

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th July 2025

“On the day I called, You answered me, O Lord”

Weekend 26th/27th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass A Special Intention
Sunday 27 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Thomas and Norah Jackson
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

Monday 28 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For Pauline Successful Operation <i>followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 29 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Clare Nolan <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 30 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Diane Successful Cancer Treatment
Thursday 31 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Brian and Susan Southern
Friday 1 st Aug.	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Sacrament of the Sick Deceased of O'Dea Family

Weekend 2nd/3rd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2 nd	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Joy Warwick
Sunday 3 rd	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Gabriella Spedding Hobbs

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 calls on us to draw near in prayer and to become close through prayer. Human relationships need conversation and time spent together. Through prayer we demonstrate our dependence on and trust in God.

First Reading *Genesis 18:20-32* Abraham relies on God's justice as he asks for mercy for the people of the city of Sodom.

Second Reading *Colossians 2:12-14* Paul makes it clear that God's forgiveness is total and absolute.

Gospel *Luke 11:1-13* Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, to approach God with simplicity and in confidence. God will always listen to our prayer, and we are encouraged to persist.

Message from Father Peter: I mentioned at the beginning of last Sunday's Mass, the Gospel of which spoke about Martha and Mary, that this Tuesday 29th we celebrate the rather lovely Feast of the Holy Family of Bethany, Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Jesus was obviously a great friend of the family, going to visit Martha and Mary upon hearing of their brother Lazarus's death, and the outpouring of faith and belief in their darkest hour, brings about Jesus' stunning and compassionate miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. As well as expressing their faith in Christ and the resurrection, the family famously offer hospitality to Jesus, on a number of occasions in the Scriptures, firstly as we heard last week, from Luke 10:38-42, when Martha bustled in the kitchen and Mary listened to Jesus' preaching, and also, most importantly, not least just before Christ's own death, as recorded in John 12:1-7, with Martha, this time appropriately serving Christ as well as her brother Lazarus at the table (with some people wanting to kill Lazarus because of his association with Christ and his miraculous raising), with Mary anointing Jesus in preparation for his burial. But what happened after Jesus' resurrection? There are various traditions, but several of them speak of the family travelling to France, with Lazarus having a stop off in Cyprus, where he was Bishop, before journeying on to Marseilles, where he was the first Bishop, and martyred there. Martha evangelized to the people of Provence, and one story tells of her slaying 'la Tarasque', a half-animal-half-fish monster, by sprinkling it with Holy water, before tying it up with her apron. It is said that Mary of Bethany was with the family till the end in France too. When Pope Francis declared July 29th a Feast of not only Martha, but Mary and Lazarus together it was stated, '*Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death.*' God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, witness, and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Now last week I mentioned in my homily that Mary recognised Christ's voice at his resurrection, so is Mary of Bathany the same person as Mary Magdalene? I'll discuss that question in another 'message' - it's a theological can of hornets...



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First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Friday 1st August: First Friday Mass

& Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,
followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Monday 4th August: Evening Prayer

and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Wednesday 6th August: Mass

at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's

Tuesday 19th August: Holy Hour with

Rosary & Benediction: St. Peter's at 6:30pm

As requested, Large Print newsletters and missalettes are available at the back of Church.

Burkina Faso: our annual appeal is now open and envelopes for donations are available at the back of church which can be returned via the offertory collection. Please be as generous you can to provide the Bernardines with continued vital funding to support their mission. The appeal will remain open until 7 September. *E. Gillett*

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: still strumming away every Monday. This week we meet in SP's Hall at 7pm.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.



COLLECTION COUNT: for June: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £3899.20 Non Gift Aid £2461.30 SO £3720.50
St. Joseph's Care £505.07 Specials Gift Aid £155.91

Please pray for all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Anne McKenna, Thomas Johnson, Rena Lee, Sr. Betty Cahill, Sr. Kathleen Standish, Joan Dean, Catherine McKelvey, Lillah Ogden, Alice Harman, Deacon John Stanning, Teresa Crilly and Joseph Strickland

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, 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 Petraviciute, 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 (*you know it makes sense. 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 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. 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: Back at the beginning of September, every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 2nd/3rd August

Readers

Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J. and C. O'Neill **Sun 9.15am:** M Skene & M Lehman