

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 17th/18th January 2026

"Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will "

Weekend 17th/18th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 17 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Sunday 18 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Birthday Remembrance Samantha Rawstron

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Dennis O'Brien

Monday 19th 9am St. Peter's Mass Frances O'Connor followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am

Tuesday 20th 10am St. Joseph's Mass William & Mary Murray preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
6:30pm St. Peter's Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Wednesday 21st 9am St. Peter's Mass Louise Illingworth

Thursday 22nd 10am St. Joseph's Mass Richard Smith

Weekend 24th/25th January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 24 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Christians in The Holy Land
Sunday 25 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Michael Cookson

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

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

This Sunday's Readings: We come together as the holy people of Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, with water and in the Holy Spirit, we are a new creation called to prayer and worship of the Lord our God.

First Reading *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6* The prophet Isaiah reveals how God chose the people of Israel to serve as a light to the nations so that the message of God's saving love might reach the ends of the earth.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:1-3* St Paul greets the Christians in Corinth by reminding them of their vocation to holiness and to prayer.

Gospel *John 1:29-34* John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus as the Chosen One of God, the one who baptises with water and the Holy Spirit.

Message from Father Peter: This week we resume our monthly Rosary and Benediction, on Third Tuesdays of each Month, alternating between our Churches (this Month, as you can see above it is at St. Peter's). Every month this is a very special and beautiful hour. You might remember that we started the hour at a suggestion of some parishioners who wanted to pray the Rosary one evening, especially for peace in a world which is so indeed of prayers. Reciting the Mysteries together us a beautiful, prayerful action, gently and quietly allowing us to reflect on various aspects of the life of Christ, joyful, glorious, sorrowful or glorious, as seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother Mary. We then move into Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; an important time, as we are so used to receiving Holy Communion as most of our gatherings are for the Sacrifice of the Mass. Here we have some special time just to recognise the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and use this is short period of silence before our Lord for our own personal prayer – silence being something which is often lacking in our lives, our world, and sometimes, we might say, even in our liturgies. The ancient prayers of Benediction prepare us for the special Eucharistic Blessing, after which we say the Divine Praises – originally written at the end of the eighteenth century to ward off blasphemy, and added to since then with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. We always conclude, as is traditional at the end of the day in the Church, with a hymn to Our Lady. This is truly a wondrous and very special time of grace for everyone, and all are warmly invited to come to the hour, or even just for a short time, to experience, share and pray for peace - of mind, heart, and soul - for ourselves and the world. This is Pope John XXIII's Prayer for Peace: *Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to you, ' grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.*



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Clarke.

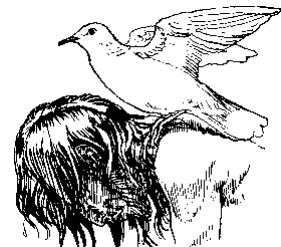
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Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's
This Tuesday 20th January:
Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction:
St. Peter's at 6:30pm



Fr. Peter Foulkes: it was with sadness that we announced the peaceful death fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church, of our dear friend, Fr. Peter. *May he rest deservedly in the peace and love of Christ.* His funeral details will be announced soon. Please keep his brother Fr. John in your prayers at this time.

SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm. Please pray for the Candidates as they make this important step on their faith journey.

Forthcoming Requiem Masses and Funeral Services: Requiem Mass for Sue Brockbank at St. Peter's on Wednesday 28th January at 12noon. Requiem Mass for Ann Hayes at St. Peter's on Friday 30th January at 11am. Requiem Mass for Vincent Moss at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 3rd February at 11:30am. May they rest in the Peace of Christ.

The Lenten Houses. In his Christmas message Fr. Steven Jerry Ochieng, MCSA of the Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle wrote: *Signs of God's Providence This year has brought other remarkable blessings too. Four houses for our brothers and sisters living with albinism now stand completed with three built with the help of Christians from St Joseph in Ansdell, St Peters in Lytham and St. Bernadette's in Bispham in England, offering not just shelter but dignity, safety, and a tangible sign that they are valued members of our community. Each house represents a family no longer living in fear, children who can play freely, and parents who can rest peacefully. Many blessings to everyone who supported last year's amazing Lenten project. And watch this space for details of FrP's Lenten Project 2026!*

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: back strumming away every Monday night in St. Peter's at 7pm. Newcomers always welcome!

Wednesday 21st January is the Memorial of St. Agnes. When she was just twelve years of age St. Agnes suffered martyrdom at Rome, either in the second half of the third century or, more probably, at the beginning of the fourth century. Pope Damasus embellished her tomb with sacred verses, and many of the Fathers, including St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, spoke of her with great praise. She is mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer I, and there is a statue of her in SJ's. She is Patron Saint of Young Girls, and tradition has it that on the eve of her Feast you are likely to dream of the person you are to marry.

COLLECTION COUNT: for December: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £454 Non Gift Aid £1638.39 SO £3193
St. Joseph's Care £335.27

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Ann Hayes, Vincent Moss, Fr. Peter Foulkes, and Sue Brockbank, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Elizabeth Gray, Mary O'Reilly, Brian Davies, Anne Mary Smith, Mary Isobel menzies, Ivy and George Rankin, Louis Gill, Paula Brady, Fr. Stephen Cross, Ann Morton, Houghton Gledhill, anne mary Smith, Tony Haliday, Agnes Burns and Eric Fletcher.

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 Petraciute, Bob Osachuk, 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. *(New Years Diet starting on Monday. Next Monday... Or the Monday after... 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. 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 24th/25th January.
Readers

Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd 9.15am Susan Brown

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm Sheila and Paul
Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman
9:15am Minister Wanda