

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 26th/27th September 2026

"Remember your compassion, O Lord"

Weekend 26th/27th September: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 26th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass In memory of Roseanne Scott

Sunday 27th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Alan Hesketh Birthday Remembrance

10:30am St. Peter's Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 28th 9am St. Peter's Mass Mary Horton

10am Lytham Crematorium Service for Kim Elizabeth Eastham

Tuesday 29th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Michael Wren-Hilton *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*

Wednesday 30th 9am St. Peter's Mass Intentions of Catherine Nolan

Thursday 1st 10am St. Joseph's Mass In memory of Ian Spedding

Friday 2nd 2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Anointing of the Sick Intentions of Jeanette Coyle and Dawn Hill

Weekend 3rd/4th October: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 3rd 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Joan and Michael McCombe

Sunday 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Damien Turner

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: Jesus came into the world not to condemn but to save what was lost. He was able to see the potential of the rebellious heart and point out the necessary steps for conversion. The particular shape that this conversion of life must take is unique and individual to each person.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28 The ways of the Lord are fair, condemning the virtuous person who turns to sin, forgiving the sinner who turns to do what is right.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11 When we are united in purpose and action, we share the mind of Christ who humbled himself even to death on the cross for our salvation.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 When a person sees the error of their ways and repents, God forgives them. Prostitutes and tax collectors will precede the self-righteous into the kingdom of God.

Message from Father Peter: This week is very much 'Angel Week' in the Church's Liturgical calendar, as we have two really rather lovely angelic Feasts to celebrate.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Archangels, glorying in God's love and care in reminding ourselves of the heavenly ministrations of these three extra special messengers of God, the Archangels. The word 'Angel' or course means 'Messenger', but the individual names of the Archangels also point out their individual ministries. Michael, whose name means 'one like God' is known as the captain of the heavenly army who brought victory of Satan, and now protects the Church against its enemies. Gabriel, whose name means 'power of God', is known to us as God's announcing Angel, bring news of the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah, and the Lord Jesus to Mary. Raphael, whose name means 'healing of God, brought healing to Tobias on his pilgrim journey recounted in the Book of Tobit, and today is venerated as Patron of the blind, travellers, doctors and nurses. *God our Father, the angels demonstrate your heavenly love and care for your people, through their strength, their messages, and their healing. As they continue to minister to you in the annals of heaven, so may their love and protection, bring us here on earth ever closer to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

And then on Friday, at our Anointing Mass, we will be gratefully thinking about our Guardian Angels. As with our celebration of the three Archangels, today is a celebration of God's love for us, but today we think especially of his individual love for each and every one us, through the help of our very own Guardian Angel, watching over us, and guiding and assisting us in the ways of righteousness. Devotion to our Guardian Angels goes back to the Middle Ages, and it is a lovely little reminder of God's care for us today, and not something to be kept back in our schooldays. *God our heavenly Father, as through our baptism you have called each one of us by name, so you have given us our own holy angel, to guard and protect us on our way to you. May we come to rejoice with them in heaven, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

Incidentally, *My Guardian Angel taught me trigonometry: it was a sine from God. Then the three Archangels taught me the same thing. This was a cosine from God. I'll get my coat... and my halo...*



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Red Mission Boxes. The Autumn collection from the boxes will take place during September. Please bring your box to church and leave it in the sacristy. The boxes will be returned to the sacristy for collection after emptying.

The Food Bank: Contributions are most welcome, and still most necessary. **Please bring stuff to Masses or the Presbytery any time.**

Saint Bede's First Alumni Event: Wednesday 30th September 2026 6:00pm - 7:00pm with the option of attending earlier at 5:30pm for a school tour. Catch up with fellow alumni, tour the school and hear from our current pupils! Please confirm your attendance by emailing abolton@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk this is so we know how many attendees we will have.

SJSP Race Night!

An evening of fun and games and racing

NEXT Saturday 3rd October in SJ's Hall at 7pm

Tickets £6 adults £3 children available after Masses

Food Provided, BYO Drink!

SJSP Sunday Lunch at The Bedford

Sunday November 1st at 12noon

If you would like to join us, forms and menus are available after masses.

As well as the two Feast Days of the Angels, mentioned overleaf, **this Thursday October 1st is the Feast of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus**, otherwise known as St Theresa of Liseux, a Virgin and Doctor of the Church. The 'Little Flower' was only twenty-four when she died of tuberculosis, but in her short life became one of the world's most loved Saints, due to her determination, simplicity, and sanctity. Saint Theresa joined the Carmelite convent in Liseux at the age of fifteen, following her sisters, and during her time of prayer and penance wrote her famous 'Little Way' which bore spiritual insights beyond her years. With Joan of Arc she is Patroness of France. *God our heavenly Father, allow us to journey the little way of Saint Theresa, that, through her prayers and example, we may show the humility and simplicity of little children, trusting in your wisdom and love, and following the path that leads to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



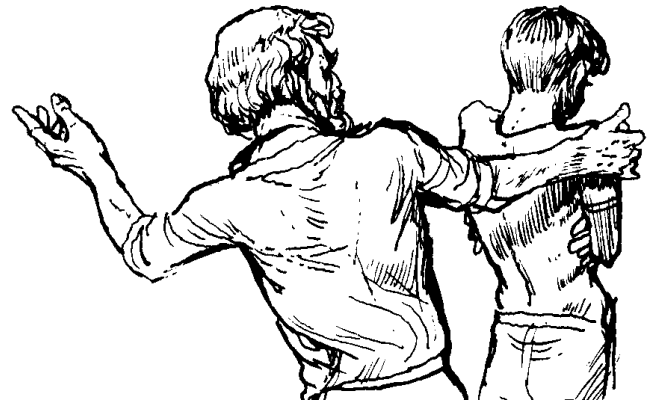
Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's after 10:30am Mass

SJSP Amazing Musical Nativity (Did you know that Mary had a cat?):

Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for August: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £1427:39 SO £3148
St. Joseph's Care £139:96 Burkina Faso £55

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Kim Elizabeth Eastham and Glen Davidson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Baron, Brenda Windsor, Greta Turner, Vera Bullough, Michael Wren-Hilton, Robert Thatcher, Jim Cartmell, Fr. Kevin Lowry, Jack Donellan, Edmund Harrison and Brent Karam

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 Gleeson, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Joan McCombe, Zoe Mc Laughlin, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Or tea. Or juice. 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 10:00am On Wednesday's in SJ's Hall.

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 3rd /4th October

Readers Sat 6pm: Mary Wren Hilton Sun. 9.15am: Peter Benning

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: C. O'Neill and Stephanie Gilully

Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly

9:15am Minister Catherine