

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th August 2025

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.”

Weekend 23rd /24th August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23 rd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Barbara Delaney
Sunday 24 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Tom Dockerty
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 25 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass In memory of Vera McLaughlin followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
Tuesday 26 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Joan Berry preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 27 th	9am	St Peter's	Mass Special Intention
Thursday 28 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Ben Aitken, Speedy Recovery

Weekend 30th/31st August Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 30 th	1:30pm	St. Joseph's	Wedding Service for Daniel and Laura
	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass John Scally
Sunday 31 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Liam Herron; Tony Crean
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

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 are all called to salvation. God does not want us to judge how others respond to this call. What matters is our own heartfelt response, which will bear fruit in peace and goodness.

First Reading *Isaiah 66:18-21* The Lord gathers all the nations to his holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13* The Lord trains the ones that he loves.

Gospel *Luke 13:22-30* Those we do not expect may be the first to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. We are encouraged to strive for the Kingdom despite any difficulties.

Message from Father Peter: Amid the 80th celebrations of VJ day the other week let's remember that Friday 23rd August was the 81st Anniversary of the Freckleton Air Disaster. Until I was sent there as Parish Priest in 2004 I didn't know the history of the village, which the then Parish Priest told me of when I went to visit the Parish for the first time. 'You always have to remember,' he said, 'Freckleton is a village in mourning.' On 23 August 1944 an American aeroplane from the airbase in Warton took off in bad weather, and crashed into the centre of the village of Freckleton, into Holy Trinity Church of England School, demolishing three houses and the Sad Sack Snack Bar. The death toll was 61, including 38 children about their ordinary school day. I was present for the sixtieth anniversary of the disaster and got to know people who had lost brothers and sisters whom they never knew, people who still felt guilty that they were not at school that day, people who were at school and have lived with what we now call PTSD all their lives, and also families of the American airmen, who were still in touch with families in the village. Somebody once said to me on VE day that he didn't know why he had no memories of VE Day, until it occurred to him that there had been no celebrations in Freckleton, there was too much to mourn. Each year after the 'Club Day' procession, everyone goes to the children's grave to say a prayer. On the sixtieth anniversary I led the prayers, and I ask you to pray it this weekend: *God our heavenly Father, Source and destiny of our lives, In your loving providence you give us life, children and generations, To grow in wisdom, age and grace. Eighty-One years ago, you called these children to yourself, When they were suddenly, and violently taken from us. As we continue to grieve the loss of ones so young, We seek to understand your purpose. Having drawn these children to yourself, We are confident you have given them full stature in Jesus Christ. May they stand with the all the angels and the saints, Who know you love and praise your saving will. Continue to comfort and bring new life to this village. Be our refuge and strength O Lord And lift us from the vestiges of sadness Into the peace and light of your presence. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



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As requested, Large Print newsletters and missalettes are available at the back of Church.

School Stuff: Huge thanks for the response for Stationary for a School Children, including all the 'scientific calculators' and tinned 'geometry sets' for a Secondary School I am in contact with, who would greatly appreciate them. I'll leave the box at the back for another week, and please be assured that all donations will go to those most in need. Many thanks in anticipation. (I'll be blessing backpacks for the New Year on Sunday 7th).

Burkina Faso: Thank you for the generous donations of £980.76 so far. The appeal remains open for one more month. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church which can be returned via the offertory collection. *E. Gillett*

Correction!!! Last week in the Message I said Blessed Edward Bamber's hand is at Stonyhurst. My Deacons pointed out that his hand actually resides in the Church of St. Oswald and St. Edmund in Ashton in Makerfield, indeed Deacon Michael has actually held his hand. Stonyhurst holds his vestments and priestly equipment. The relics of Edmund and Padre Pio will be in front of the Altar at St. Peter's this week.

St. Bede's Year 7 Mass: we welcome our new students to Mass at 2pm at St. Peter's on Tuesday 2nd September. All Welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimages: The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Mary's Church, Cleator, takes place on Sunday, 7th September at 3.00pm. The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine at Ladyewell takes place on Saturday, 20th September, with Holy Mass at St Mary's Church, Fernyhalgh at 11.00am. All Welcome.

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 1st September: Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Wednesday 3rd September: Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery at 10am.

Friday 5th September: First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm, followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Deanery Mass

**for the Centenary of the Diocese,
Saturday 27th September at 11am
at St. Joseph's, Ansdell,**

**for all the Parishes of the Kirkham Deanery,
Celebrated by Bishop Paul.**

**Followed by a picnic in the grounds,
with Refreshments available from the Hall.**

SJSP Back to Skool Nite!

**With A Quiz, a School Dinner, a Bar,
and some Assembly Bangers for us all to sing.**

Saturday 13th Sep. 7:30pm in SJ's Hall

Tickets on sale after Masses £6 adults, £4 children.



COLLECTION COUNT: for June: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £3899.20 Non Gift Aid £2461.30 SO £3720.50
St. Joseph's Care £505.07 Specials Gift Aid £155.91

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Patrick Carragher

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Patrick Carragher, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Tony Crean, Michael Joseph Meyler and Cecily Shaw

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, 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 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 (*Who needs porridge? 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 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: Back at the beginning of September, every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 30th / 31st August

Readers

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston **Sun 9.15am:** Maria Hall

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** T Cookson & M Golightly