

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C' 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

“Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life”

#### Weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Pat Gleeson
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Deceased of Worsley Family

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Intentions of Joan Horton <i>followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Rachel Evans <i>preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Mary and Arthur Horton
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass The Flint Family

#### Weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'C'

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass In Memory of Wilma Bealey
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Bill Illingworth

#### 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:** The Church is called the “People of God” and the “Body of Christ”. Together we grow in holiness, united in the faith and teaching of the Lord.

**First Reading *Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10*** A people, reunited after exile, and rebuilding their lives, listen to God's word as the foundation of their society.

**Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*** Paul's great teaching on the human body as an image of the Church.

**Gospel *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*** A hugely important Gospel. Luke introduces the story of Jesus and the founding message of the Messiah.

**Message from Father Peter:** Last week I turned fifty-six years old (yes, I know it is hard to be believe but I am that young/old (delete as you feel is appropriate). My usual “Bingo Call” for the number 56 is ‘The Hungarian uprising of Budapest’, which itself is a personal reference to the musical ‘Chess’ which has a chorus of ‘1956 Budapest is Rising’ (Don't ask about the plot, it's too convoluted to explain here). Anyway, I've been thinking about the Biblical implication of the number 56. The 56<sup>th</sup> book of the Bible (discounting the Deuterocanonical books) is St. Paul's Letter to Titus, a friend of Paul who had travelled with him and Barnabus to Jerusalem, and whom Paul left in charge of the community in Crete, and wrote to him about the duties of Priests and Bishops. In the year 56AD St. Paul was residing with the community in Ephesus, until he was drummed out of the city the following year. The year after that, AD58 Paul himself celebrated his 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday, a year which included him raising a man from the dead who had fallen whilst drifting off during one of Paul's all-night sermons (and you think my sermons are long). The word ‘Honey’ is found 56 times in the Bible. The beautiful Psalm 56 was written by King David before he was anointed King of Israel. The Psalm is a hymn of Praise thanking God for the support God has given David in his travels, and who, even when he is attacked by people on all sides, prays ‘*I will not be afraid, for what can man do to me? In the Lord I have put my trust*’, which isn't a bad thing to pray on your fifty-sixth birthday or any birthday come to that. Incidentally, *I've decided that age is not going to get me down – it's far too difficult to get up again... I'll get my coat. And my zimmer frame...*



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**Confirmation 2025:** Bishop Paul will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **The course continue this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January for those who have registered in SJ's Hall at 6pm.** Please pray for all our candidates as they make this important step in their journey of faith, as well as the indefatigable team of Parish catechists.

**Lancaster Diocese Centenary Lours Pilgrimage:** 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' 23rd – 30th July. Details and booking forms on the notice boards at the back of Church or at: [www.joewalshtours.co.uk](http://www.joewalshtours.co.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne 21-23 May 2025** with Bishop Paul. Accommodation at Ushaw College with visits to Lindisfarne, Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral Full board and lodging: £310 for shared / £340 for single If interested, please contact us via email: [info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk](mailto:info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk) for a booking form

**Trinity Hospice:** Following the success of our first-ever joint fundraising appeal for Trinity Hospice and Brian House Children's Hospice in 2024, we plan to launch a similar Appeal in both Parishes, to run during the month of February 2025. This will feature a 'Just Giving' page and will be supplemented with Trinity Hospice bucket collections, at the end of masses in both parishes for two weekends 8/9 and 15/16 February. More information will be provided next week. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at the back of church with the Trinity collections, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

**Crib Offerings:** Bishop Paul has asked that Collections this year be sent to help support the Catholic Christians in the Gaza Strip during this time of terrible conflict and suffering. Bishop Paul asks that we keep this collection open until the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, 2nd February. **Many thanks for your generosity so far.**

**This Week's Liturgical Calendar:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the great Theologian and Doctor of the Church who wrote so much to us to help explain the great Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of St. John Bosco, one of the Apostles of young people, who met people in the own place and situations to explain the Scriptures to them.



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for December: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £351.00 Non Gift Aid £1031.25 SO £3266.50  
St. Joseph's Care £458.3805 Flowers: £5

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Richard Beesley, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Fr. Tom Ward, William Howarth, James Carter, Frances Kendrick, Alan Robinson, Mary Beatty, Olive Shepherd, Ben Jakes and Jackie Little.

**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 Hill, 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!

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week.

**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 Commnion 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:** every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

**Rotas for weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Readers**

**Sat Vigil:** Anna Murgatroyd: **9:15am** Anne Wormleighton

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil:** O & J Baker

**Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M Herron