

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20th 2025

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.”

Weekend 19th/20th Easter Sunday

Saturday 19 th	7pm	St. Joseph's	Easter Vigil and Service of Light Mary Josephine Buckley
Sunday 20 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Mark and Dawn Ghee
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 21 st	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Successful Operation
Tuesday 22 nd	No Mass today		
Wednesday 23 rd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Joyce Hanniball
Thursday 24 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Jayne and Tony Thornton

Weekend 26th/27th April Second Sunday of Easter 'C'

Saturday 26 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Marcus (a successful operation)
Sunday 27 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Anniversary of Eric and Agnes Walsh

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

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

This Week's Readings: Easter Sunday

Today we celebrate the greatest of all the Church's festivals and proclaim that Christ, the giver of all life, is risen and is alive indeed.

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43 Peter's "mini-Gospel" recapitulates the major events of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and tells how they lead to the forgiveness of people's sin.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Colossians directs the thoughts of believers to contemplate Christ in glory. The passage from Corinthians links our celebration of the paschal feast with ethical behaviour.

Gospel John 20:1-9 The disciples find the tomb is empty and begin to understand the significance of what scripture foresaw, that Christ must rise from the dead.

Message from Fr. Peter: Well, what a Lent. Only six weeks ago the season of prayer and penitence stretched before us and now it concludes with the most amazing joyful services of the whole liturgical Year. This Lent has seen two First Fridays which are always such special occasions, one of which involved a fasting lunch, children bringing a statue of Our Lady, and people being blessed as they spent a night in empathy with the homeless in Blackpool. We had a beautiful Reconciliation Service with our friends from Star of the Sea - and there have many opportunities for individual confession which it has been refreshing to see that people have taken up throughout the season – my absolution arm has been much exercised! Stations of the Cross has seen wonderful attendances at both our churches throughout Lent, and I had the privilege of spending a whole morning taking all our children in school through this great devotion. Mothers have prayed on a Wednesday evening. Our communion children have made their First Confession, and are almost ready for their reception of the Eucharist in May. And a group of adults have been presented to the Bishop and (depending on when you read this) are becoming/have become the latest members, not only of St. Joseph's and St. Peter's but of the whole Universal Church throughout the world – along with thousands of other born again faithful throughout the world. Along with prayer and fasting there has been much almsgiving, both privately, and the many causes drawn to our attention throughout Lent – I can now make a crocheted cross in my sleep! With such a wonderful Lent behind us, let us continue our joyfully fellowship into Easter – and perhaps because of everything we are doing, one day, into the Eternal Easter. Alleluia Alleluia!



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Easter Sunday

Please pray with great joy and gladness for Joyce, Rachel, Alex, Lee, Jake and Richard **who were received into Full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil** and Emy who was baptised. Huge congratulations to them, and many blessings to them on this life changing moment in their spiritual lives.

A Huge Thank You to everyone involved with the wonderful services we have celebrated over Lent and Easter: our friends and deacons, Michael and David, the altar servers and sacristy organisers, the readers and ministers and organizers; the choirs and instrumentalists; the flower people; the welcomers; the collectors; the children's and sacramental catechists, teachers and parents; the refreshment makers and social organisers; our Church Cleaners and those who prepared the Churches; and all those who keep the Parishes, the Churches, the House and grounds running; those who do support me in my ministry here; and everyone (including those I haven't mentioned!) who comes along throughout the year to ensure that the *light of Christ* is burning brightly at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's throughout the year. **A very Happy Eastertide to you all!**

Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: Many thanks for all the contributions, every single penny has been counted and greatly appreciated. I will announce the final total this weekend at all masses and write more on next week's newsletter.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: The next session for Candidates is Monday 28th in SAINT PETER'S HALL at 6pm. Please pray for our children on this important step in their faith journeys.

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 26th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Please join us for a silent act of witness **against assisted suicide/euthanasia**. Meet on London Road, Preston –north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info Tel 01772 723094.

Fr. Philip completed his 40 day Sponsored Walk of 10,000 steps plus on Saturday 19/04. Thank you for your prayerful & financial support. Please follow these directions for collection of money. 1. Place your sponsor money in a plain envelope & seal it. Please do NOT use parish gift aid or Mass Intention envelopes. They will not be passed to me.) 2. Write on the envelope "Fr. Philip's Sponsor Money" 3. Write on the envelope your own name. 4 Write on the amount of money enclosed. 5. Your address & postcode must be included to claim Gift Aid. (Aid to the Church in Need Office will deal with claims) 6. Place your envelope in the collection bag/basket at Mass on the weekends 26/27 April or 3/4 May. Thank you. *Fr. Philip*

Saturday 26th April: Line Dancing Night!



with food, a bar and the ukelele orchestra from 7:30pm at SJ's hall. Tickets are available from SJ's and SP's after Masses £6 for adults and £3 for children. All profits will be donated to Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal.



COLLECTION COUNT: for March: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £367.00 Non Gift Aid £1047:86 SO £3356.50
St. Joseph's Care £396:89 Sanctuary Lamp £40:00
CAFOD Family Fast: £1129:37

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Maria Poyner, Ron Rawstron, Elizabeth Teasdale, Eileen Sheehan and Moira Roberts, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mary Buckley, Elizabeth Godden, Brian Craig, Tom Charnley, Pat Quaile, Mary Paul, Mary Whittle, Nadia Garsed Taylor, Walter Patrick Plant, Patricia Fanning, Peter Earnshaw, Brian Green, Harry Lawrenson and Phillip Booker.

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 Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Clare Tattersall, 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 (*And Chocolate Cereal – was Lent only six weeks? 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: Mass cards, a selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues always available. Easter Cards and First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts now 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 26th / 27th April

Readers, Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton
Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: O&J Baker **Sun** M Skene and M Lehman