

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Sixth Sunday of Eastertide C 25th May 2025

“Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.”

Weekend 24th /25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 24 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Maria Henzi
Sunday 25 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Greta Nickson
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	People of the Parishes

Monday 26 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Fr. Francis Jaconelli <i>followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 27 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Ron Rawstron <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 28 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Robert Birrell
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Eileen Wall
Thursday 29 th	9pm	St. Peter's	Mass	Pauline Worsley
	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	William and Mary Murray
	12noon	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass	for Pat Kay

Weekend 31st May /1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 31 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Isobel Quinn
Sunday 1 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	Pat Kay

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: 6th Sunday of Easter

Today we draw aside from the busyness and anxiety of our daily lives and the world around us to receive the peace of God that passes all understanding.

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Leaders of the early Church agree that Christians from different cultures need not submit to Jewish customs so long as they cause no unnecessary offence.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 John shows that God is the focal point of heaven, which is a place of perfect symmetry and unbroken light.

Gospel John 14:23-29 Jesus promises that when we love and obey him we will experience the presence of the Father, the peace of the Son and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Message from Deacon David (*who was present in Rome for the announcement of Pope Leo's election and his First Blessing*):

Unlike human leaders, who come and go and make mistakes, Christ remains forever. He is our High Priest — eternal, sinless, unchanging — and thank God for that! And yet, Jesus in His divine wisdom did something rather daring: He entrusted His Church to us — to human hands. He built His Church not on angels, but on Peter. A fisherman who was bold, flawed, impulsive and relied upon more passion than planning. And now, in that same spirit, we welcome another man who has dared to say yes to the same call: to be the successor of Peter. Now, Pope Leo XIV takes his name from a legendary line of papal Leos — including, of course, Pope Leo XIII, the great champion of Catholic social teaching, who wrote *Rerum Novarum* and somehow made theology sound poetic while talking about workers' rights. Leo XIII was called the “Pope of the working class,” the “Pope of reason,” So Pope Leo XIV — no pressure! But we know this: the papacy is not a platform for personal greatness, but a call to radical service. It's a position where you trade privacy for prayer requests, and comfort for a cross. The white cassock may look clean, but as every pope quickly learns, it's a working uniform. Jesus is “holy, innocent, uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners” — a description, I might add, that no pope would dare apply to himself! But it is Christ, not the Pope, who saves us. The Pope is not a replacement for Christ — he is a signpost pointing to Him, a voice echoing His Gospel, and a shepherd echoing the care of the Good Shepherd Himself. So as Pope Leo XIV begins his ministry, we pray he will have the wisdom of Leo XIII, the courage of Peter, but most importantly — the humility to keep Christ at the centre. And perhaps, may he also have the humour to survive Vatican meetings, and the stamina to greet pilgrims who never seem to run out of babies to bless. Let us pray for our Holy Father: that he may guide the Church not with power, but with love; not by his own strength, but through Christ, who lives and intercedes forever. And may we, because we have a part to play as faithful members of the Church, may we walk with him — praying, supporting, and listening — always keeping our eyes on Jesus, the one true and eternal High Priest.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Thursday 29th is the Feast of the
Ascension, a HolyDay of Obligation.**

**Vigil Mass at SJs at 7pm on
Wednesday evening,
Morning Mass at SPs at 9am and
SJs at 10am on Thursday.**



In This Feast's Gospel, Luke 24:46-53, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what his death and resurrection have achieved, so that they can continue to serve him wherever they may be after his ascension.

*Please note that attendance at the Requiem Mass for Pat Kay at Noon on this day **does** fulfil the HolyDay Obligation*

Please pray for those whom Requiems and Funeral Services we will be celebrating over the next few weeks: Pat Kay May 29th at SJ's at 12noon; Clare Tattersall June 2nd at SJ's at 11am; Vincent Lutas June 10th at SJ's at 10am; Eileen Whalley June 20th at Lytham Crematorium at 12:15pm; and Mary Veronica McLaughlin July 2nd at SP's at 1pm *Requiescat in pace.*

Edwina Gillett

Reception of the BeneMerenti for Service to the Diocese

as Editor of the Catholic Voice

Mass at Lancaster Cathedral

Saturday 31st May at 12:15. All Welcome

Will guests travelling by coach to the presentation of the Bene Merenti Medal at Lancaster Cathedral on Saturday 31 May please note that the coach will depart St Joseph's at 10:30 am prompt. The coach will return from Lancaster Golf Club at 4pm.

Celebration Vespers

Sunday 1st June at 4pm at St. Joseph's

Followed by Sherry in the Presbytery All Welcome.

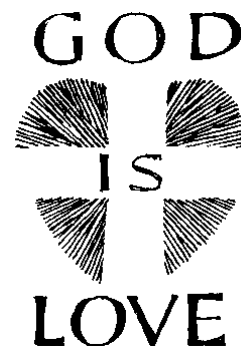
The Benemerenti Medal was first given by Pope Pius VI as a military award for soldiers. Under Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) a special Benemerenti medal was created to reward those who fought courageously in the Papal army at Ferrara, Bologna, and Vienna. In 1925, under Pope Pius XI, this medal began to be awarded to civil, military, laity and clergy, in recognition of exceptional service to the Catholic Church.

Deanery Celebration of First Holy Communion

for the First Holy Communion Children

of the five Junior Schools in our Deanery

Friday 13th of June at 11am at SJ's. All Welcome.



COLLECTION COUNT: for April: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £572.92 Non Gift Aid £1940.92 SO £2928.50
St. Joseph's Care £574.17 Cafod £1499.97 Easter flowers £25
Specials Gift Aid £82.34 Non Gift Aid £70.30 Bell ropes £610

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Pat Kay, Clare Tattersall, Vincent Lutas, Eileen Whalley, and Mary Veronica McLaughlin, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mildred Myerscough, John Downing, Francis 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, 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 Petraviute, 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!

No COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week
(Back to the 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 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. **First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts now 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 31st May/ 1st June
Readers

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston **Sun 9.15am:** Susan Brown

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M Herron