

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Fourth Sunday in Lent 'A' 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"

Weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March: Fourth Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Nigel Ogden
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	Mary Chesworth

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	John Worsley <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Andrew Walker <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Ella Ferrino
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	In Loving Memory of Ian Spedding

Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March: Fifth Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Charles O'Neill
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Richard Sisson 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**

**6:30-6:55pm Monday before Stations of the Cross at SP's,**

**5:30pm-5:50pm Saturday at SJ's with Exposition from 5pm**

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

**This Sunday's Readings:** Christ is the light of the world; let us pray that we may allow his light to shine in our hearts and minds, that we may finally share his glory.

**First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13** David is anointed king by the prophet Samuel. David will prophesy the coming of the true Messiah, Jesus.

**Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14** Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the light of Christ.

**Gospel John 9:1-41** Jesus heals a man blind from birth, who recognises Jesus as Lord and God.

**Message from Father Peter:** And so the Paper Crane Challenge continues, and I am now well over the half way mark - and Notelets and Bookmarks are freely available in both of our Churches this weekend. Please also note the Prayer Cranes that the children have been making: well done to them! It's actually quite a peaceful and mindful thing to do, as has been learning a little more about the culture of 1000 Cranes and the Japanese legend that folding 1000 cranes (senbazuru) so pleases God that the folder is granted a wish. One famous story which has entered modern history is that of Sadako Sasaki. In 1945 after the first atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, Japan, many people became very sick years later with leukaemia and other cancers, and one such girl was named Sadako. When she found out that she had the disease in 1955, Sadako wished to get well so, after hearing the legend, she decided to fold 1,000 cranes. When she died she had folded 644 cranes. Her story had such a profound impact on her friends and classmates that they completed her thousand cranes and raised enough money to build a statue to honour Sadako and all the children affected by the bomb. Today, in Hiroshima's Peace Park, there is a statue of Sadako standing on top of a granite pedestal holding a golden crane in her outstretched arms. At its base a plaque reads: *'This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.'* Sadako wrote in her journal: *'I will write Peace on your wings and you will fly all around the world.'* Every year, children from around the world fold cranes and send them to Hiroshima where they are placed around the statue. And because of Sadako, the paper crane has become an international symbol of peace, and a reminder of the events of 1945. Last year my brother visited the Peace garden and sent me some very special origami paper from Hiroshima. As we raise money to educate children in Malawi, let us pray that we can all be educated in the ways of truth, goodness and peace and be the best example of peace to our children that we possibly can. Especially in these present days...



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## Fourth Sunday in Lent 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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## Lent 2026 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:**

*Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm*

**Extra Times for the Sacrament of Confession:**

*During Weekday Exposition as usual and*

*before Stations at SP's on Mondays from 6:30pm and*

*during Exposition on Saturday afternoons at SJ's from 5:30pm, and...*

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** *Weekday Exposition as usual and Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm*

**Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation:**

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at Holy Family Church Freckleton*

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## Holy Week and The Easter Triduum at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's 2026

All are welcome to join us for our beautiful Services

**Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass,**

**Sunday St. Joseph's 9:15am, St. Peter's 10:30am**

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses*

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: St. Peter's 9am Mass, Stations at 7pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: St. Joseph's 10am Mass, Stations at 7pm

**Spy Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Saltcotes 10am Mass**

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**St. Peter's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 10pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm**

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Stations of the Cross St. Peter's 10am**

**St. Joseph's 3pm and St. Peter's 3pm**

**Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

**Prayers around Calvary: Outside at St. Joseph's 6pm**

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's: Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 9am**

**St. Peter's 7pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**

**St. Peter's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**

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**2026 Lenten Challenge:** This year I'm raising money to send children to a school in Malawi, run by the community. It costs just £300 for a child's education, board and lodging for a whole year, and it would be great to send as many children to build up the school as we can. **To this end I will be making 1000 Origami Paper Cranes – an international symbol of hope and peace.** If you would like to help us, please see the poster in the Church and Schools, use the QR code to gift if possible, or pass on enveloped donations at the back of Church. **And also check out the Paper Cranes made by the children at SJ's and SP's.** Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

**Please pray for** Catechumens Rhys and Liam, and Candidates Janos, Csanad, Alan and James as they make their final preparations to be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter. Please pray for our young people as they gather each Monday evening on their **First Holy Communion Course** to prepare this great step in the journey of faith.

**CAFOD Family Fast:** the amount from St Joseph's received by CAFOD was **£1,409.70.** Huge thanks to everyone who donated to this most important of bi-annual collections.

**Seminarians for the Diocese of Lancaster:** This Autumn there will be 4 men beginning formation for priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster. They will join the propaedeutic year at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain. Please support them in your prayers: Alexander Kanaan, Ben O'Flynn, Dominic Standing, Paddie Denton. **We ask you to continue to pray for them and for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.**

**Stations of the Cross Walk from St. Wilfred's Preston to Ladywell:** Next Saturday 21st March. Setting off from St Wilfred's, Preston at 9am, with Mass at 12:30pm. You can find all the details <https://metanoiaproject.churchsuite.com/events/x9viwafr>

**COLLECTION COUNT:** for February: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £407 Non Gift Aid £1108:04 SO £3696  
St. Joseph's Care £172:30

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially Pat Ormond, Michael Louis and John Sculz, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mary Billington, John Lord, Ann Mitchell, Andrew Walker, John Golightly and Peter Charles.

**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, 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 Petraviute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. (*No crisps either. 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:** 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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Readers** Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton 9.15am: Susan Brown

**Meet and Greet** Sat Vigil: 6pm J & C O'Neill

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle

**9:15am Minister** Wanda