

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C' 23rd February 2025

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious."

Weekend 22nd/23rd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 22 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Florence Lillian Lutas
Sunday 23 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Padraic Geraghty

Monday 24 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Peter Davey followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
Tuesday 25 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Margaret White preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
Wednesday 26 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For a dear sister who is ill
Thursday 27 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Nowakowska Sisters

Weekend 1st / 2nd March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 1 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Zavagno Family
Sunday 2 nd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Michael King

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 gather to worship the God whose compassion is boundless. In our Mass today we are offered the challenge to love as God loves us.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 David confronts his sleeping enemy, King Saul, but spares his life. He puts his duty to God before his own safety.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Through the first Adam we inherit our fallen human nature. Through Christ, the last Adam, we receive the Spirit that gives eternal life.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38 Jesus asks us to love others, even our enemies, to a degree that goes beyond all human expectations. As God's love is boundless, so should be ours.

Message from Father Peter: A couple of weeks ago the new Translation of the Scriptures, when speaking of the Call of the first Apostles, had the Lord tell Peter that from now on he would 'catch men', which isn't too different from the previous Jerusalem translation 'catch people' (although less politically correct), and is somewhat wayward from the more poetic 'fishers of men' which, somewhat confusingly (for me anyway), was still the translation used in the Gospel Acclamation verse, sung by me at all masses! So how are you finding the New Translation? I'm generally ok with it, though I find some parts of it somewhat ungainly, and it can be difficult to read when you are used to a certain old phrase or a different order of words. (Incidentally I find the way it is laid out in the Lectionaries, verse by verse, sometimes difficult, as you think you've finished a sentence, and it continues on the next line). There is also the complexity of using 'old' missals and mass books with the previous translation. To aid this, the response to the psalm is always at the top of the newsletter (on this side, see above). Translations are freely downloadable from the internet at 'Universalis' usually a few days before, and there is always the 'app' for phones and tablets from 'Universalis', which, although expensive for an app, is much cheaper than a missal. You may see people reading their phones during the Liturgy of the Word – don't condemn them: they're following the Scriptures! Whether at SJ's the books should be wholly replaced or alternatively at both Churches we go on to weekly missalettes is something to think about, so if you have any strong views, **please speak to me!** Any ways or means to help us love, learn, know and understand the Scriptures is a good thing. Incidentally, *did you hear about the guy who believed only 12.5% of the Bible? He was an eighth-theist.* I'll get my coat. And my lectionary...

This Week's Liturgical Calendar: 24th The Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Rt. Rev. Thomas Pearson, the first Bishop of Lancaster in 1925; 7th St. Gregory of Narek, a tenth century Armenian mystic, monk, poet and theologian, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015.

Lent will soon be with us! See this year's Lenten timetable over the page!



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Application forms are available from Father Peter after Masses. Please pray for our candidates as they continue their journeys of faith.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Everyone welcome for a pancake and refreshments, a raffle and general chit chat and mingle!

Tuesday 5th March in the Presbytery from 6:30pm!

Please grab a ticket for £2 so we know how much batter to whisk up!

Trinity Hospice: We are absolutely delighted to announce that our 2025 Appeal for Trinity Hospice currently stands at £2,331.84. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has made a donation. Our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept any final donations until 28 February 2025. This page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-10>.

Taxpayers can boost the amount of their donation by choosing to add Gift Aid to the value of their donation. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

Refurbishment of Bell Ringing Ropes: In order to keep our wonderful bells ringing, in March we will be sending our ropes to Ellis' in Loughborough to have part of the rope replaced with polyhemp. The benefits of this include good resistance to abrasion and rotting. This work has recently become necessary due to some of our ropes snapping and showing significant signs of wear. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this work, ropes are available for sponsorship, the cost being £50 per rope. A record of the dedication would be displayed within the ringing room. Please contact James and Stacey (07921 032390). Thank you.

SJSP's mini Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. Four nights 3rd-7th June, £650 sharing, £749 single. Forms available from FrP and Deacon D **now** if anyone would like to come along! *Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*

Dates for the Diary: Upcoming SJSP Social Events:

- Shrove Tuesday 4th March: Pancakes in the Presbytery from 6:30pm
- Wednesday 9th April: Easter Bingo at St. Peter's
- Sunday May 11th: Afternoon Tea & Entertainment in SJ's Hall 3-5pm
- Saturday June 28th: Lytham Club Day
- Sunday July 13th: BBQ and Summer Games in SJ's Garden

Watch this Space for More Details!

Diocesan Pilgrimages for the Holy Year:

- Lindisfarne:** 21-23 May Email: info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk
- Lourdes:** 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' 23rd - 30th July. Details and booking forms at: www.joewalshstours.co.uk
- Walsingham:** 20-24 October 2025 £475.00-£550.00. For booking details contact Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrcc.org.uk

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Lent 2025 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March

Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm

Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

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

Lenten Service of Reconciliation (with Our Lady Star of the Sea)

Thursday 10th April 7pm at SJ's

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COLLECTION COUNT: for January: *with grateful thanks*

Gift Aid £101:40 Non Gift Aid £1255 SO £2974.50

St. Joseph's Care £241:64 Burkina Faso £5 Crib £97:32

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Christopher Hill and Sr. Mary Curtin and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Terence Glancy, Debbie Warner, Winifride Donellan, Billy Mattinson, Edward Boardman, Shirley Challiner, Herbert Jackson, Pauline Healey, Alice Moody and Margaret Rockett

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 (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.

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: 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, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 1st /2nd March

Readers Sat Vigil: Mary Wren- Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** Peter Benning

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul **Sun 9.15am:** M Cookson and M Reid