

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th/16th August 2026

“On your right stands the Queen in gold of Ophir”

Weekend 15th/16th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Harry Whitehead
Sunday 16 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Barbara Delaney
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 17 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Special Intentions (Dave S) <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 18 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the Soul of Fr. Galvin <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 19 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Repose of the soul of Mary Gallagher
Thursday 20 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Margaret Plant
	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Hilary Plum

Weekend 22nd/23rd August: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 22 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 23 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass John Andrew Murray
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Stephen and His Family

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: Today, in the person of Mary, mother of the Saviour and so Mother of the Church, we celebrate our hope that we too will share with her in the resurrection of the body.

First Reading *Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10* The woman stands both for the Church and for Mary in the final triumph over evil.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:20-26* We will follow where Christ has gone, the first fruits of God's plan for us.

Gospel *Luke 1:39-56* The fruit of Mary's womb is the promise of God embodied and fulfilled.

Message from Father Peter: This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Apocalypse is one that people tend to remember from today's Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which, if it were not on a Sunday would be a HolyDay of Obligation, with its mentions of a Red Dragon with Seven Heads and so on. St. John wrote the Book of Apocalypse or Revelation because God commissioned him to 'write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this' (1:19). Despite a simple premise Apocalypse is one of the hardest and most complicated - and possibly controversial - books of the New Testament. It's full of elegant poetry and dramatic imagery, which has been open to different interpretations through the ages. But however it is interpreted, and whether it refers to past, present at the time of its writing, or future events, it does make clear that the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross has brought our redemption, and whatever we are facing, or whatever we might have to face, Christ is with us, and this is made clear in its descriptions of the End of Time, where Christ is triumphant over all his enemies, and a new Heaven and Earth replaces the old order. Today's reading symbolically speaks of Mary and the History of Israel - the twelve stars representing the Twelve Old Testament Tribes - with Christ being born, and various attempts to destroy Him and his followers (the dragon with seven heads). We have time in the wilderness, but we are assured of God's protection - and the last line celebrates the salvation, the Kingdom and the authority of Christ. As St. John writes in this final and latest book of the New Testament, *Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.*



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The Feast of the Assumption 15th /16th August 2026



God our Father, by bringing Mary, body and soul, to heavenly glory, you give us new hope. May we never doubt that you will hear and answer our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

CTEW Parish Levy. Over the last three weeks of August there will be a retiring collection to raise our Catholic trust of England and Wales National Levy which each parish has to pay. **The levy for St. Joseph's is £1300:71.** Your generosity would be much appreciated.

The Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW) is a registered charity and is the legal entity for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). It supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. It provides guidance and support at local level as well as advancement and direction of national policy. Fuller information on the work of CaTEW is contained in their annual trustees' report and financial accounts, which can be viewed (and downloaded) at the Charity Commission Website www.charitycommission.gov.uk. Details of the work of the Bishops' Conference can be found at their website www.cbcew.org.uk

Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes: Fr. Philip will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes in September and is willing to take any petitions to the Grotto. 1. Place your written petition in an envelope. 2. Seal the envelope. 3. On the front of the envelope write "Lourdes Petition". 4. Place it in the box in front of the Lady Altar at church. 5. Do NOT include any money. 6 Closing date Sunday 30th August. *Many thanks to Fr. Philip. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. For the past three years each August we have had a box at the back of the Church for 'school stuff' which can be passed on to our schools for children and families that need a little help in the new school year, and it is always gratefully received. This year we'd ask especially for **'Filled' Pencil Cases for our younger children, and Scientific Calculators, and Geometry Sets.** All donations gratefully accepted, and boxes are at the back of Church. **Many thanks in anticipation.**

School Uniforms Needed During August: Fylde Food Bank in partnership with Lytham Rotary Club is collecting good quality, clean school uniforms for secondary and primary schools. There is a big box at the back of church for contributions. Thank you for your support.

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

Burkina Faso 2026: the collection continues and envelopes are available at the back of Church.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD?** We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on **07710 094449** or email alletizia@cafod.org.uk

Family Barbecue in the grounds of SJs.

12noon on the 6th September

£6 for adults, £3 for children. Music and Entertainment for all!
Tickets available after Masses

Preston Concert Band at

St. Peters on Saturday 19th September

Tickets are now on sale after mass for an evening of entertaining music and fun accompanied by a glass of prosecco. £10 per ticket.

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes

Race Night: Saturday 3rd October at 7:430pm at SJ's

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's

Fr. P.'s Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's

COLLECTION COUNT: for July: *with grateful thanks*

Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £2279:45 SO £3098

St. Joseph's Care £386:31 Burkina Faso £250

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Hilary Plum, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jasna Dajic, John Scally, Barbara Delaney, Colin Butterworth, Patricia Reed and Annabel Evans.

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 Petraviciute, 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.
(Better than All Bran. Seriously.)

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 no meetings until September.

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 22nd /23rd August

Readers Sat 6pm: Ellie Sullian Sun. 9.15am: Maria Hall

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: P Huskinson and D Warwick

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid

9:15am Minister Nikola