

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2025

“Lord make haste to help me.”

Weekend 16th/17th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Patricia Mary Rawlings
Sunday 17 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass 100 th Birthday Remembrance of Joseph Zammit
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

Monday 18 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Eddie Hewitt, 95 th Birthday Intentions followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
Tuesday 19 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Christopher Hill preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
	6:30pm	St. Joseph's	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday 20 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Bernadette Whiteside, Speedy Recovery
Thursday 21 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass In Memory of Bobby Kelly

Weekend 23rd/24th August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23 rd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Barbara Delaney
Sunday 24 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass For Tom Dockerty
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

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: Jesus and his Gospel met with great opposition and violence. It caused him great distress. But greater still is the fire of love that the Lord brings to the world.

First Reading *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10* The prophet and his message are unwelcome. He is made to suffer.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:1-4* Remain faithful and take courage from the example of the saints.

Gospel *Luke 12:49-53* A powerful message from Jesus: what happens when our following of him and our living out of his message is not received happily – even by our own families?

Message from Father Peter: In the Church we use Relics of Saints as prayerful reminders of their Sanctity and Holiness in this life. We venerate relics as a sign of the intercession that the Saint may plead for us from their vantage in heaven (we may bow before them, but we don't genuflect to them as we would to the Blessed Sacrament). There are three 'Classes' of Relic: A First Class Relic is an actual artifact of a particular Saint; a fragment of bone, a lock of their hair, for example. A Second Class relic is something that the saint actually owned or used; an item of their clothing, their rosary or their prayer book. And finally, we have Third Class Relics, which are something, such as a piece of cloth, which has been touched by one of the above two classes. Why am I talking about Relics? Because recently I have had two Third Class Relics framed for display and devotion. The First is of Blessed Edmund Arrowsmith, the relic of which was handed on to me by a family for whom we celebrated a requiem recently to whom it belonged. Blessed Edmund is one of our Local Martyrs, from Haydock, who was hung, drawn and quartered in Lancaster on August 28th, 1624. His hand is preserved in Stonyhurst College, along with his vestments, and the preserved cloth has touched his hand. The Second is of our old friend Padre Pio. This relic was given to me some time ago, and has been in my Breviary (the books I used to use, not the Kindle I use now), but I was spurred into framing it as my mate Fr. Ed in Lincoln passed onto me a photo he had been given of Padre Pio which is most unusual in that he is not wearing his gloves (which he invariably is on photographs and statues) and so you can see the actual stigmata, the wounds of Christ, which miraculously appeared on his hands. To venerate a relic, it is simply enough to spend some time in prayer before it, placing your intentions in God's hands, through the intercession of the particular Saint. I will leave the relics in front of the Altar at SJ's this week, and at SP's next week. Prayers and thanks to the donor of the relic and the photo. And through the Intercession of St. Edmund Arrowsmith and St Pio of Pietrelcina, may God bless us all. Amen.



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Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's
This Tuesday 19th August: Holy Hour with
Rosary & Benediction: St. Joseph's at 6:30pm
Join us for all, or part, of the peaceful hour's prayer

Large Print newsletters and missalettes are available.

School Stuff: Once again I am making my August Appeal to you for stationery items - pens, pencils, pencil cases, school bags whatever, for those children who might need a little help with their supplies for the new school year. **I'd also add this a plea for 'scientific calculators' and tinned 'geometry sets' for a Secondary School I am in contact with, who would greatly appreciate them.** There is a box at the back of Church, and please be assured that all donations will go to those most in need. There are boxes at the back of the Church. Many thanks in anticipation. (I'll be blessing backpacks for the New Year on Sunday 7th).

Burkina Faso: Thank you for the generous donations of £980.76 so far. The appeal remains open for one more month. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church which can be returned via the offertory collection. *E. Gillett*

Diocesan Pilgrimages: The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine at Ladyewell takes place on Saturday, 20th September, with Holy Mass at St Mary's Church, Fernyhalgh at 11.00am. The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Mary's Church, Cleator, takes place on Sunday, 7th September at 3.00pm. All Welcome.

Deanery Mass

**for the Centenary of the Diocese,
Saturday 27th 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.

SJSP Back to Skool Nite!

With A Quiz, a School Dinner, a Bar,
and some Assembly Bangers for us all to sing.
Saturday 13th Sep. 7:30pm in SJ's Hall
Tickets on sale £6 adults, £4 children.



COLLECTION COUNT: for July: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £3730 Non Gift Aid £1536:42 SO £3138:50
St. Joseph's Care £367:01 Specials £93:20

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Jasna Dajic, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Barbara Delaney, Colin Butterworth and Annabel Evans

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Patrick Carragher, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, 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 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 (*No boiled eggs and soldiers? 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 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: Back at the beginning of September, every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 23rd / 24th August

Readers

Sat Vigil: Richard Golding **Sun 9.15am:** Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: C Williams & M Taylor **Sun 9.15am:** M Cookson & M Reid