

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 22nd/23rd August 2026

“O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands”

Weekend 22nd/23rd August: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes

Sunday 23rd 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass John Andrew Murray
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Stephen and His Family

Monday 24th 9am St. Peter's Mass John Szulc *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*

Tuesday 25th 11am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Patricia Earnshaw / In thanksgiving after an operation

Wednesday 26th 9am St. Peter's Mass In Thanksgiving

Thursday 27th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Nigel Ogden
1:15pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Samantha Cornall-Saunders

Weekend 29th/30th August: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 29th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass David and Leesa Baxendale / People of the Parishes

Sunday 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Tony and Damian Crean
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased Family and Friends of Smeed Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-9:55am at St. Peter's

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

This Sunday's Readings: In our Gospel reading today, Simon Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Let us prepare ourselves to recognise that same Lord who comes to us in word and sacrament.

First Reading *Isaiah 22:19-23* Shebna, the master of the palace, has sought his own comfort and fame rather than serving the Lord. God promises to replace him with Eliakim who will be a true servant.

Second Reading *Romans 11:33-36* In this reading we are warned by Paul not to presume that we can understand the mystery of God. God is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20* Jesus questions his close disciples about the rumours surrounding him. “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” Peter then makes his profession of faith and is acknowledged by Jesus as having a unique role in the future Church.

Message from Father Peter: In today's Gospel the Apostles Simon is given the new name Peter, which of course comes from the Greek meaning 'rock', and we are told 'upon this rock I will build my church'. But while none of the other Apostles are actually renamed by Christ - other than Saul who becomes Paul and considered himself to be an Apostle - the other Apostles all have interesting names which derive from Hebrew, or Greek, and in some cases Aramaic, the language which would have been most regularly used by Jesus. James, the Son of Zebedee is really 'Jacob', from the Old Testament Patriarch, whose name means 'supplanter' or 'one who cheats', which goes back to his origin story in Genesis; his brother's John name means 'God given' or 'grace'. (Incidentally, their Dad's name, Zebedee, means 'gift'). Andrew comes from the Greek meaning 'courageous'. Philip means 'one who likes horses', which is very nice, and as he is Patron Saint of Cars and Drivers gives extra meaning to 'horsepower'. Sort of... Anyway, Bartholomew means Son of a Ploughman - the Jewish prefix 'Bart' means 'son of' (like the O' in Irish or the Mac in Scottish). Thomas, as referred to in the Gospel, is the Aramaic for Twin, which is where he sometimes gets the name 'Didymus', which is the Greek for twin. Matthew - and Matthias who replaced Judas - means 'Gift of God', and then we have another James, this time the Son of Alphaeus. Jude, means 'Praise Yahweh', and his surname, which distinguishes him from Judas Iscariot, Thaddeus, is one of a number of names, like Theodore which speak of a close relationship with God. Simon means 'one who hears' which is appropriate for the Simon who was renamed Peter, but also Simon the Zealot. There was a political party at the time of Jesus known as the 'Zealots', but his nickname might have just meant he was a very zealous, enthusiastic forthright character. Finally, Judas, 'Praise God' like Jude, with Iscariot meaning coming from town of Kerioth. All our names have meaning, but perhaps the most important name we all receive at our Baptism is that of Christ when we become Christians. *May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible, and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified in Heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.*



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Student for the Priesthood: on Monday we are pleased to welcome **Harry Rawcliffe**, a student for the priesthood who will be joining our Parishes for a few weeks before continuing his training after the Holidays. You will be seeing him pottering around the Parishes. Please pray for Harry and all our Seminarians on their journey to discovering God's vocation for them.

Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes: Fr. Philip will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes in September and is willing to take any petitions to the Grotto. 1. Place your written petition in an envelope. 2. Seal the envelope. 3. On the front of the envelope write "Lourdes Petition". 4. Place it in the box in front of the Lady Altar at church. 5. Do NOT include any money. 6 Closing date Sunday 30th August. *Many thanks to Fr. Philip. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. This year we'd ask especially for **Scientific Calculators, Geometry Sets and 'Filled' Pencil Cases**. All donations gratefully accepted, and boxes are at the back of Church. **Many thanks in anticipation.**

The Food Bank: Contributions are most welcome, and still most necessary. **Please bring stuff to Masses or the Presbytery any time.**

Burkina Faso 2026: the collection continues and envelopes are available at the back of Church.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on **07710 094449** or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

House for Families with Albino Sufferers: you'll remember that Lent 2025 we collected enough money to buy three houses for Malawi: a report on the houses is on the noticeboard. Continued blessings for everyone who supported the funding.

A Prayer to St. Monica, one of the Patron Saints of Mothers, whose Feast Day is on Thursday. *Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven Who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers. Dear St. Monica we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen.*

Family Barbecue in the grounds of SJs.
12noon on the 6th September
£6 for adults, £3 for children. Music and Entertainment for all! Tickets available after Masses

Preston Concert Band at St. Peters
on Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm
Tickets are now on sale after mass for an evening of entertaining music and fun accompanied by a glass of prosecco. £10 per ticket.

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes

Race Night: Saturday 3rd October at 7:430pm at SJ's

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's

Fr. P.'s Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for July: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £2279:45 SO £3098
St. Joseph's Care £386:31 Burkina Faso £250

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Val Farrell, Samantha Cornall-Saunders and Patricia Earnshaw, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Patrick Carragher, Tony Crean, Michael Joseph Meyler and Jack Dempsey Pickles.

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, Pat Gleeson, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Joan McCombe, Zoe Mc Laughlin, Paul Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), 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. *(Well Coffee. And Tea. And Toast.)*

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. **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 no meetings until September.

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 29th /30th August

Readers Sat 6pm: David Warwick Sun. 9.15am: Susan Brown

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: Ellie Sullivan and Stephanie Gilluly

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle

9:15am Minister Dean