

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Fourth Sunday of Eastertide C 11th May 2025

“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”

Weekend 10th/11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 10 th	2pm	St. Peter's	Mass of First Holy Communion
	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Vernon and Mary Eccles
Sunday 11 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Anniversary of Andrew Towler

Monday 12 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary Josephine Buckley followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
Tuesday 13 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Elizabeth Godden preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
	2pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Elizabeth Teasdale
Wednesday 14 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary and Arthur Horton and Kathleen Horton
	12:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for James Quinn
	2pm	St. Joseph's	Wedding Service for Ewa and Peter
Thursday 15 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass For Mary

Weekend 17th/18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 17 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Joan Woodcock
Sunday 18 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the Souls of Members of the Burke Family
	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: 4th Sunday of Easter Placed before us today is the image of Jesus as a shepherd. He and the Father know their sheep and love them too much ever to lose them. This is also a day when we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life.

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rejected and abused by Jews who had assembled to hear them in Antioch, Paul and Barnabas begin preaching to the pagans, who “thanked the Lord for his message”.

Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17 The fruits of the mission to the peoples are clear, with people from every nation, race, tribe and language standing before the Lamb of God who promises to “wipe away all tears from their eyes”.

Gospel John 10:27-30 Jesus reveals his divinity and promises eternal life to all who believe in him.

Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster UK Upon the election of Pope Leo XIV. May 8th 2025. Together with the Universal Church, and with all people of good will, the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster in the UK welcomes and commends to the grace of Almighty God Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St Peter. Pope Leo comes to this universal ministry after many years of professed and ordained life as deacon priest and as a bishop, as a religious, and as a teacher. As with his predecessors we hold the Holy Father in our prayers and take courage already from the words of his inaugural address with its call for peace across humanity. The times we live in cry out for a fundamentally different approach to serve the world order, one led by Christ. I ask you to do all you can in your parishes and homes to ensure that our loyalty to the Holy Father is Gospel led, not media led. May we also rejoice in learning that, as Father General of the Order of Saint Augustine, Father Prevost was present in our Cathedral of Saint Peter for the Episcopal Ordination of my predecessor, Bishop Michael Campbell OSA on 31st March 2008. Mary the Mother of God. Pray for him. St Peter. Pray for him. St John Paul II. Pray for him, Pope Saint Leo the Great, pray for him.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:

Congratulations to our twenty candidates who this weekend on Saturday afternoon at SP's received the Blessed Sacrament for the First Time. We bless them and their families at this special time. We will celebrate with them at each church this morning. And huge thanks to our wonderful catechetical team. May God bless them for their ministry.

Pastoral Letter: this weekend we have Bishop's Letter for Good Shepherd Sunday. Copies are available at the back of Church.

Deanery Service of Vespers for the New Pope:

Wednesday 21st May at St. Joseph's at 7pm
All Welcome.

Please pray for those whom Requiems we will be celebrating over the next few weeks: Frances Julie Watson at SPs on Wednesday 21st at 2:30pm and Pat Kay on Thursday 29th of May at 12noon. *Requiescat in pace.*

Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: Dear friends at St Joseph's, St Peter's and St Bernadette's, After our visit to you in February, when we came to thank you for raising the money for three fishing boats, I was amazed to hear that Fr Peter had set a new Lenten challenge to raise £3000 to build a house for an albino family here in Malawi. I was also very touched as the need only came up in a conversation over a coffee! On Easter Sunday I received a video of Fr Peter announcing at Mass that you had donated over £8K and likely to reach £9K – enough for three houses! I was speechless and it took me a few minutes for it to register. The news came when I was with colleagues and we celebrated your generosity, fellowship and compassion. Three very vulnerable families in bad situations are going to benefit immensely from your kindness – I cannot tell you how grateful we are. I will write again with an update and pictures of the houses being constructed. In the meantime, I pray for you all and for your wonderful charity and I look forward to seeing you all again next year when we come to stay with our friends. Love and prayers, *Fr Steven, Missionary Community of St Paul the Apostle. (MCSPA)*

Edwina Gillett: Papal Award for Services to the Diocese: At the 12:15 pm Mass on Saturday 31 May I am to receive the Bene Merenti from Bishop Paul in the Cathedral, Lancaster. This will be followed by a reception at Lancaster Golf Club. Unfortunately, because numbers at the reception are restricted, I haven't been able to invite everyone to the celebration but I have tried to invite a cross section of people from across our two parishes to participate in the day. However, everyone is welcome at the Cathedral should you wish to come along, you will be very welcome. On the following day, **Sunday 1 June, we will have a Deanery celebration in St Joseph's** to which everyone is invited. It will take the form of **Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4pm** followed by a sherry reception in the Presbytery. *E. Gillett.*



*The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want*

COLLECTION COUNT: for April: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £572.92 Non Gift Aid £1940.92 SO £2928.50
St. Joseph's Care £574.17 Cafod £1499.97 Easter flowers £25
Specials Gift Aid £82.34 Non Gift Aid £70.30 Bell ropes £610

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Pat Kay, Clare Tattersall, James Quinn, Elizabeth Teasdale, Sister Filumena, and Frances Julie Watson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Robin shepherd, Joseph Cocker, Monica Burns, Anetta Brown, Don Darwell, Winifred Patterson, Phillip Eyre, Wyn Jenkinson and Patrick Joseph Scott

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 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, 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 (*I am so over chocolate cereal. 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 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. **First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts now 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 17th /18th May
Readers Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd

Sun 9.15am: Children

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle