

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 18th/19th July 2026

"O Lord, you are good and forgiving"

Weekend 18th/19th July: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 18 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Frances Brocklesby
Sunday 19 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Pauline O'Grady

Monday 20 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Goggins <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	11:30am	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Michael Walter Wood
Tuesday 21 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass for Recovery after Operation <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday 22 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Repose of the Soul of Sr. Claire Murphy
Thursday 23 rd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass John and Isobel Morrison Birthday Remembrance
	11:30am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service for Michael May

Weekend 25th/26th July: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 25 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass L.S.A. Catenians Members and Families
Sunday 26 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish; Niamh Garnett
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Jimmy McGettigan

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: Provided we repent of our sins, God will be merciful. At the end of time on judgement day, however, Jesus will separate the good from the evil and the good will enter his Father's kingdom.

First Reading: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19* True children of God will be granted forgiveness when they repent.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27* The Holy Spirit expresses our plea when we cannot find the words to do so ourselves.

Gospel: *Matthew 13:24-43* Sinners will be found alongside the virtuous in the Church until judgement day.

Message from Father Peter: Tuesday 21st is the Feast Day of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, and until I was just googling about his life, I never realised that I actually say a prayer of St. Lawrence every single day – without fail. St. Lawrence was one of the very first Capuchin monks, and branch of the Order of St. Francis, from whom due to the colour of their brown robes with a white hood we get the word 'cappuccino' for the over-priced coffees we drink these days. He was very academic - it is said that he memorised the whole of Bible in its original languages - and used his learning throughout Europe around the time of the Reformation. He was made a Doctor of the Church in 1959. So what about his prayer? Well, when I was in Rome, after the evening meal, everyone would go into the chapel and sing the Marian Anthem of the Church Season (which I wrote about on a message a few weeks ago), the Salve Regina, and so on, after which the cantor would say: *Nos cum prole pia* to which we would all reply: *benedicat Virgo Maria*. It's a little childlike rhyme, which St. Lawrence would say when he was saying his Marian devotions, which means 'May the Virgin Mary bless us with her pious offspring', though it is given an English rhyming translation as: *Mary, with Her loving Son, bless us each and every one*. I still say it after I've said the Marian Anthem at the end of night prayer every night. And yet having said it literally thousands of times, I never knew it came from St. Lawrence. Every day's a school day! It's a lovely little prayer, and perhaps along with an Act of Contrition, you might like to make it a part of your nighttime routine; *Nos cum prole pia; benedicat Virgo Maria*. Incidentally, *Someone stole my cappuccino cup from the sacristy today. I'm just off down to the police station now to look at a few mug shots. I'll get my coat... and my skinny latte...*



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Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: many thanks to everyone who was involved in last Sunday afternoon's lovely celebration. It was wonderful to see so many people, and for everyone to enjoy the scones and tea afterwards. Special thanks to all our musicians, organists and singers who led the celebration, and everyone involved in the hall afterwards, not least Eileen for making the scones, and the Ukulele Orchestra for leading the festivities. I think it could become an annual event!

School Holidays: and so our schools complete another lovely year, and we thank them and bless them for all their ministry with our children. It's been a joy and a privilege for me to celebrate weekly class masses as well as whole school masses for HolyDays and other festivities. Mrs. Gilli-Ross, our indefatigable Head Teacher writes to us: *As another wonderful school year comes to an end, I would like to thank God for the many blessings we have received. Our children have achieved so much and embraced a wealth of enriching experiences, growing not only in their learning but also in faith, confidence, and kindness. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and caring staff team, whose commitment makes our school such a special place. We are also so grateful for the strong relationship we continue to share with our parish, where God's love and His Word are lived out so beautifully. Thank you to everyone for always making us feel so welcome, and a special thank you to Father Peter for his kindness, encouragement, and the genuine care he shows to both our children and staff. We wish our whole parish community a happy, peaceful, and restful summer.* And Amen to that!

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 will be a box at the back of church for contributions. Thank you for your support

Next Saturday 25th July, Lytham Catenians will celebrate their annual President's Mass at St Joseph's at 6pm. The Catenians are a Catholic men's social organisation which aims to strengthen family life through friendship and faith. As well as enjoying themselves they also support vocations, charities, and young people financially and developmentally. For further information about the Catenians contact Tony Godden after Mass or email tonygodden@btinternet.com

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

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

Saturday 25th is the Feast of St. James. James the Greater was the son of Zebedee and brother of St John. He was a Galilean by birth and by trade a fisherman with his father and brother. Jesus referred to the brothers as Boanerges, or 'Sons of Thunder' - possibly because they were fiery and impetuous. With Peter and John he formed the special trio among the Apostles - they witnessed the transfiguration and the agony in the garden. He was the first of the apostles to die for his faith. According to Spanish tradition he visited Spain.

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

Family BBQ: Sunday 6th September in SJ's Grounds
Preston band Concert: Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm at SP's
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 May: with grateful thanks

Gift Aid £159 Non Gift Aid £675:21 SO £2973
St. Joseph's Care £128:11 Burkina Faso £165

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Brenda Hue, Jack Gledhill, Michael Walter Wood, Michael May, Margaret Plant, and Yvonne Rayton, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Marion Shaw, Edward Burke, Sheila Norman and Louise Sykes

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 Gleason, 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 Petraviute, 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. (*No scones left from last Sunday?*)

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 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 25th/26th July

Readers Sat 6pm: Catherine Ralston Sun. 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: Ellie Sullivan and Stephanie Gilluly
Sun 9.15am: P Benning and M Herron

9:15am Minister Catherine