

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday of Easter 27th April 2025

Sunday of Divine Mercy

“Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.”

Weekend 26th/27th April Second Sunday of Easter Year ‘C’

Saturday 26th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Marcus A Successful Operation
Sunday 27th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Anniversary of Eric and Agnes Walsh

Monday 28th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Joy Warwick <i>followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
	11am	St. Joseph's	Funeral Service for Moira Roberts

Tuesday 29th		St. Joseph's	<u>No 10am Mass This Morning</u>
	12noon	St. Bernadette's Bispham	Requiem mass for Maria Poyner

	7pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
Wednesday 30th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Canon Peter Draper Golden Jubilee

Thursday 1st	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass In Memory of Anita Walsh
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Friday 2nd	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick Intentions of Fr. Peter
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Weekend 3rd/4th May Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday 3rd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass My Beloved Wife Barbara
Sunday 4th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Sheila Dewhurst

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: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Through faith we can overcome our human anxieties and doubts. We can be set free to do all that God calls us to do.

First Reading Acts 5:12-16 The apostles continue Christ's work, and people begin to believe in spite of their fears.

Second Reading Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 John writes of his vision of the risen Christ, who reassures him that he should continue his work even though he has been punished for his witness.

Gospel John 20:19-31 The disciples are afraid and Thomas has to overcome his doubt; but they receive the Spirit Jesus breathes on them as he sends them out in peace.

Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster upon the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis. It is with great sadness that we learned this morning of the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, following a period of ill-health. Yesterday, on Easter Sunday, Pope Francis made a brief appearance at St Peter's Square to bless thousands of people gathered in Rome to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. May he now rest in the peace of the Risen Christ whose faithful servant he has been. We are deeply grateful for the life and service of Pope Francis. While we mourn his loss, we are thankful for his steadfast witness and legacy. His life of discipleship, and then leadership, within the Church saw him accept responsibility from the Lord as a Jesuit, a priest, a bishop, and finally as successor to St Peter. His firm resolve and challenging teaching on issues including care for creation, the sexual abuse of children, and insights into intimacy of human relationships, saw the Pope broaden opportunities for dialogue within the church, and with people and groups from outside of the Catholic Church. Masses for the repose of the Pope's soul will be offered across the churches of our Diocese in the coming days. We entrust Pope Francis to the Father of all mercies and pray for the happy repose of his soul. Please remember Pope Francis in your prayers. An announcement will follow in due course regarding a diocesan mass in the cathedral, to which ecumenical and civic guests will be invited. *O God, for whom the just receive an unfailing reward, grant that your servant, Francis, our Pope, whom you made vicar of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory, for he was a faithful steward here on earth of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace. Though Christ our Lord.*

We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis on Tuesday evening at 7pm. All Welcome.



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Easter Sunday

Please pray with great joy and gladness for Joyce, Rachel, Alex, Lee, Jake and Richard **who were received into Full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil** and Emy who was baptised. Huge congratulations to them, and many blessings to them on this life changing moment in their spiritual lives.

A Huge Thank You to everyone involved with the wonderful services we have celebrated over Lent and Easter: our friends and deacons, Michael and David, the altar servers and sacristy organisers, the readers and ministers and organizers; the choirs and instrumentalists; the flower people; the welcomers; the collectors; the children's and sacramental catechists, teachers and parents; the refreshment makers and social organisers; our Church Cleaners and those who prepared the Churches; and all those who keep the Parishes, the Churches, the House and grounds running; those who do support me in my ministry here; and everyone (including those I haven't mentioned!) who comes along throughout the year to ensure that the *light of Christ* is burning brightly at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's throughout the year. **A very Happy Eastertide to you all!**

Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: Many thanks for all the contributions, every single penny has been counted and greatly appreciated. I will announce the final total this weekend at all masses and write more on next week's newsletter.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: The next session for Candidates is Monday 28th in SAINT PETER'S HALL at 6pm. Please pray for our children on this important step in their faith journeys.

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 26th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Please join us for a silent act of witness **against assisted suicide/euthanasia**. Meet on London Road, Preston –north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info Tel 01772 723094.

Fr. Philip completed his 40 day Sponsored Walk of 10,000 steps plus on Saturday 19/04. Thank you for your prayerful & financial support. Please follow these directions for collection of money. 1. Place your sponsor money in a plain envelope & seal it. Please do NOT use parish gift aid or Mass Intention envelopes. They will not be passed to me.) 2. Write on the envelope "Fr. Philip's Sponsor Money" 3. Write on the envelope your own name. 4 Write on the amount of money enclosed. 5. Your address & postcode must be included to claim Gift Aid. (Aid to the Church in Need Office will deal with claims) 6. Place your envelope in the collection bag/basket at Mass on the weekends 26/27 April or 3/4 May. Thank you. *Fr. Philip*

Saturday 26th April: Line Dancing Night!



with food, a bar and the ukelele orchestra from 7:30pm at SJ's hall. Tickets are available from SJ's and SP's after Masses £6 for adults and £3 for children. All profits will be donated to Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal.



COLLECTION COUNT: for March: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £367.00 Non Gift Aid £1047:86 SO £3356.50
St. Joseph's Care £396:89 Sanctuary Lamp £40:00
CAFOD Family Fast: £1129:37

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Maria Poyner, Ron Rawstron, Elizabeth Teasdale, Eileen Sheehan and Moira Roberts, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mary Buckley, Elizabeth Godden, Brian Craig, Tom Charnley, Pat Quaile, Mary Paul, Mary Whittle, Nadia Garsed Taylor, Walter Patrick Plant, Patricia Fanning, Peter Earnshaw, Brian Green, Harry Lawrenson and Phillip Booker.

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 Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Clare Tattersall, 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 (*And Chocolate Cereal – was Lent only six weeks? 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. Easter Cards and 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 26th / 27th April

Readers, Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton
Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: O&J Baker **Sun** M Skene and M Lehman