

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 'A' 25th/26th April 2026

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want ”

Weekend 25th/26th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 25 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Fr. Peter Crowther
Sunday 26 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Vera McLaughlin

Monday 27 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass In Memory of Anita Walsh <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 28 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of L & A <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 29 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Repose of the Soul of Rosanna Scott
Thursday 30 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Fr. John Gornall
Friday 1 st	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Noel Meany
	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick Pat Ormond

Weekend 2nd/3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter 'A'

Saturday 2 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 3 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Pat Kay Birthday Remembrance
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Sr. Margaret Leonard

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: God goes ahead as our Good Shepherd to lead us through his world. Today we listen afresh to his call and pledge ourselves to obey it.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41 Peter explains how people who are conscious of their failings can know God's forgiveness and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25 The way Jesus responded to his persecutors was not only the means of our salvation but also provides us with a model for our own reactions.

Gospel John 10:1-10 Jesus explains that he is our spiritual leader and therefore worth following and trusting.

Message from Father Peter: Following on from last week's homily about opening the Bible a bit more, or buying one if necessary, a few people have been asking about what translations I was talking about etc., so here is a bit of further information, which might help.

The New Translation which we have been using at mass for the last couple of years (and the foreseeable future) is the **English Standard Version**. It's a very accurate translation, although can sometimes be a bit clumsy with regards to sentence construction, but I'm sure increasing familiarity will help with that.

The 'old' translation we were using was the **Jerusalem Bible**, and it is still one of the most readable and friendly Bibles in lost of different editions, and you can't go wrong. If you get one of the bigger versions it also has excellent introductory notes to each book, as well as helpful maps etc. Its children's editions are also beautifully illustrated.

The '**Good News Bible**' otherwise known as 'Today's English Version' is one of the clearest and simplest translations, although, particularly with the psalms, beauty and a sense of holiness are lost in its search for simplicity, but the meanings could not be clearer.

The most important thing to look for if you a buying a full Bible – Old and New Testaments – is to buy one which calls itself a **Catholic Edition**, as this will include the so called Deutero-Canonical Books, extra books ratified by the Council of Trent in the mid-1500's including the Books of Maccabees, for example, which are so important regarding our praying for the Holy Souls and the Doctrine of Purgatory.

Of course, **the important thing is to open the Bible and read it**. And here is a **Prayer Before Reading the Bible:** *Jesus, Word who became flesh, be present with me today as I encounter the written word. Open my ears to hear the message you have prepared for me. Open my eyes to see your love in every story, especially the tough ones. Let me not become trapped by my own knowledge, biases, or desire for merit, but keep my heart open to the guidance of your Spirit. And, Lord, as I continue to learn more about you through the Bible, help me be transformed by your love. Amen.*



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Fourth Sunday of Easter 25th–26th April 2026

First Week of the Month at SJSP's
Friday 1st May: First Friday Mass
& Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,
followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

First Holy Communion: the course continues in SJ's Hall this Monday at 6pm. We look forward to our First Communion Mass on May 16th, with the children leading Marian processions in each Church the following day.

Red Boxes 2025. In the year to December 2025 our parish raised £1,074.97 through the red boxes and including individuals giving directly. Thank You. *D. Warwick*

Safeguarding: It is important to ensure that any parishioners who are involved in any role within the Parish are covered by the Safeguarding process. If you are new to a role or are unsure whether you are covered or have any questions there are opportunities to talk to our Safeguarding Representatives over the next couple of weeks at the back of Church. Many thanks for your co-operation!

Save the Date! The Social Committee of our two Parishes are arranging a **Sunday Lunch at The Bedford Hotel in St. Annes on November 1st – the Feast of All Saints.** More information to follow, but a three-course lunch with food choices, including coffee, will be £25 and £12:50 for children. Please put the Date in your diary! Cheers!

Ann Fenwick Anniversary Mass: 28th April at 7pm. Ann was the founder of the mission at Hornby in the 18th century and an important figure in the cause for Catholic emancipation. The possibility of opening her cause for canonisation is being discussed by the Bishop. Mass will be celebrated in the medieval Anglican church of **St Wilfrid at Melling** where she is buried (probably the first Mass there since the reformation). Refreshments to follow in the Melling Institute.

Lancaster Martyrs Walk: Monday 4th May. Meeting at 10.30am outside Lancaster Castle Bishop Paul will lead us in the footsteps of the martyrs to their place of execution, with stops for prayer along the way. The walk is quite steep. **Concludes with 12.15 Mass in the Cathedral.** This year we will be joined by the Anglican Bishop of Blackburn.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: learning and rehearsing each Monday in SP's Hall at 7pm. Newcomers always welcome to join in the fun.

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: Saturday 30 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.

Students for the Priesthood for Diocese of Lancaster: We ask your prayers for the students for the Diocese of Lancaster who are presently in formation: Deacon Stephen Bamber: to be ordained priest: St Peter's Cathedral, Saturday 27 June. Chris Sumner: to be ordained deacon: St Paul's Basilica, Rome, Wednesday 17 June. And for those beginning or continuing formation with the Diocese: Alexander Kanaan, Ben O'Flynn, Dominic Standing, Paddie Denton, Harry Rawcliffe.



COLLECTION COUNT: for March: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £387 Non Gift Aid £1375:62 SO £3183
St. Joseph's Care £232:20

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Noel Meany and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Pat Kay, Malcolm Liptrot, Anne Collins, Rev. Ron Dale, Fr. Tom Forster, James Quinn, Fr. John Heaney, Mary Green, Kathleen Benyon, Anne Chatterton, Cyril Kelly, Norman Walker

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. (*Did any one of die from a surfeit of Pringle?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 2nd /3rd May
Readers Sat 6pm: David Warwick Sun.9.15am: Rosemary Page
Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: J & C O'Neill
Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle
9:15am Minister Catherine