

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C' 19th January 2025

“Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.”

Weekend 18th/19th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 18 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Michael Cookson
Sunday 19 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Deceased of O'Dea Family

Monday 20th 11am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Margaret Anne Smith

Tuesday 21st 10am St. Joseph's Mass Deceased of McCloud Family *preceded by Exposition till 9:55am*
12:15pm St. Peter's Funeral service for Paul Brady

Wednesday 22nd 9am St. Peter's Mass Intentions of Audrey Nolan

Thursday 23rd 10am St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Christopher (Seriously ill)

Weekend 25th/26th: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 25th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Pat Gleeson

Sunday 26th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of Worsley Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

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

This Sunday's Readings: The Church rejoices today as on a wedding day. The Lord has betrothed himself to us in Jesus Christ, and we are not abandoned.

First Reading *Isaiah 62:1-5* A song of rejoicing, now that Jerusalem is to be restored.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:4-11* In a variety of gifts and talents, the Spirit inspires us for the common good.

Gospel *John 2:1-11* At a wedding in Cana, Jesus shows us that the true bridegroom is here.

Message from Father Peter: 'Do whatever he tells you' are the words of Mary to the Servants at the Wedding in Cana in this Sunday's Gospel. There are so many beautiful prayers in which we invoke the prayer and support of Mary. As England is traditionally known as the 'dowry of Mary' we are privileged to pray the 'Hail Mary' at every Mass at the end of the Bidding Prayers, and both of our Churches now pray 'The Angelus' before our weekday Masses. But I thought I should add to our Marian Prayers, by just focusing on the 'Hail, Holy Queen' or the 'Salve Regina' as it is known by its Latin title. This prayer is frequently used in the recitation of the Holy Rosary, as well as being one of the four Marian Anthems which is traditional said at the end of Night Prayer. The Prayer was composed and became popular in monasteries (and, intriguingly, among sailors) in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The prayer asks us to look at the world through the eyes of Mary, particularly noting the sorrows we experience as part of fallen humanity – remembering the sorrows Mary herself experienced at the death of her Son, as foretold by the prophet Simeon at the Presentation of the Lord on his eighth day. But the prayer is joyful and hopeful about how Mary can show us in her Son, Jesus, the answer to all our prayers – as Mary did throughout her life from the moment of His conception. Perhaps we could follow the tradition of the Church and make this prayer part of our own nightly routine. *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.* Incidentally, talking of nightly routines, *A man is arrested late at night for drinking coffee... He was charged for resisting a rest. I'll get my coat. And my latte. Decaff.*



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Confirmation 2025: Our Confirmation journey has begun for our twenty-five candidates. This weekend they will make their Declaration of Commitment. **The second session takes place in SJ's hall course this Monday 20th January for those who have registered in SJ's Hall at 6pm.** Please pray for all our candidates as they make this important step in their journey of faith, as well as the indefatigable team of Parish catechists.

The Parish Hall is now back in action! Thanks to Jim for his swift work in sorting everything out.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra continue their fun learning every Monday at SP's hall at 7pm, to which everyone, newcomers and old hands, are all most welcome.

Prayer for Christian Unity: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar: Monday 20th St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, Patron Saint of Athletes; Tuesday 21st St. Agnes, Patron Saint of young girls; Wednesday 22nd St. Vincent of Saragossa, Patron Saint of Winemakers; Friday 24th St. Francis of Sales; Saturday 25th The Conversion of St. Paul.

Year of Jubilee 2025. Spes Non Confundit 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rom 5:5). You can download a pdf of the document, in which the pope speaks about the themes of the Jubilee at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.pdf

Crib Offerings: Bishop Paul has asked that Collections this year be sent to help support the Catholic Christians in the Gaza Strip during this time of terrible conflict and suffering. The collection is open until the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, 2nd February.



Fill those jars with water

COLLECTION COUNT: for December: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £351.00 Non Gift Aid £1031.25 SO £3266.50
St. Joseph's Care £458:3805 Flowers: £5

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially especially Paul Brady, Margaret Anne Smith, and Richard Beesley, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Hilda Semplers, Elizabeth Gray, Mary O'Reilly, Brian Davies, Ivy and George Rankin, Louis Gill, Fr. Stephen Cross, Ann Morton, Anne Mary Hawkes, Tony Holiday, Agnes Burns, Eric Fletcher and Michael 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 Petravičute, 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.

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: Confirmation cards and gifts are now available, as are New Sunday Missals with the New Translation. 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 25th /26th January

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun: 9:15am** Saoirse Altham

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: P Huskinson and D. Warwick

Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman