St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 'A'
21st/22nd November 2026

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"

Weekend 21st/22nd November: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Saturday 21st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Michael McCoombe
Sunday 22nd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass John Joseph McGuirk
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 23rd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Geraldine McKay *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*
Tuesday 24th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Dorothy and Thomas Gilluly *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*
Wednesday 25th	9am	St Peter's	Mass Deceased of the Beal Family
Thursday 26th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Joy Warwick
	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Camilla Woolner

Weekend 28th/29th November: The First Sunday of Advent 'B'

Saturday 28th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 29th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Intentions of Alex Woolrich

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: On this last Sunday of the Church's year, we "round up" the celebration of the mysteries of salvation by saluting Christ as Lord of all; the beginning and the end.

First Reading ***Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*** The good shepherd watches over his flock with loving care, rescuing them from dangers.

Second Reading ***1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28*** Where Christ has gone before, all who belong to him are to follow, so that he can gather us into the kingdom of his Father.

Gospel ***Matthew 25:31-46*** For those who have humbly served the fellow servants of the kingdom, a warm welcome awaits.

Message from Father Peter: this weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, also known as 'Stir Up Sunday' as today is the day by which you should have all made your Christmas Cakes and Puddings. Stir Up Sunday started back in Victorian times, and was a tradition where families would come together to get their fruit puddings stirred up, steamed and stored ahead of Christmas. Each member of the family would take a turn to give all the ingredients a good mix and help tick off the first task of the festive season, stirring from east to west to follow the direction the Wise Men travelled to see the infant Jesus, and adding a coin. Apparently, Victorian Christmas Puddings (and maybe modern ones, who knows) had exactly thirteen ingredients to represent Christ and the Twelve Apostles. It is thought that the name 'Stir Up' Sunday comes from the opening line of the Collect for Mass from the Book of Common Prayer (our new translation seems to have no truck with jolly Victorian traditions, alas). It's very appropriate for all our Christmas preparations:

Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray O Lord,
That, striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion,
They may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please take an Advent Leaflet which details all the and Christmas Services and Celebrations – and perhaps take one for family, friends and neighbours, that the joy of Advent and Christmas might be 'stirred up' in them!



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St Joseph's Parish
One Family
Each Sharing Their Faith

The Feast of Christ the King Year A

November is the Month of the Holy Souls: your November Lists can be placed in the box on the sanctuary to be remembered throughout the month. *O God, the author of mercy, the lover of the salvation of mankind; we address thy clemency, in behalf of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, who are departed this life, that by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, and of all the saints, thou wouldst receive them into the enjoyment of eternal happiness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Next Sunday the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the Year of the Church, after which we begin a New Year with the First Sunday of Advent. **Please take an Advent Leaflet** detailing our Advent Programme as well as the Christmas Mass Times.

Confirmation: the Bishop will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Candidates Year 6 and above in February next Year. Applications forms are available from Fr. Peter at Masses.

The Advent Posada: As Advent approaches the opportunity to be an Inn Keeper, **and house for an evening the Statue of the Travelling Holy Family on the journey to Bethlehem** is again open to all members of the Parish. **Please add your name to the list at the back of church.**

'Walk with me in Advent' booklets are available to buy at the back of Church or from the Repository at £1.50. **Religious Christmas Cards, Advent Candles & Nativity** scenes are now available.

Annual Christmas Brunch – Sunday 13th December

Please join us for our annual Christmas Brunch/LateBreakfast!
on **Sunday 13th December at 1pm** in St Joseph's Hall.
Come along and enjoy some festive food, good company and Christmas cheer!
A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church. Ssee you there!

The Food Bank: during the weeks leading up to Christmas, if it is possible to boost any Food Bank offerings, perhaps with some children's Christmas type goodies, it would be much appreciated.

Christmas Fair at St. Peter's

Sunday 6th December at SP's after 10:30am Mass
Everyone welcome for Stalls, Refreshments and Games

"Christmas Farm"

A new Musical Nativity for Children and other Animals
Sunday 20th December at 3pm at SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for October: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £395 Non Gift Aid £1463:08 SO £2973
St. Joseph's Care £241:01

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Jim Baker, Canon Harry Doyle, John Harbottle, Camillla Woolner, Keith Oglesby and Lena Beesley, and and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Filip Nowaczyk, Billy Valentine, Ben Cawthorn, Sr. Teresa Malone, Sr. Margaret Murphy, May white, Geraldine taylor, Richard thomas, Brian clarke, Jean Challoner, John Joseph Le Saint, Fr. Patrick O'Dea, Eric Wormleighton and Frederick Dronsfield.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Ann Cullen & The Cullen Family, Teresa and Denis Flanigan, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Zoe Mc Laughlin, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. *(No Christmas Pudding yet – it still has to be stirred. 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 Commnion 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 28th - 29th November
Readers Sat 6pm: Catherine Ralston 9.15am: Maria Hall
Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: C.Williams
9.15am: P Benning and M Herron Euch. Minister: Catherine