

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday in Lent 'C' 16th March 2025

“The Lord is my light and my salvation”

Weekend 15th/16th March Second Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 15th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Alan Partington
Sunday 16th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Kathleen Leeming

Monday 17th 9am St. Peter's Mass Helen and Victor Hayes followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
1:15am Lytham Crematorium Service for Phil Damian Lewis

7pm St. Peter's Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Tuesday 18th 10am St. Joseph's Mass The Illingworth Families preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am

7pm St. Joseph's Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Wednesday 19th 9am St. Peter's Mass Bill Illingworth
12:15pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Andrew Mark Walker

Thursday 20th No Mass

Weekend 22nd/23rd March Third Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Wing Commander Thomas Patrick Gibson

Sunday 23rd 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

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: Second Sunday in Lent : The love of God the Father transfigures his Son, Jesus, on the holy mountain. May that same love of God enlighten our lives this day.

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 To Abram, our father in faith, God makes a solemn promise of great posterity.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Our faith in Christ and in our heavenly homeland transfigures our lives here on earth.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is God's beloved Son. Our world is transfigured by his brightness.

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Lent 2025 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm

Confessions will be available on certain Sundays – see each week's newsletter for details

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm

Mothers Prayer Group (and everyone else welcome) Wednesdays in SJ's at 7pm for half an hour's prayer

Lenten Prayer followed by Soup and a Roll Friday 4th April at 12noon in SJ's Hall (please sign up)

Lenten Service of Reconciliation (with Our Lady Star of the Sea) Thursday 10th April 7pm at SJ's

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Message from Fr. Peter: As I said on Monday and Tuesday evening, for me Lent has truly begun when I celebrate the wonderful devotion that is The Stations of the Cross. Tradition suggests Mary herself used to follow the Way of the Cross each day, and from earliest days of Christianity in Jerusalem people used to pray the road Christ walked on Good Friday, although at first they began at the place of Resurrection and moved back to the beginning in Pilate's Court. Over the year Stations began to be created in other places for people who were unable to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the Franciscans in particular started creating Stations en route to their Churches, and in the middle of the fifteenth century an English pilgrim called William Wey came up with the word 'stations' to refer to each stopping point of prayer. In 1731 Pope Clement XII gave permission for all Churches to have Stations of the Cross as long as they were built by Franciscans, and it was at this time that the Stations were fixed in the form we know them today. It was not until 1857 that the Bishops of England were given permission to erect Stations of the Cross themselves. It is such a beautiful devotion. Please make an effort to attend our Stations Services, and I have put copies of the traditional Stations of St. Alphonsus at the back of Church if anyone wishes to pray them in Church or at home privately. *We adore thee, O Christ, and we praise thee. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.*



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Second Sunday in Lent 16th March

**Friday 4th April At 12noon in SJ's Hall
Prayer followed by Soup and a Roll
followed by the 2pm First Friday Mass**

A Lenten Lunch to help raise funds
for the **Malawi £3000 House Challenge.**
All welcome. Please sign up at the back of Church so we
know how much soup to put into the pot.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: The third session for
Candidates is this Monday in the Hall at 6pm.

Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: as announced
last week **I am trying to raise £3000 to build a house** (with
lockable doors and windows) for a family with children with
Albinism, to help save them from cruelty from within their own
society, and abduction and torture from others. My challenge is
to make a crafted cross (or two) every day during Lent. **All
donations are gratefully accepted, and envelopes are
available at the back of Church.** Please check out the pictures
from Fr. Stephen in Malawi, and many thanks in anticipation.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Please
place envelopes in the collection or basket sat the back of
Church. Parishioners from both Parishes are counting their steps
over Lent to raise money, and you can contribute online and see
how we are doing at

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-joseph-and-st-peters-big-lent-walk> Thank you.

Red Mission Boxes: the Spring collection from the boxes will
commence in March. Please would you bring your box into
church and leave in the sacristy, make sure your name is on the
box. If you need your box collecting or would like a box, please
contact David Warwick 07541 914 811

Message from Fr. Philip Newbold. I am undertaking a Sponsored
Walk of 10,000 paces for the 40 days of Lent. It is to support the work
of "Aid to the Church in Need" & a project on the border area between
Lebanon/Syria. The project provides a hot meal each weekday for 1500
people. Many are refugees from Syria & displaced Lebanese, after their
own country was bombed. You may like to sponsor me? If so, there are
sponsor sheets in church, so include your address & postcode if you
wish to Gift Aid your donation.

SJSP's mini Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. Four nights
3rd-7th June, £650 sharing, £749 single. Forms available from
FrP and Deacon D **now** if anyone would like to come along! If
you have a form, please return deposits and forms to FrP or
Deacon D. *Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*

*Thank you: We thank everyone who has prayed, lit candles and
has had masses said for Christopher. Thank you also for
sympathy cards we have received. Your kindness is so
appreciated. Dorothy and John Morgan.*



Tobias makes his Easter Duties.

COLLECTION COUNT: for February : *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £388.00 Non Gift Aid £1030.92 SO £3134.50
St. Joseph's Care £661.05 Specials £60.55 Donation £1000

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Philip Lewis
and Andrew Mark Walker, and those whose anniversaries occur
about this time Ann Mitchell, Nellie Hargreaves, John Golightly,
Peter Charles, Margaret Fearn, Josph McKenna and Hilda Wilson

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
Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long,
Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George
Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk,
Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, 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 (*Who
needs cereal when there's bacon? 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,
for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 22nd/ 23rd March

Readers Sat Vigil: Anne Murgatroyd **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O and J Baker **Sun 9.15am:** P. Benning and M Herron