

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Third Sunday in Lent 'C' 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

#### "The Lord is compassionate and gracious"

#### Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March Third Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Wing Commander Thomas Patrick Gibson
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary Josephine Buckley followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Francis Spedding Hobbs preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Nellie Holland
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray

#### Weekend 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Roseanne Scott
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Annie Gallagher

#### 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: Third Sunday in Lent :** The Lord is a God of great patience. But we should not presume on that patience, for the time is growing short and Christ calls us to repent. We gather this day to renew our commitment as disciples of Christ.

**First Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15** The Lord reveals himself to Moses as the same God who promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the promised land.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12** Paul warns the Corinthians about the danger of complacency. Their lives must be pleasing to God.

**Gospel Luke 13:1-9** Time is growing short. People need to produce the fruit of repentance.

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

#### Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

*Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm      Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm*

*Confessions will be available on certain Sundays – see each week's newsletter for details*

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm

**Mothers Prayer Group (and everyone else welcome)** Wednesdays in SJ's at 7pm for half an hour's prayer

**Lenten Prayer** followed by **Soup and a Roll** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon in SJ's Hall (please sign up)

**Lenten Service of Reconciliation (with Our Lady Star of the Sea)** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at SJ's

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**Message from Pope Francis Reflecting from Hospital:** The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches... It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing. The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss. A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence. This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people. You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect... Listen, perfection does not exist. A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn. So, make the most of this trial of life - and do it now. Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you. Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely! And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.



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## Third Sunday in Lent 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:** The fourth session for Candidates is this Monday in Church at 6pm., at which they will make their First Reconciliation. Please pray for our children on this important step in their faith journeys.

**Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: I am trying to raise £3000 to build a house** (with lockable doors and windows) for a family with children with Albinism, to help save them from cruelty from within their own society, and abduction and torture from others. My challenge is to make a crafted cross – and I'm fully up to speed! Samples are at the back of Church now, and each of the children will receive one at the First Confession on Monday. **All donations are gratefully accepted, and envelopes are available at the back of Church.** Please check out the pictures from Fr. Stephen in Malawi, and many thanks in anticipation.

**CAFOD Lent Appeal:** Please place envelopes in the collection or basket sat the back of Church. Parishioners from both Parishes are counting their steps over Lent to raise money, and you can contribute online and see how we are doing at <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-joseph-and-st-peters-big-lent-walk> Thank you.

**Bell Ropes:** The ropes have been repaired, and the bells are able to ring again. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parish family as there was much support for this cause. Thank you. *The Bell Ringers*

**Jubilee Icon:** In order to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year, CAFOD and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have commissioned an icon depicting Jesus announcing the year of the Lord's favour. The icon will visit Lancaster Diocese from 26th March to 1st April and will be on display in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Cathedral in Lancaster. To help you to reflect on the meaning of this special year, CAFOD will be hosting a short prayer and reflection time with the icon in the Lady Chapel after the 12.15pm weekday Mass each day. All Welcome.

**Message from Fr. Philip Newbold.** I am undertaking a Sponsored Walk of 10,000 paces for the 40 days of Lent. It is to support the work of "Aid to the Church in Need" & a project on the border area between Lebanon/Syria. The project provides a hot meal each weekday for 1500 people. Many are refugees from Syria & displaced Lebanese, after their own country was bombed. You may like to sponsor me? If so, there are sponsor sheets in church, so include your address & postcode if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

**SJSP's mini Pilgrimage to Lourdes** this Summer. Four nights 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, £650 sharing, £749 single. Forms available from FrP and Deacon D **now** if anyone would like to come along! If you have a form, please return deposits and forms to FrP or Deacon D. *Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for February : *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £388.00 Non Gift Aid £1030.92 SO £3134.50  
St. Joseph's Care £661.05 Specials £60.55 Donation £1000

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Joohn Lord, Teresa Jeffs, and Andrew Mark Walker, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Edmundy Tracey, thomas Pinder, Mark Welsh, George Rankin, Roseanne Scott and Patrick Browne

**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 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, 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 (*But no chocolate cereal 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:** 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 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Readers Sat Vigil:** Richard Golding **Sun 9.15am:** Saoirse Altham

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil:** Sheila and Paul **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle