan Turner, Sr. Ann O'Connor, Annie Vine, Vincent Conti, Elizabeth Meyler, Anne Finnegan, Margaret Mary Pinder, John Cookson, Michael Cookson, Harold Cross and Tony Waters

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, 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, 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. (*New Years Diet starting on Monday. Next Monday... 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. 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 17th/18th January.

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett 9.15am Children

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm M & D Ghee Sun 9.15am: P Benning and M Herron

9:15am Minister Catherine