

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 24th/25th January 2026

"The Lord is my light and my salvation"

Weekend 24th/25th January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 24 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Christians in The Holy Land
Sunday 25 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Michael Cookson

10:30am St. Peter's Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 26th 9am St. Peter's Mass Martin Skinsley *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*

Tuesday 27th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Denison family *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*

Wednesday 28th **12noon** St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Susan Brockbank

Thursday 29th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Joe Nickson

Friday 30th **11am** St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Ann Hayes

Weekend 31st/1st February: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 31st 6pm St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes

Sunday 1st 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass In memory of Wilma Bealey

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of Worsley Family

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: Just as Jesus called his first disciples by name, so he calls us personally and individually. We gather to celebrate the Eucharist because, like them, we want to receive him and to follow him.

First Reading *Isaiah 8:23-9:3* The prophet Isaiah foretells of when the tribes of Israel would be released from the domination of the Assyrians.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17* St Paul urges the Christians of Corinth not to fall into factions, but to be united in preaching the Good News of Christ crucified.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 St Matthew tells of how Jesus began his ministry with the call to repentance and faith in the closeness of God's kingdom. His first disciples left everything and followed him.

Message from Father Peter: As you know the weekday readings of the Church run on a two year cycle – this being year 2, as it is an even numbered year, but the Sunday readings run over a three year cycle, each one corresponding to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (we read the Gospel of St. John scattered throughout the year, though especially right after Christmas and during Eastertide). This being year A, today we embark on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, and being a rejected Jew he had a good knowledge of the workings and the thought patterns of Judaism. His call to follow Christ was controversial; the very evening of his calling people were ready to criticise Jesus for associating with tax collectors and sinners. Matthew's call was also very sudden - Jesus called him and he followed, almost as if he was waiting to leave a life he knew to be wrong. All these aspects of his life come through throughout his Gospel, written sometime around 74 – 80 AD. Matthew wanted to show that Christianity, and the life and teaching of Christ was quite in line with Jewish teaching and the prophecies of the Old Testament – many of which Matthew quotes in his Gospel (more than any other Evangelist) and also uses various Jewish storytelling techniques in the Gospel. But Matthew was writing for the Christian communities and is keen to point out that the Word for God is for everyone in the world, and the Church has a worldwide mission to this effect. For Matthew, this is what the Kingdom of Heaven is to be, which Jesus brings, and to which we are all called, and to which we are called to bring others, through our life, our preaching and our prayers. And so as throughout this year we listen to the Gospel of Matthew and celebrate the life and teaching of the Son of God our personal Saviour, let us always have before us the mission of Christ, and his call to each one of us and the world. And let's be grateful to Saint Matthew for sharing the Word of God with us in such an invigorating and truly life enhancing Gospel. And let us act upon it to do our part in bringing about the Kingdom of God in our lives and our world today.



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Fr. Peter Foulkes: dear Fr. Peter's Requiem will be celebrated on Monday February 16th at 11am at St. Bernadette's Lancaster. Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's at 9am for Fr. Peter.

SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop is coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm. Please pray for our fourteen Candidates as they make this important step on their faith journey.

Forthcoming Requiem Masses in Church: Requiem Mass for Sue Brockbank at St. Peter's on Wednesday 28th January at 12noon. Requiem Mass for Ann Hayes at St. Peter's on Friday 30th January at 11am. Requiem Mass for Vincent Moss at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 3rd February at 11:30am. Requiem Mass for Colin Brindle at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 10th February at 11am. May they rest in the Peace of Christ.

The Advent Posada: It is many years since Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem and found shelter in a stable where Our Lord Jesus was born. They had travelled many miles and through many places of shelter along the way. This year in Lytham then Ansdell and St. Annes they covered just 28 miles as they moved from place to place from St Bede's to Saltcotes Place to Kielder Court then Commonside to Broadwood Way, Bannister Street to Bellingham Rd, Forest Drive, the Boulevard, Sandringham Road, Balmoral Road, Grand Manor drive, Faulkner Crescent, Elmhurst Road, Arnside Avenue, Hilton Avenue, Lansdowne Road, Arundel Road, Eden Avenue, Windsor Avenue, then St. Bede's, Elms Avenue, Cartmell Road and finally resting in St. Joseph's church on the altar. They were received with joy and missed as they left and journeyed on.

Social Events: there is a box at the back of Church for any suggestion for social and fun raising events for our Parishes. Any suggestions most welcome... A meal out? Afternoon tea? Fr.P performing his one-man version of 'Cats'?

Chaplaincy Role: Are you interested in providing compassionate, spiritual, emotional and religious support to patients and their families at Blackpool Hospital. If so please contact Ian Baxter (lead Chaplain) for more details about joining the RC Chaplaincy volunteer team. email: i.baxter@nhs.net

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: back strumming away every Monday night in St. Peter's at 7pm. Newcomers always welcome!



COLLECTION COUNT: for December: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £454 Non Gift Aid £1638:39 SO £3193
St. Joseph's Care £335:27

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Ann Hayes, Vincent Moss, Fr. Peter Foulkes, Fr. Bryan Irving, Sue Brockbank, Colin Brindle, Paul Huson, Gwen Quinn, and Michael Mahon, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Michael O' Neill, Philip Lewis, Fr. Tom Ward, William Howarth, James Carter, Frances Kendrick, Alan Robinson, Mary Beatty and Olive Shepherd

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, Fr. Peter Hart, 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 (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. (*New Years Diet startED. 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 **Confirmation and First holy Communion cards** and Rosary beads. 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 31st Jan /1st February.

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick 9.15am Saoirse Altham

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm P Huskinson and David Warwick

Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly

9:15am Minister Nikola