

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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## Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**“Never forget the deeds of the Lord”**

### Weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> The Exaltation of the Cross

	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Jasna Dajic
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Kathryn Pope
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Deceased of the Worsley Family <i>followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass 90th B'day Ints. of Patricia McHale <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary Chesworth
	11am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service for Barbara Sanderson
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass of the Diocesan School's Icon Deceased of Kruszynski Family

### Weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Cathleen Sanders
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Helen and Victor Hayes

### 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: 14 September Exaltation or Triumph of the Cross** There have been many examples of the power of the Cross down through the ages. Many battles were won under its protection. It is most important for our spiritual battles with the powers of evil.

**First Reading: Nb 21:4-9** The scene from the Book of Numbers prefigures the death of Jesus on the cross. Just as the Israelites were freed from the poison of the serpents by looking at the standard with the bronze serpent stuck on it, so would we be saved from the poison of evil by trusting in Jesus on the cross.

**Second Reading: Ph 2:6-11** This is one of the greatest and most moving passages in all St Paul's writings. Jesus was by very nature, God; by right he was equal to God. Yet he emptied himself, he poured himself out completely in sacrifice for us. He took the form of a slave - he became one of us. He humbled himself, he became obedient to death even to death on a cross. As a result he has been given a name above all names. Jesus is Lord and everyone should bend their knees and proclaim the glory of God.

**Gospel: Jn 3:13-17** In the gospel, Jesus speaks of this scene to Nicodemus. It prefigures what is going to happen to him.

**Message from Father Peter:** If you peruse the Arts pages of the newspapers (or the Arts pages of the Newspapers on the Internet, as I do), you'll know there has been a new production of 'Evita' at the Palladium in London (which a parishioner at SP's attended last week - huge thanks for the mug to add to my collection!). The 'Opera' (as it calls itself) begins with a setting of the Salve Regina (sung at the Requiem of Eva Peron), otherwise known in English as the 'Hail, Holy Queen', one of the four Marian Hymns which we sing at the end of Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church - we also traditionally recite it towards the end of the Rosary. The Prayer was composed during the Middle Ages and spread throughout Europe via various Monasteries and religious communities, and by the nineteenth century was a common prayer of the Church. The Prayer addresses Mary as a model of humanity, to whom we can identify, as 'children of Eve', and acknowledges that while there are difficulties and sorrows in this world, bringing forth tears and sighs - our own and those of others for whom we pray - we ask Mary to lead us in our fallen humanity to the fruit of her womb, Jesus our Saviour. The Month of September is traditionally dedicated to Mary, Mother of Sorrows, and with so many sorrows in this world, not least the anti-Catholic attack on children at Mass just two weeks ago, the prayer is more appropriate - and perhaps more necessary - than ever. *Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.*



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's

**This Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:**

**Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction:**

St. Peter's at 6:30pm

## Mass of the Schools' Centenary Icon

With school representatives from our Fylde School Community

This Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at St. Joseph's

## Deanery Mass

**for the Centenary of the Diocese,**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**

**at St. Joseph's, Ansdell,**

for all the Parishes of the Kirkham Deanery,

**Celebrated by Bishop Paul.**

Followed by a picnic in the grounds,

with Refreshments available from the Hall.

**Lancaster Cathedral Mass for the Centenary of the Diocese Sat 18th October at 11.30am.** Each church has been allocated 2 tickets. If you would like to go please sign up, **in pairs**, on the sheet at the back of each Church. If necessary I will draw names out of a biretta

**Burkina Faso:** Please return any last envelopes envelope via the offertory collection next weekend. A final total will be available by the end of September. *E. Gillett*

**Red Mission Boxes:** The Autumn collection from the boxes commences this week. Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the sacristy [make sure your name is on the box] The boxes will be returned to the sacristy after emptying. If you would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914811

**The Church Grounds:** Fr. Peter has asked me to organise a group of willing volunteers to take care of the planted borders at St. Joseph's. The lawns and hedging are looked after privately. If you are willing and able to help out for an hour or two each month - probably less over winter after an initial tidy up, then please email me at [pat52benning@gmail.com](mailto:pat52benning@gmail.com) As ever, the more people who can commit, the less onerous the workload. Once I have names and mobile numbers, I'll organise a get together. We have a beautiful church, let's keep the gardens beautiful too. Thank you in anticipation. *Pat. (And thanks from FrP., too)*

**Thinking of Becoming a Priest?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge.

**Churches Together in St. Annes:** What Can we do About Homelessness. Speaker: Pastor Pete Cunningham, author of 'Gods Messenger Boy: a Story of faith in Action for the Homeless. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm (gather at 2pm), at Fairhaven Methodist Church, Ansdell.

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**COLLECTION COUNT:** for August (weeks 1-4): *with grateful thanks* Gift Aid £313.50 Non Gift Aid £1838.25 SO £2978.50 St. Joseph's Care £337.13 Specials Gift Aid £23.65

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Jack Dempsey Pickles, Tony Bolton, Sheila Noon, John Craig, and Barbara Sanderson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, 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, Judith Cross, Ann Cullen & The Cullen Family, 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, 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 (*A little of what you fancy... 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:** 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, by our Lady's Altar.

### Rotas for Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> September

#### Readers

**Sat Vigil:** Mary Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** Children

#### Meet and Greet

**Sat Vigil:** J & C O'Neill **Sun 9.15am:** M Cookson and M Reid