

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Feast of the Holy Family 'C' 29th December 2024

“Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.”

Weekend 21st/22nd: The Fourth Sunday of Advent 'C'

Saturday 21 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Tony Gleeson
Sunday 22 nd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Intentions of Plant and Cassidy Families
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	The People of the Parishes

Monday 23 rd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Special Intentions on the Death of a Newborn Baby
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Evening Prayer and Benediction	
Tuesday 24 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Clare Hughes

Our Special Christmas Masses

	6pm	St. Joseph's	Children's Mass of Christmas	Kate Golightly
	7:30pm	St. Peter's	Carols and Readings	
	8pm	St. Peter's	CandleLit Christmas Mass	Joan and Harold Thornton
Wednesday 25 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Christmas Morning Mass	Alan Hesketh
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Christmas Morning Mass	John Worsley
	12noon	Stella Matutina	Christmas Mass	Roseanne and Patrick Scott
Thursday 26 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Bob Cookson

Weekend 28th/29th: The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 28 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Sunday 29 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Gwen and Bayne Spedding
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	John Genge

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

Monday 6:30-6:55pm before Vespers at St. Joseph's

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

This Sunday's Readings: Christ has called us into the family of the Church. We meet together to celebrate his presence with us and his care for us.

First Reading Micah 5:1-4 The prophet foretells that the promised Messiah will be born in Bethlehem and will restore the family of God's people.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10 The author looks to the Psalms to discover that Jesus came into the world to offer himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

Gospel Luke 1:39-44 The mother of our Lord sets out on a long journey to share the news of her pregnancy with her relative Elizabeth, who herself is expecting a baby.

***** Christmas at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's *****

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

St. Joseph's 6pm Children's Mass of Christmas

All children (and any adults) are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or sheep, to create a 'living crib'.

St. Peter's 8pm CandleLit Mass of Christmas with Carols and readings from 7:30pm

Wednesday 25th: Christmas Day: St. Joseph's 9:15am and St. Peter's 10:30am Christmas Morning Mass.

Message from Father Peter: This week I was introduced to the game of 'Whamageddon' whereby a group of people get together and make a pledge to avoid hearing Wham's 'Last Christmas' for as long as they can during the festive season. Not easy, as you would expect! One of my favourite Christmas Songs, which I only got to know a couple of years ago is called 'Mary, Did You Know?'. There are several versions of it on the YouTube. In the song, Mary is asked the question of about whether she knew all her Son was to accomplish – walking on water, healing the lame and so on, and also how much Mary really knows about her Son, his humanity and his divinity. She is reminded that 'when you kiss the child you're holding, you kiss the face of God', and 'the child that you delivered, will soon deliver you' (a line I love, I think it's genius), culminating in that the child she holds is 'the great I Am Who Am'. In many ways, the whole song is a poetic reflection on the words from Luke's Gospel that Mary pondered all these events in her heart, beautifully and powerfully contrasting the fact that a tiny human baby is the divine Son of God, but also the incredibly mystery of the Incarnation of which our Blessed Mother was such an integral part. *Mary our Mother, thank you for accepting God's will in being the Mother of your Son, our God. May we follow your example, and be drawn by you ever closer to Jesus, in whose name we make all our prayers. Amen.*



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Advent Vespers Every Monday of Advent:

This Monday 23rd
at St. Joseph's at 7pm

With the Sacrament of Reconciliation
from 6:30-6:55pm

Huge thanks for the tremendous response to the 'Shoe Appeal'. Your generosity totally astounded me, as it did the people we have been able to help. I'll give the completed total on Sunday. The Schools who have benefited have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks and prayers.

Many thanks and congratulations to our schools who have provided us with wonderful Nativities and Advent Services over the past couple of weeks, which have done so much to help our children and families truly be ready for celebrating the true Spirit of Christmas.

SJSP 2025 Calendars are now available, a bargain at just £5. The perfect Christmas gift!

Please take a Christmas Mass Card Timetable and hand it to a friend a neighbour to invite them to SJSP's for our beautiful Christmas Services.

Confirmation 2025: Bishop Paul will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 10th February next year. The Sacrament is open to our young people in Year 6 and above. If you would like to receive the sacrament, please see Father Peter for an application form.

SJ's Annual Christmas Breakfast: This Sunday 22nd December after SJ 9am mass. Adults £5, children £3.

SJSP Late Late Christmas Party with food and entertainment! Saturday 18th January 7pm in SJ's Hall: Tickets and more details coming soon!

A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



COLLECTION COUNT: for November: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £323.00 Non Gift Aid £1107:66 SO £2927
Special Collections Gift Aid £81 Non Gift Aid 110:76
St. Joseph's Care £150:05 CAFOD: £268

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Alan Bealey, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Billy Valentine, John McGauran, Ben Cawthorn and Brian Clarke

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 Hill, 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 Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, 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.

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: Christmas cards, packs and individual ones now on sale as well as Advent Candles and Children's Christmas books. New Sunday Missals now in stock at £15. All our usual items, Mass cards, selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues etc are still 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 28th /29th December

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett 9.15am James Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J & C O' Neill

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid

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