

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 19th/20th September 2026

“The Lord is close to all who call him”

Weekend 19th/20th September: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 19 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Bernhard Joslowski
Sunday 20 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Ron Rawstron Birthday Remembrance
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 21 st	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Marriage Blessings Jane and Louis <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 22 nd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the soul of Vivian Lloyd <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 23 rd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary Chesworth Birthday Remembrance
Thursday 24 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Thomas McNulty

Weekend 26th/27th September: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 26 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass In Memory of Roseanne Scott
Sunday 27 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh Birthday Remembrance
	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 are called by name to be heralds of the kingdom of God. Today the Lord challenges our understanding of generosity, inviting us to make God's ways our ways and God's thoughts our thoughts.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9* God's ways are as high above our ways, as the heavens are above the earth.

Second Reading *Philippians 1:20-24, 27* Avoid anything in daily life that is unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16* The parable of the vineyard teaches us the radical inclusiveness of God's kingdom where the first will be last and the last will be first.

Message from Father Peter: Last week, when Student Harry was telling about the formation of priests and the discovering of one's true calling by the Lord, he mentioned a prayerful discipline called the 'Daily Examen'. This is a short, daily prayer practice of reflecting back on the day, and being conscience of how God has been present in each moment, but perhaps in particular some moments you may wish to call to mind, and helps you come to a deeper awareness of God and gratitude for having Him in our lives. It was created by Saint Ignatius of Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises – he believed it to be a direct revelation from God, and hoped that more people would come to knowledge of the practice and use it in their own lives. The reflection comes in five parts: 1. Firstly become aware of God's presence, now in the present, but also reflecting on how is with you throughout every moment of your past. 2. Secondly, review the day, with gratitude – which perhaps differs from an examination of conscience in which you reflect that for which you are sorrowful. Here, you reflect upon that for which you are most grateful, the events, the people, your interactions, not forgetting small things such as someone's smile, or the meal you ate at lunchtime. 3. Pay attention to your emotions – making this a very 'modern' practice! Ask yourself why you were feeling so, and what God might lead you to through these times. 4. Choose one feature of the day and pray about it; make it a focus of prayer, rather than getting overwhelmed by so many things to prayer about. Nothing is too insignificant; it is what matters to you and what you feel needs prayer. 5. Finally, look forward to tomorrow, grateful for another day in your life filled with the presence of God, and making a hopeful prayer to God for whatever is to happen. Throughout it all St. Ignatius says you should see and speak to God like a friend, holding your hand or lifting you up throughout the good and bad times, and always, *always* with you. As Ignatius prayed: *Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I have and all that I possess, you have given it to me. To you, Lord, I return it. All is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me. Amen.*



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Message from Student Harry: *Ciao a tutti voi! I've arrived safe and sound in Rome. Thank you, again, for your warm welcome and generosity over the last few weeks. I'll be praying for you here, thank you for praying for me! Harry.* So let's keep on praying that Harry clearly hears and responds to the call of the Lord, and look forward to updates on his progress in the Eternal City.

Red Mission Boxes. The Autumn collection from the boxes will take place during September. Please bring your box to church and leave it in the sacristy. The boxes will be returned to the sacristy for collection after emptying.

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

Burkina Faso: Our annual appeal is now closed and we will let you have a final total by the end of September. Many thanks for your continued support of the Bernardine Community in Burkina Faso. *E. Gillett*

Diocesan Ladywell Pilgrimage: Sat 26th Sept. Holy Mass St Mary's 11am followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine for Benediction.

Mass for Healthcare Workers: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more are invited to Mass with Bishop Paul on Saturday 17th Oct at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

Saint Bede's First Alumni Event: Wednesday 30th September 2026 6:00pm - 7:00pm with the option of attending earlier at 5:30pm for a school tour. Catch up with fellow alumni, tour the school and hear from our current pupils! Please confirm your attendance by emailing abolton@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk this is so we know how many attendees we will have.

Thursday 24th is the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. *O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother look down with mercy upon England your Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in you. By you it was that Jesus Our Saviour and our hope, was given to the world: and he has given you to us that we may hope still more. Plead for us your children, whom you did receive at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of your Son. Pray for us all, Dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with you in our heavenly home. Amen*

SJSP Race Night!

***An evening of fun and games and racing
Saturday 3rd October in SJ's Hall at 7pm***

***Tickets £6 adults £3 children available after Masses
Food Provided, BYO Drink!***

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes
Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November
Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's after 10:30am Mass
SJSP A New Musical Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for August: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £1427:39 SO £3148
St. Joseph's Care £139:96 Burkina Faso £55

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Kim Eastham and Gary Philip Adnitt, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Fr. Michael Kirkham, Peter Thornton, Judy Halsall, Maureen Halsall, Deacon John Walton, Julia Octigan, Judith Simpson, Gerard Moss and Esther Morgan

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 Gleeson, 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 Petravičiute, 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.
(Form an orderly queue. 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: 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 10:00am On Wednesday's in SJ's Hall.

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 26th /27th September

Readers Sat 6pm: Sun. 9.15am:

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: P Huskinson and D. Warwick
Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman

9:15am Minister Dean