

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 12th/13th September 2026

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy”

Weekend 12th/13th September: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 12 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the Soul of Patricia Earnshaw
Sunday 13 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass In Memory of Mark William Pollard

Monday 14 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass In Loving Memory of Mary Chesworth followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	1pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Haydn Wood
Tuesday 15 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday 16 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Joe Ainsworth
Thursday 17 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass John Szulc

Weekend 19th/20th September: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 19 th	1pm	St. Peter's	Wedding Service for Harry and Alice
	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Bernhard Joslowski
Sunday 20 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Ron Rawstron Birthday Remembrance
	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: We come together to celebrate the God who loves and forgives us all. As a community of faith we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7 We are warned of the dangers of resentment and lack of forgiveness, while being reminded of the commandments and of God's mercy towards us.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9 No one lives for themselves, and Christians live for the Lord. The risen Christ is Lord of both the living and of the dead.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus' parable of the cancelled debt tells us that, as we have been forgiven, so we should forgive.

Message from Father Peter: A couple of weeks ago I was sent what looked like a piece of Medieval Plainchant music, with what I presumed was a text in Latin that I didn't know. The Latin went: *Iolene, Iolene, Iolene, Te oro, quaeso, ne virum abripias. Iolene, Iolene, Iolene, Iolene, ne aufer, quia sola id potes facere. Pulchritudo tua est sine pare, Flammis similis capilli rufi, Ebur cutis est, et verides oculos habes. Risus tuus est veris halitus, Vox mollis ut aestiva pluvial, Nex possum tecum, Iolene contendere*, and so on. For those whose Latin is not what it might be, you might work it out if I tell you that the plainchant was marked for the feast of 'Dolliae de Tennesia' – Dolly of Tennessee. It's actually the lyrics of the Dolly Parton song 'Jolene' which somebody transformed into Gregorian chant! It got me thinking that there might be one of two other Latin phrases which might be useful if we are ever in the upper echelons of the Vatican, or transported back to AD 26, such as: *Ad eundum quo nemo ante iit* which translates as 'To boldly go where no man has gone before' for Star Trek fans, or for Star Wars fans: *Sit vis nobiscum*, 'May the force be with you'. If you are chit chatting with a Roman you might ask, *Vidistine nuper imagines moventes bonas?* which is 'Seen any good movies lately?' And if you are into tongue twisters, how about, 'How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?' *Quantum materiae materietur marmota monax si marmota monax materiam possit materiari?* If you can't understand what a Roman is saying, you can apologise by saying, *Te audire non possum. Musa sapientum fixa est in aure* or 'I can't hear you. I have a banana in my ear.' And, to conclude, after a good trip there is always the classic: *Veni, vidi, vici*. I came, I saw, I conquered.



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Blessing of BackPacks for the New School Year, This Sunday 13th at all Masses.

All welcome to have their school stuff,
stationery, pencil cases, sports kits or whatever,
blessed for the New Academic Year.

Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's This Tuesday 15th September: Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction: St. Peter's at 6:30pm

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. Huge thanks for everything that was brought in for the collection most of which has now been distributed to our schools. Check out the noticeboards for a picture of all the stuff laid out – we could have opened a stationary shop!

Red Mission Boxes. The Autumn collection from the boxes will take place during September. Please bring your box to church and leave it in the sacristy. The boxes will be returned to the sacristy for collection after emptying.

The Food Bank: Contributions are most welcome, and still most necessary. Please bring stuff to Masses or the Presbytery any time.

Mass for Healthcare Workers: All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our Bishop on Saturday 17th October at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral, with a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

Burkina Faso: Our annual appeal is now closed and we will let you have a final total by the end of September. Many thanks for your continued support of the Bernardine Community in Burkina Faso. *E. Gillett*

**Preston Concert Band at St. Peter's
on Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm**
*Tickets are now on sale after mass for an evening of
entertaining music and fun accompanied by a glass of
prosecco. £10 per ticket.*

SJSP Race Night!
*An evening of fun and games and racing
Saturday 3rd October in SJ's Hall at 7pm*
Tickets £6 adults £3 children available after Masses
Food Provided, BYO Drink!

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes
Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November
Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's after 10:30am Mass
SJSP Magical Musical Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for August: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £1427:39 SO £3148
St. Joseph's Care £139:96 Burkina Faso £55

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Haydn Wood, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Craig, Sheila Noon Basil Karam, Marie Gillett and Joan Hulse.

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 Gleeson, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Joan McCombe, Zoe Mc Laughlin, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviute, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*No left over burgers from the BBQ though.*)

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. **Children's Prayer Books 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 10L30am On Wednesday's in SJ's Hall.

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 19th /20th September
Readers Sat 6pm: Sun Richard Golding 9.15am: Rosemary Page
Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: C. Williams and M Taylor
Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid
9:15am Minister Wanda