

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Pentecost Sunday 'A' 23rd/24th May 2026

“Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth”

Weekend 23rd/24th May: Pentecost Sunday 'A'

Saturday 23 rd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Brian Green
Sunday 24 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Sandra
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 25 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Sr. Catherine Labouré	<i>No devotions this morning.</i>
	1pm	St. Peter's	Wedding Service for William and Gabriell	
Tuesday 26 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Patrick Scott	<i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 27 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Intentions of Fr. Patrick Hibbert	52 nd Anniversary of Ordination
Thursday 28 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Gary Ferguson	
Friday 29 th	1pm	St. Peter's	Wedding Service for Isabella and Andrew	

Weekend 30th/31st May: The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday 30 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass William and Mary Murray
Sunday 31 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Isobel Quinn
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week: Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

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

This Sunday's Readings: Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We celebrate God amongst us in power. Through the Holy Spirit we become not just a group of believers but we are made into Christ's presence in the world, unafraid and empowered to share the message of the Gospel.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11 There appeared tongues of fire which rested above them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and people marvelled that they could understand their words as they spoke about the goodness of God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 We have been baptised in the Holy Spirit. It is this Spirit which works in each person to bring about good.

Gospel John 20:19-23 While they were afraid, Jesus appeared and gave his disciples his peace. He breathed his Spirit on them and sent them out for the forgiveness of sins.

Message from Father Peter: I was asked recently about why we are singing the 'Regina Coeli' after Monday Benediction at SPs, rather than the more usual 'Salve Regina'. These of course are the Marian Antiphon, the songs to Mary we sing at the end of Benediction of Night Prayer in the Church. There are actually four of them, and they are designed to be sung during the different seasons of the Church's year. I'll give you their Latin Titles - and indeed we usually sing them in Latin - but with the English Translations. In themselves are they are beautiful prayerful celebrations of our Mother Mary.

The **Alma Redemptoris Mater** is sung during Advent, to the Feast of the Purification on February 2nd. It was around the Year 1000AD, but has always been popular in England due to a translation by St. John Henry Newman: *Kind mother of the Redeemer, who remain the open gate of heaven and the star of the sea: help your falling people who want to rise, you who bore your holy Parent, while nature marvelled: a Virgin before and after, receiving that 'Ave' from Gabriel's mouth, have mercy on us sinners.*

The **Regina Coeli** is sung from Holy Saturday until the week after Pentecost, so we have been singing it throughout Eastertide. It is attributed to St. Gregory the Great, known to us for sending missionaries to England. *Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son you merited to bear, alleluia, Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray to God for us, alleluia!*

The **Ave Regina Caelorum**, believed to have been written in the 12th Century, is sung during Lent, though it is believed to have originally been written for the Feast of the Assumption. *Hail, Queen of Heaven. Hail, Lady of Angels, Hail, thou root, hail, thou gate, from whom into the world, a light has arisen: Rejoice, glorious Virgin, Lovingly above all others, Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.*

And finally the **Salve Regina**, or Hail Holy Queen as I'm sure we all know it, sung in Ordinary Times of the Church's Year, which has an interesting history, being written Dominicans, popularised by Carthusians and Carmelites, condemned by Lutherans, and set to music by Andrew Lloyd Webber for the opening chorus of 'Evita'! *Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*



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Pentecost Sunday 23rd – 24th May 2026

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

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes are displayed on our noticeboards at the back of Churches.
Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12th July at 3pm at SJ's
Family BBQ: Sunday 6th September in SJ's Grounds
Preston band Concert: Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm at SP's
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

St Joseph's & St Peters Sunday Lunch 1st November 1pm at The Bedford Hotel. We are now taking bookings, please pick up a leaflet after mass, select your menu choices and return the form with your payment as soon as possible. Teresa Mallabone & Pete Rickards will accept forms at St Peters & Susan Brown at St Peters, or pass to a member of the Social committee or to FrP.

Thinking of Becoming a Priest? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Next Saturday 30th May 12.15pm – 2.30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese exploring a vocation to priesthood.

Burkina Faso: Message from E.Gillett: *Our annual appeal for the Bernardine community in Bafor, Burkina Faso starts this weekend and concludes at the end of August. Sr Helen Mary, from Hynning, has provided a comprehensive update from Bafor which is available for you today and is also on the noticeboard. Donations can be made via the small white envelopes at the back of church which be returned via the offertory collection. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please include your name and address. Don't forget every single penny goes to source! Thank you*

Walsingham 2026: Message from Charlie O'Connor: *I am delighted to say that the response to my invitation to join me and other pilgrims from around the diocese has been very good. There remain a few places still open. Maybe you have never been before, or have a particular intention, either way please do come. Bookings will close on 31 May. If you would like to come along for this time of healing, reconciliation and grace please get in touch with Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk*

Gathering of Catholic Doctors: An opportunity for Catholic doctors to meet and support each other in their faith, and in the vocation as doctors. There will be a light lunch in the Cathedral library followed by a talk on 'The Art of Dying Well' by Dr Amy Gadoud. Please email cathedral@lrcd.org.uk to confirm attendance. 6th June 1pm.



COLLECTION COUNT: for April: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £222.50 Non Gift Aid £1101.33 SO £2951.00
St. Joseph's Care £279.55 Specials Gift Aid £46.81 Non Gift Aid £134.05. Easter Flowers £25

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Father Seamus Flannery, Patricia Mary Cartmell, and William Eric Garside, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mildred Myerscough, John Downing, Francis Joseph Harrison, Alexander Morrison, Brother Peter Broadhurst (Osm), Mary Anne Morgan, Stephen Gilgrass and Isobel Quinn.

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 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, 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, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Tea, pleas; a large one. 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 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 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. All welcome. **Thursday at 10:30am** in Church.

Rotas for weekend 30th / 31st May

Readers Sat 6pm: Mary Wren- Hilton Sun.9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: Paul Huskinson and David Warwick Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly

9:15am Minister Nikola