

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Second Sunday of Easter 'A' 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

“Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever”

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April: Second Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Cathy Gaughan
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Kenneth and Margaret Hammond
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Eileen Illingworth 90 <sup>th</sup> B'day intentions followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Beryl Winifred Hudson
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Judith Cross
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Mary, Arthur and Kathleen Horton

Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Pat Ormond
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Charles O'Neill
	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**

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

**This Sunday's Readings:** The Church proclaims the Easter story for the whole world to hear. We witness to that story by the love of Christian community.

**First Reading Acts 2:42-47** The ideal of life is put before us in the example of the first Christians.

**Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9** Peter emphasises the sure hope on which our lives are founded, the risen Lord.

**Gospel John 20:19-31** The crescendo of John's Gospel - the gift of peace and the resurrection of the body.

**Message from Father Peter: So, what happened next?** The Gospels record the events of the resurrection of Jesus, and his Ascension into heaven forty days later. What happens next is outlined in the sequel to St. Luke's Gospel, which he wrote as an ordered account of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth (his own description), the **Acts of the Apostles**. This great book, which we will be reading on weekdays and Sundays throughout Eastertide tells the wonderful, and exciting and exhilarating, story of the Early Church. We begin with the Apostles lost and confused in the Upper Room where they celebrated the Last Supper, with our Blessed Mother Mary amongst them. Chapter two outlines the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day after Easter) after which the Apostles go out and preach a brand-new message – that of Christ Crucified and Risen, and baptise thousands of people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. From the Church being founded in the Jerusalem we see the Church becoming truly Catholic, meaning Universal, as the Apostles scatter around the world, with St. Peter centering the Church of Christ in the City of Rome. We hear of the first Council of the Church in Jerusalem, especially focusing on which traditions of Judaism are taken forward into Christianity. And we follow the journey of St. Paul, whom we first meet as Saul, approving of the killing of the first Martyr, St. Stephen, before being blinded with the light of Christ on the road to Damascus, and becoming one of the fiercest defenders of the faith. We meet so many amazing characters, such as Lydia, who works in the Purple Dye Trade, and an Ethiopian Eunuch, who receives catechesis from St. Philip in his Chariot, and is invoked when we bless cars and other modes of transports. It's one of the most exciting and readable books in the whole of the Scriptures, and we are blessed to have this wonderful, Spirit inspired document to help us celebrate and wonder at our continuation of this very same story in our Church in this day and age. As we look forward to reading and hearing this great book, let us pray: *Father, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, so that as we read and listen to your eternal Word, your Word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God, preaching the Word of God, and living the Word of God, that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen.* Incidentally, *What kind of car did the Apostles drive? A Honda. Because in the Acts of the Apostles, it says they were all in one Accord.* I'll get my coat. And my New Testament.



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## Second Sunday of Easter 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*Huge continued Eastertide thanks* to everyone involved with the wonderful services we have celebrated over Lent and Easter: our friends and deacons, Michael and David, the altar servers and sacristy organisers, the readers and ministers and organizers; the choirs and instrumentalists; the flower people; the welcomers; the collectors; the children's and sacramental catechists, teachers and parents; not forgetting our extra special children themselves who help the future of our parishes to shine brightly; the refreshment makers and social organisers; our Church Cleaners and those who prepared the Churches; and all those who keep the Parishes, the Churches, the House and grounds running; personal thanks to the people who do support me in my ministry here; and everyone (*including those I haven't mentioned... forgive me!*) who comes along throughout the year, every day and every Sunday, to ensure that the *light of Christ is burning brightly at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's throughout the year. A very Happy Eastertide to you all!*

**2026 Lenten Challenge:** as announced last week, the total donated by SJSP from envelopes, from the Just Giving page, together with amazing contributions from our own St. Peter's school where all the children did a sponsored walk raising nearly £1500, along with a contribution of £600 from the St. Bede's Mission Week, the staggering total (whilst still awaiting further donations from the other junior schools in the area) is **£12,832** That is truly so much more than I could ever have imagined! Continued thanks for your great support which is enabling to change the lives of so many children. There will be information from Malawi when we receive news from how they are working God's mission with our support. **Many blessings.**

**First Holy Communion:** the course resumes in SJ's Hall this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We look forward to our First Communion Mass on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with the Diocese: leaflets and forms at the back of Church. **Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026:** the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy." The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email [charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk)

**Feast of Divine Mercy: Today Sunday 12th April 2026** Our Lady of the Assumption Church Blackpool, Blackpool. Begins at 2.30pm Blessing and Veneration of Image 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions.

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## Family Bingo in SP's Hall



**Sat. 18th April 7pm for a 7.30pm start.**  
**Proceeds from the evening will go towards the general upkeep of our lovely Saltcotes Chapel.**

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**COLLECTION COUNT:** for March: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £387 Non Gift Aid £1375:62 SO £3183  
St. Joseph's Care £232:20

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Beryl Hudson and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Leopoldine Gauster, Tony Willis, Freda Barlow, Edmund Conroy, John James Killingbeck, Mary Harris, sheila Wigmore, Marie Morrison, Kathleen Winters and Sr. Filumena.

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!

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Did any one ever die from a surfeit of Pringle?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 Commnion 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. **Easter Cards 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. All welcome. **Thursday at 10:30am** in Church.

**Rotas for weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Readers** Sat 6pm: Anna Murgatroyd Sun.9.15am: Children  
**Meet and Greet** Sat 6pm :M & D Ghee  
Sun 9.15am: T Cookson & M Golightly  
**9:15am Minister** Nikola