

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### The Feast of Baptism of The Lord 'C' 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

“Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!”

#### Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 'C'

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Richard Smith
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass For a Dear Brother

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 9am St. Peter's Mass Richard and William Brockbank *no exposition and confessions this week*  
11:15am St. Peter's Funeral Service for Alan Blealey

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Joseph's Mass Samantha Rawstron Birthday Remembrance *preceded by Exposition till 9:55am*

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am St. Peter's Mass Emily and Harry Illingworth

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Joseph's Mass Frances Warwick

#### Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Michael Cookson
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Deceased of O'Dea Family

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

**Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's**

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

**This Sunday's Readings:** The identity of Jesus is made abundantly clear at the River Jordan. It is precisely because Jesus is the beloved Son of God that we gather in worship today.

**First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*** Isaiah's prophecy makes it clear what the Lord expects of his servant.

**Second Reading *Acts 10:34-38*** Peter discovers the truth that God has no favourites.

**Gospel *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*** The crowds who were beginning to think that John was the Christ are left in no doubt about Jesus' identity as the beloved Son.

**Message from Father Peter:** Every first Monday of the Month we now have Vespers in one of our Churches on our timetable, and it's wonderful to see a lovely group of people each month celebrating the psalms together and adoring the Blessed Sacrament in Benediction. Each month we use the official Church dedication of the month for our theme, and January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Angel Gabriel told Mary at the Annunciation that 'You must name him Jesus', which means 'God is with us', and St. Paul described the name of Jesus as 'the name above all names', with the Acts of the Apostles recording that the first miracles of the early Church were made 'in the name of Jesus'. But an actual devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus actually only began in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, and was spread in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century when the Cistercian Monk, St. Bernadine of Siena in Italy, encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus to bring peace to families, towns and states, and for people to make this a very public declaration by putting on the door posts the first three Greek letters of Jesus; name, 'IHS'. January 3<sup>rd</sup> is actually the memorial of 'the Holy name of Jesus'. This is a 19<sup>th</sup> century prayer in reparation for blasphemous use Jesus' name. *May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen.*

**This Week's Liturgical Calendar:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: St. Kentigern, a sixth century Saint, the founder and Patron of Glasgow, and Patron Saint of those accused of Infidelity, and those who are being bullied; Friday 17<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony of Egypt, a third century hermit, who is Patron Saint of those afflicted with skin diseases (not to be confused with St. Anthony of Padua who is the Patron saint of lost things).



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## *The Baptism of the Lord 12<sup>th</sup> Jan*

**A Prayer of thanksgiving for our Baptism:** *We thank You, Lord God, that You have blessed us with this powerful, precious gift. We ask for Your gracious help, that You would strengthen and confirm the faith You have granted, and we have expressed in our baptism. Help us to renew ourselves to a full-scale demonstration of the new life you have accomplished for us in Christ and applied to us by the Holy Spirit. Nurture a true unity among us because of the common baptism we share. Amen.*

**School Mass:** at Monday Morning's 9am Mass at St. Peter's we welcome the whole of St. Peter's school as they join together for a Mass to celebrate the New calendar year.

**Confirmation 2025:** Bishop Paul will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **The course starts this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for those who have registered in SJ's Hall at 6pm.** Please pray for all our candidates as they make this important step in their journey of faith, as well as the indefatigable team of Parish catechists.

## **SJSP's**

# **Late Late Christmas Party**

**Games and Songs and Food and entertainment!**

Everyone welcome for a lovely evening!

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7pm in SJ's Hall:**

**Tickets after Masses this week!**

**Year of Jubilee 2025.** As Bishop Paul explained in last week's Pastoral Letter Pope Francis has begun a Year of Jubilee for 2025 by opening the Holy Doors in St Peter's Basilica and in the Arch-Basilica of St John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. These Jubilee Years have been announced by popes every twenty five years since 1300 AD and the theme of this Jubilee is hope. Pope Francis has published a Bull of Indiction – an official document to proclaim the Jubilee. It is entitled *Spes Non Confundit* 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rom 5:5). You can download a pdf of the document, in which the pope speaks about the themes of the Jubilee at:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.pdf](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.pdf)

**Crib Offerings:** Bishop Paul has asked that Collections this year be sent to help support the Catholic Christians in the Gaza Strip during this time of terrible conflict and suffering. Bishop Paul asks that we keep this collection open until the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, 2nd February.



Reform your lives!  
The reign of God  
is at hand.

**COLLECTION COUNT:** for December: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £351.00 Non Gift Aid £1031:25 SO £3266.50  
St. Joseph's Care £458:3805 Flowers: £5

**Please pray for all who have died recently,** especially Paula Brady, Margaret Ann Smith, Helena McClurg and Alan Bealey, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Agnes Snape, Terence Burke, Cliff Walsh, 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, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill, 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 Petravičiute, 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.

**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:** every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

### **Rotas for weekend 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Readers**

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden 9.15am Children

#### **Meet and Greet**

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle