

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Fifth Sunday in Lent 'A' 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

“With the lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption”

Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March: Fifth Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Charles O'Neill
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Richard Sisson Birthday Remembrance
	10:30am	St. Peter's	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	<b>Mass</b>	John Gencie <i>followed by Exposition till 10am</i>
	11:30am	Lytham Crematorium		Service for Michael Louis
	7pm	St. Peter's		Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Billington <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's		Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	for Christine Hickman
	7pm	Holy Family Freckleton Deanery	<b>Service of Reconciliation</b>	

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Joseph's	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	for Pat Ormond
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Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lytham Crematorium		Service for John Szulc
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Weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Deceased of the Burke Family
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Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
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	10:30am	St. Peter's	<b>Mass</b>	John Giggins
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week: Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's  
6:30-6:55pm Monday Before Stations of the Cross**

**Deanery Service of Reconciliation: Holy Family, Freckleton, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

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

**This Sunday's Readings:** Jesus Christ is the resurrection and our life; may we look forward to the day when Christ will give renewed life to our mortal bodies.

**First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14** Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises us resurrection through the power of the Holy Spirit – and this from the Old Testament, remember.

**Second Reading Romans 8:8-11** Paul tells the Romans the grand new teaching about their risen life with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel John 11:1-45** Jesus shows his human compassion and divine power by raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.

**Message from Father Peter:** Continuing the Crane Theme! Following on last week from my explanation about the 1000 Cranes, let me introduce you to a book called 'The Last Paper Crane'. It's actually a children's book – or at least for teen readership. Here's the blurb on the back of the book: '1945, Hiroshima: Ichiro is a teenage boy relaxing at home with his friend Hiro. Moments later there is a blinding flash as the horrific bomb is dropped. With great bravery the two boys find Hiro's five year-old sister Keiko in the devastated and blasted landscape. With Hiro succumbing to his wounds, Ichiro is now the only one who can take care of Keiko. But in the chaos Ichiro loses her when he sets off to find help. Seventy years later, after the death of his wife, the loss of Keiko and his broken promise to his dying friend are haunting the old man's fading years. Mizuki, his granddaughter, is determined to help him. As the Japanese legend goes, if you have the patience to fold 1,000 paper cranes, you will find your heart's desire; and it turns out her grandfather has only one more origami crane to fold...' The book is unusually written in that modern-day scenes of the story are told in verse – Japanese Haiku of five/seven/five syllables - whilst the grandfather's story is told in prose, and there are some truly haunting illustrations. It's not a book about war or politics or blame, but tells of the experience of the bomb through the eyes of unknowing and uncomprehending children; it's about childhood promises, compassion, guilt, and whether or not there is a possibility of redemption. I sat and read the book in one sitting (it's *that* kind of a book). It is such a beautiful, heart-breaking read, and I can thoroughly recommend it (I'd like to say that everybody *should* read it), although, be warned, have the Kleenex ready for the ending. A whole box. Possibly two. Gentle readers, I was a *total* mess at the end. \*\*\* we are here by grace / we are meant to live in love / we will walk with hope \*\*\*



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## Fifth Sunday in Lent 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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## Lent 2026 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

*Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm*

**Extra Times for the Sacrament of Confession:**

*During Weekday Exposition as usual and*

*before Stations at SP's on Mondays from 6:30pm and*

*during Exposition on Saturday afternoons at SJ's from 5:30pm, and...*

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** *Weekday Exposition as usual and Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm*

**Deanery Service of Reconciliation**

**This Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Holy Family Freckleton at 7pm**

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## Holy Week and The Easter Triduum at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's 2026

All are welcome to join us for our beautiful Services

**Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass,**

**Sunday St. Joseph's 9:15am, St. Peter's 10:30am**

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** St. Peter's 9am Mass, Stations at 7pm

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** St. Joseph's 10am Mass, Stations at 7pm

**Spy Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Saltcotes 10am Mass

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**St. Peter's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 10pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm**

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**St. Peter's 10am Stations of the Cross**

**St. Joseph's 3pm and St. Peter's 3pm**

**Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

**Prayers around Calvary: Outside at St. Joseph's at 6pm**

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's: 9am Holy Saturday Morning Prayer**

**St. Peter's 7pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Joseph's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**

**St. Peter's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**

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**2026 Lenten Challenge:** All donations for my 1000 Crane Challenge to raise money to send children in Malawi to school most gratefully accepted. Envelopes are available at the back of Church, as well as the QR code on the noticeboard. Please take a greetings card or bookmark of my handiwork!

**Please pray for** Catechumens Rhys and Liam, and Candidates Janos, Csanad, Alan and James, and Confirmandi Jacob and Tara as they make their final preparations to be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter. Please pray for our young people as they gather each Monday evening on their **First Holy Communion Course** to prepare this great step in the journey of faith. This week they will be making their **First Reconciliation**.

**CAFOD Family Fast:** the amount from St Joseph's received by CAFOD was **£1,409.70**. Huge thanks to everyone who donated to this most important of bi-annual collections.

**Easter Sunday - 5th April - Coffee and Cakes after 10.30am mass at SP's** - proceeds for Father Peters 2026 Lenten Challenge. All Welcome!

**Family Bingo in SP's Hall- 18th April 7pm** for a 7.30pm start. **Proceeds from the evening will go towards the general upkeep of our lovely Saltcotes Chapel.**



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for February: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £407 Non Gift Aid £1108:04 SO £3696  
St. Joseph's Care £172:30

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially Pat Ormond, Michael Louis, Christine Hickman, Denise Pye and John Sculz, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Margaret Fearn, Joseph McKenna, Hilda Wilson, Edmund Tracey, Mark Welsh and George Rankin

**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, 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, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. *(Anything in a tube would do, actually. 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:** Cards and gifts for different occasions available, including first communion cards and Rosary beads. **Easter Cards 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. All welcome. **Thursday at 10:30am** in Church.

**Rotas for weekend 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Readers** Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

**Meet and Greet** Sat Vigil: 6pm O & J Baker

Sun 9.15am: P Benning and M Herron

**9:15am Minister** Nikola