

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C' 16th February 2025

“Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.”

Weekend 15th/16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 15 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Terry Thompson and Family
Sunday 16 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Joan and David Holt

Monday 17th 8am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of O'Dea Family *followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am*

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st February No Masses however there are Services of Word and Eucharist on Wednesday and Thursday, especially for those who wish to take communion to the sick on those days:

Wednesday 19th at St Peters at 9am and Thursday 20th at St. Joseph's on Thursday at 10am

Weekend 22nd/23rd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 22 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Florence Lillian Lutas
Sunday 23 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Padraic Geraghty

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

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

This Sunday's Readings: God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life and happiness with him. Let us put our trust fully in Christ.

First Reading *Jeremiah 17:5-8* The prophet urges us to put our trust in God and to strike deep roots of faith.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20* Paul asserts the reality of Christ's resurrection and reminds us of its eternal consequences.

Gospel *Luke 6:17, 20-26* At the beginning of the sermon on the plain, Jesus sets out the values of God's kingdom.

Message from Father Peter: Well, it's only February but already the Sacramental Wheels of the Church have been busily spinning at SJSP's. It was a wonderful occasion on Monday evening when, with the Bishop, we celebrated our Confirmation mass, with our Candidates and friends and families. We now gear up for the beginning for the Course for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, which will take us right up through the Candidates leading Mass on Maundy Thursday during the Easter Triduum at SJ's, to their celebration at SP's on Saturday May 10th, followed by Processions in Honour of Our Lady, led by the First Communicants in both Churches on Sunday May 11th. We also continue Journeys of Faith with several adults who are seeking reception into the Church at our Easter Celebrations, and who will be presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election on March 8th at Lancaster Cathedral. Coupled with ongoing preparation for Baptisms, several Weddings dotted throughout the year, as well as our Monthly Mass and Anointing of the Sick, along with our usual times for Confession, with extra times during Lent, not least a Reconciliation Service in union with our friends at Star of the Sea, at SJ's on Thursday 7th April, prior to our Holy Week celebrations. How blessed we are to have Seven Beautiful Sacraments to help us to draw closer to Christ – and how blessed we are to have so many opportunities to celebrate them. Incidentally, *what is a Dentist's favourite hymn? Crown him with many crowns.* I'll get me coat. And my toothbrush.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar: 17th The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, seven men from Florence who founded a religious community in the 1300s; 21st St. Peter Damian (my name saint) an Italian of the 1000s who wrote the first biography of St. George; 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, a celebration of our unity under the Papacy of St. Peter and his successors.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Confirmation 2025: Congratulations to our Candidates and huge thanks to their parents, teachers, our catechists, the Bishop and everyone who helped make the evening such a wonderful celebration.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Application forms are available from Father Peter after Masses. Please pray for our candidates as they continue their journeys of faith.

Trinity Hospice: We are delighted to announce that we collected £1,094.61 for Trinity Hospice after masses last weekend. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to our 2025 Appeal up to this point. We will be collecting again after the masses this weekend and our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept donations – large or small – throughout the month of February 2025. Up to now, an additional £400.00 (including gift aid) has been donated this way. This page can be found at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-10>

Trinity Hospice needs £13m each year to provide their services. Please donate to this worthy cause if you can. Taxpayers can choose to add Gift Aid to the value of their donation. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

Refurbishment of Bell Ringing Ropes: In order to keep our wonderful bells ringing, in March we will be sending our ropes to Ellis' in Loughborough to have part of the rope replaced with polyhemp. The benefits of this include good resistance to abrasion and rotting. This work has recently become necessary due to some of our ropes snapping and showing significant signs of wear. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this work, ropes are available for sponsorship, the cost being £50 per rope. A record of the dedication would be displayed within the ringing room. Please contact James and Stacey (07921 032390). Thank you.

Lourdes: there's been some positive reaction to the suggestion SJSP's might have a miniPilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. Four nights 3rd-7th June, £650 sharing, £749 single. Forms will be available from FrP and Deacon D next weekend if anyone would like to come along! *Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*

Dates for the Diary: Upcoming SJSP Social Events:

Shrove Tuesday 4th March: Pancakes in the Presbytery from 6:30pm

Wednesday 9th April: Easter Bingo at St. Peter's

Sunday May 11th: Afternoon Tea & Entertainment in SJ's Hall 3-5pm

Saturday June 28th: Lytham Club Day

Sunday July 13th: BBQ and Summer Games in SJ's Garden

Watch this Space for More Details!

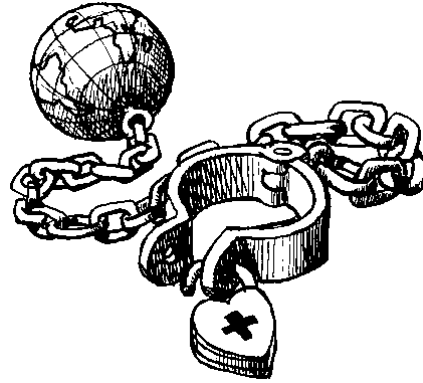
Rome Intentions: This week I will be going to Rome on a mini (though jam packed) Pilgrimage, which will include entrance to St. Peter's through the Jubilee Holy Door, an audience with Pope Francis, as well as two Masses in St. Peter's. One of the masses I would like to say for all your intentions, so if you have any particular intentions to be included in that mass, drop them on a piece of paper in the envelope at the back of Church and I will include them, and you all, in my prayers.

Diocesan Pilgrimages for the Holy Year:

Lindisfarne 21-23 May 2025 with Bishop Paul. Accommodation at Ushaw College with visits to Lindisfarne, Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral. Full board and lodging: £310 for shared / £340 for single. Email: info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' 23rd – 30th July. Details and booking forms on the notice boards at the back of Church or at: www.joewalshstours.co.uk

Walsingham: 20-24 October 2025 £475.00-£550.00 (dependent on accommodation type). For more information and booking details contact Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrcc.org.uk



COLLECTION COUNT: for January: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £101:40 Non Gift Aid £1255 SO £2974.50
St. Joseph's Care £241:64 Burkina Faso £5 Crib £97:32

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Christopher Hill and Sr. Mary Curtin and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sr. Catherine Lafferty, Jean Carlisle, Jean Taylor, Robert Virace, Sheila Hulme, Sr. Helen Forshaw, Patricia Conroy, Lillian Lutas, Eileen Auty, Teresa Chrales, Geoffrey Healey and Charles O'Neill.

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 Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynig), 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. (*Or maybe brown sauce 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 22nd /23rd February

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Ann Waters

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle