

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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## Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**“Praise the Lord, who raises the poor”**

### Weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Cathleen Sanders
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Helen and Victor Hayes

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Chris Hall <i>followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Tony Bolton
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass For a Just Peace
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Jack Dempsey Pickles

### Weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Hesketh Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Mr and Mrs. J Matthews

### 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:** Today we are reminded that we are called to respond to God urgently. The Lord's call to us reaches into our everyday lives, even in unlikely and unexpected circumstances.

**First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*** We are called to follow the way of God's goodness in our everyday dealings with money and possessions.

**Second Reading *1 Timothy 2:1-8*** Christ sacrificed himself for everyone; and so we are called to pray for all, especially those in authority.

**Gospel *Luke 16:1-13*** We are urged to respond to the Gospel as quickly as a careful person in business responds to a financial crisis.

**Message from Father Peter:** Well it has been a lovely start to the Academic Year, and SJSP's has played a great part in ensuring our children's school year is firmly in the hands of our Blessed Lord, and his Mother, Mary. At SP's we celebrated a Mass with Year 7 of St. Bede's in the First Week at their new school, and the following week the whole of Our own School St. Peter's, came into SP's for a mass to celebrate the New Year. Last Thursday at SJ's every Catholic school in the Fylde was represented at a special Mass celebrating the Jubilee Year, the Centenary of the Diocese, and to finally place the Statue of Our lady, which has been travelling round the diocese, into it's final destination in one of our Schools. A couple of hundred children sang beautiful hymns to Our Lady, and I talked about the importance of looking up at these beautiful images we have in our Churches of the Saints and of our Blessed Mother, to help us on our journeys to Her Son. There is so much evangelization needed in the world, and in our own Diocese and Parishes, and our Schools play a huge part in that evangelization, but also as places, and conduits for us to share our faith and pass it on to our children. As well as thanking all who work in our schools, as well as our young people, and their parents, and our indefatigable Children's Liturgy and sacrament teams, we should especially also give thanks to those who enable our children's celebrations, in front and behind the scenes, those who prepare the sacristies and corral our Altar Servers, and provide music, as well as organizing these services in the first place – often at incredibly short notice, and coping with the unexpected. And huge thanks to everyone who personally supports me in this mission – especially when I cannot give them a clue as to what is actually going to happen! The mission to our children and their families, especially when we do not see them regularly at Church is vital, not only for the future of the Church, but as a significant response to the call of Christ to us and from us all. Let us make our Churches welcoming spaces – but also go out to where those children are, just as Christ went to the people wherever they were, and rejoicing in our God given gift to pass on the faith, which we have been graced to receive ourselves. *Dear Lord, together we pray for our children. May they experience the joy of faith, the hope of the 'Good News' of Jesus and the love that comes from knowing the Lord's great love for each one of us. May they grow in faith so that we all walk together as Your children, in peace and love. Help us to be better missionaries to them through our prayers, our work, and our example. Through Christ our Lord.*



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## Deanery Mass

**for the Centenary of the Diocese,  
This Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11am  
at St. Joseph's, Ansdell,  
for all the Parishes of the Kirkham Deanery,  
Celebrated by Bishop Paul.  
Followed by a picnic in the grounds,  
with Refreshments available from the Hall.**

**Lancaster Cathedral Mass for the Centenary of the Diocese Sat 18th October at 11.30am.** Each church has been allocated 2 tickets. If you would like to go please sign up, **in pairs**, on the sheet at the back of each Church. If necessary, I will draw names out of a baretta

**Burkina Faso:** The 2025 appeal is now closed. Thank you to all who have contributed. A final total will be available soon

**Red Mission Boxes:** The Autumn collection from the boxes commences this week. Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the sacristy [make sure your name is on the box] The boxes will be returned to the sacristy after emptying. If you would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914811

**The Church Grounds:** Fr. Peter has asked me to organise a group of willing volunteers to take care of the planted borders at St. Joseph's. The lawns and hedging are looked after privately. If you are willing and able to help out for an hour or two each month - probably less over winter after an initial tidy up, then please email me at [pat52benning@gmail.com](mailto:pat52benning@gmail.com) As ever, the more people who can commit, the less onerous the workload. Once I have names and mobile numbers, I'll organise a get together. We have a beautiful church, let's keep the gardens beautiful too. Thank you in anticipation. *Pat. (And thanks from FrP., too)*

### ***First Week of the Month at SJSP's***

***Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!***

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:**

**Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery at 10am.**

***Mothers Prayers 6pm in SJ's***

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,  
*followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.***

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Evening Prayer  
and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm**

**Thinking of Becoming a Priest?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge.

**Have you heard of Mothers Prayers?** The "Mothers Prayers" movement started in England in November 1995 and has spread rapidly throughout the world with contacts in over 100 Countries and has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations. There are now thousands of groups around the world. For many years there has been an active Mothers Prayers group at Our Lady Star of the Sea and recently a new group started up in St Peter's and St Joseph's. We always follow a simple but meaningful format, and the prayer time usually lasts between 30 and 45 minutes. Both groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Please come to St. Joseph's altar of Our Lady at 6.00pm or Our Lady Star of the Sea parish centre at 7.00pm. Additionally when not meeting in person there are weekly prayer sessions at 7.00pm on a Wednesday "online" using Zoom. If you would like to know more about this comforting, supportive and joyful group, come and pray with us or talk to Emma Cox, Pauline Elston or Wanda Kruszynska. And if any fathers would like to pray together, there is a 'Fathers Prayers' movement too so perhaps you may wish to start one in Lytham St. Annes. *Wanda Kruszynska*

**COLLECTION COUNT:** for August (weeks 1-4): *with grateful thanks* Gift Aid £313.50 Non Gift Aid £1838.25 SO £2978.50 St. Joseph's Care £337.13 Specials Gift Aid £23.65

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Jack Dempsey Pickles, Tony Bolton, and Barbara Sanderson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Monsignor Michael Kirkham, Peter Thornton, Judy Halsall, Maureen Halsall, Deacon John Walton, Julia Octigan, Judith Simpson, Gerard Moss, Esther Morgan and Patrick Joseph MacMahon

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish**, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Judith Cross, Ann Cullen & The Cullen Family, 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 Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, 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 (*Nice one. 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. 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, by our Lady's Altar.

**Rotas for Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Readers**

**Sat Vigil:** Richard Golding **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

**Meet and Greet Sat Vigil:** O & J Baker **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle