

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 'A' 27th/28th June 2026

“From all my terrors the Lord set me free ”

Weekend 27th/28th June: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 27 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Robert Coward
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass In Loving Memory of Genevieve Borovicka

Monday 29 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass John Gerard Nolan <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 30 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the Soul of David Steichan <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
Wednesday 1 st	10am	Saltcotes	Mass Deceased of the O'Dea Family
Thursday 2 nd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Alice and Aurora
Friday 3 rd	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick John McKenzie

Weekend 4th/5th June: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 4 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Martin Amriding
Sunday 5 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Rosemarie Szollar

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: Two great men, Peter and Paul, are celebrated today. The faith of the Church is built upon them. Let us honour these apostles, and rejoice that we share and practise the same faith.

First Reading Acts 12:1-11 As persecution descends upon the Church, Peter is arrested and miraculously set free.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 After a lifetime of service, Paul looks forward to his homeland of heaven.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19 Jesus asks the vital question. Who do you say he is?

Message from Father Peter: the prayer on the Newsletter last week seemed to bring some smiles – if a little ruefully as we empathised with the thoughts of the old Nun. This weekend I thought I'd bring you another Old Prayer, but one which is much more well known, the prayer of the Medieval Bishop and Saint, Richard of Chichester. He was born at the end of the twelfth century, and having been orphaned at a young age had to work on his brothers' land before his own inheritance came through, and a suitable marriage to a noble lady was arranged for him. Richard gave up both his inheritance and the offer of marriage in order to devote his life to study and to the Church; he studied at Oxford before teaching there and throughout Europe, before studying for the Priesthood, and eventually becoming Bishop of Chichester in 1244 (although apparently the King, Henry III, was not happy with his appointment, and all sorts of ecclesiastical wrangles ensued). He died on the April 3rd 1253, and was buried in Chichester. The prayer for which he is famous is, *Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits Thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly*, which he allegedly recited on his deathbed – although he apparently recited it in Latin so bravo to the translator who gave us the lovely clearly/dearly/nearly rhyme. Famously the latter half of the prayer was set to music by Stephen Schwartz for his musical 'Godspell' which is a folksy retelling of the Gospel of St. Matthew, as the song 'Day By Day' which has been covered by artists as varied as Cilla Black, the Seekers, and Shirley Bassey. I wonder if they knew they were singing a five hundred year old prayer? It still makes a lovely prayer for us today - day by day.



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The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 27th/28th June 2026

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Wednesday 1st July: Mass

at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

Friday 3rd July: First Friday Mass

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

Tomorrow Monday at 9am at SP's we will celebrate a whole School Mass for our Patronal Feast of Sains Peter and Paul.

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

Congratulations to our old friend Christopher Sumner who has been Ordained Deacon in Rome for this Diocese of Lancaster and for Stephen Bamber who was ordained Priest for the Diocese today in Lancaster Cathedral. May the Lord bless them in their future ministry.

Lytham Club Day 2026. Ecumenical Songs of Praise at Lytham Hall at 3pm. Everyone welcome to join together for fellowship.

Songs for Club Day with Lytham Community Choir; An Evening of Uplifting Music! **Saturday 11th July at 7pm at St. Peter's.** See the poster for further details.

Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12th July at 3pm at SJ's: forms are being collated regarding the great choice of hymns (enough for several Sons of Praise!) **Tickets for the Strawberry Tea are available after Masses this weekend.** If could help with preparing the hall and serving the Cream Tea please ring Ann on 07546 410406

Holy Mass of Blessed Edward Bamber: Thursday 16th July at 6:30pm at St. Winefride's House, Bispham, followed by refreshments. All Welcome.

Burkino Faso 2026: the collection continues and envelopes are available at the back of Church.

Foundation Governor Vacancies at St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy, Blackpool and Christ the King Catholic Academy, Blackpool. Blessed Edward Bamber catholic Academy are seeking committed practising Catholics to join our two Governing Boards as Foundation Governors. This rewarding voluntary role offers an opportunity to support the strategic leadership of the schools, promote its Catholic ethos, and help ensure the best outcomes for all pupils. No previous governance experience is required, as training and support will be provided. If you are passionate about Catholic education and want to make a positive difference in our school communities, we would love to hear from you.

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

Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12th July at 3pm at SJ's

Family BBQ: Sunday 6th September in SJ's Grounds

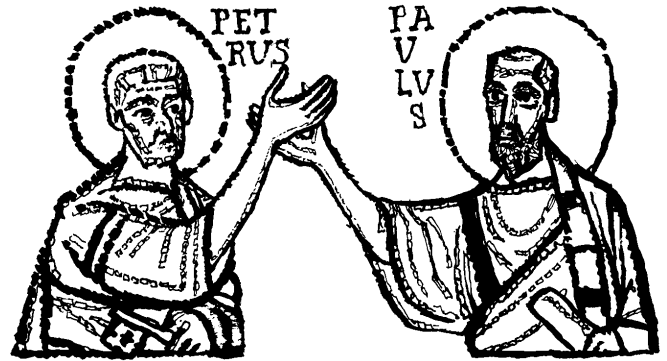
Preston band Concert: Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm at SP's

Race Night: Saturday 3rd October at 7:430pm at SJ's

Sunday Lunch at the Bedford: Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fair: Sunday 6th December at SP's

Fr. P.'s Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for May: with grateful thanks

Gift Aid £501 Non Gift Aid £2034:88 SO £3081

St. Joseph's Care £436:67 Specials Gift Aid £78:50

Non Gift Aid £17.00 Easter Flowers £25 Burkina Faso £430:00

Please pray for all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Winnifred Hickson, Jenny Gregg, Patricia Costello, Martine Porter, Andrew Boardman, David Long, Joe Waters, Ellen Moore and Ray Woods.

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 Gleason, 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. (*Who needs pies?*)

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: 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 4th/5th July

Readers Sat 6pm: David Warwick Sun. 9.15am: Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: M & D Ghee

Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly

9:15am Minister Jake