

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord 'A' 28th/29th March 2026

Holy Week

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Weekend 28th/29th March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord 'A'

Saturday 28th 6pm St. Joseph's **Mass** Deceased of the Burke Family

Sunday 29th 9:15am St. Joseph's **Mass** People of the Parishes

10:30am St. Peter's **Mass** John Goggins

Monday 30th 9am St. Peter's **Mass** John Nolan *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*

7pm St. Peter's **Stations of the Cross** and Benediction

Tuesday 31st 10am St. Joseph's **Mass** Wing Commander Thomas Gibson and Mary Gibson

preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am

1:15pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Denise Pye

7pm St. Joseph's **Stations of the Cross** and Benediction

Wednesday 1st 10am Saltcotes **Mass** Frances O'Connor

Thursday 2nd 7pm St. Peter's **Mass of the Lord's Supper** Thomas and Dorothy Gillully

10pm St. Peter's **Night Prayer** of the Church

Friday 3rd 10am St. Peter's **Stations of the Cross**

3pm St. Joseph's **Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord**

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6pm St. Joseph's **Prayers** around the Crucifix (Outside)

Weekend 4th/5th April: Easter Sunday

Saturday 4th 9am St. Joseph's **Morning Prayer** for Holy Saturday

Saturday 4th 7pm St. Peter's **Easter Vigil and Service of Light** People of the Parishes

Sunday 5th 9:15am St. Joseph's **Mass** Deceased of the O'Dea Family

10:30am St. Peter's **Mass** Birthday Intentions of Eileen Illingworth

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

6:30-6:55pm Monday and Tuesday Before Stations of the Cross

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

This Sunday's Readings: Triumph, joy, popularity and praise, followed by betrayal, rejection, suffering and death. This Sunday we accompany Christ as his disciples - his followers - as he walks to embrace the cross, which has become the tree of life for us.

Gospel for the Procession *Matthew 21:1-11* In fulfilment of ancient prophecy and deep longings, the Messiah enters his city to bring his people lasting peace.

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7* The one who suffers insult and rejection continues to place his trust in God.

Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11* In this hymn of praise, Paul encourages us to have the same mind as Christ, who, though divine, committed himself totally in obedience to the Father's will.

Gospel *Matthew 26:14-26:66* The Passion of Christ - the immense love of God for us.

Message from Father Peter: Our Gospel Readings for the first three days of Holy Week:

Monday: *John 12:1-11* today's Gospel tells us of the incidents during the last days of Jesus before the Passover. Today we hear that Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, anoints Jesus - in preparation for his death - in spite of the protests of Judas, who saw it as a waste of money.

Tuesday: *John 13:21-33.36-38* We contrast Judas and Peter. Judas is greedy and his greed leads to disloyalty and betrayal. Jesus will be glorified through his actions. Peter is impetuous and makes unreasonable promises that he will later regret. But he will also repent of his mistakes.

Wednesday: *Matthew 26:14-25* There are many things to reflect on as we prepare for the three sacred days of the Triduum, beginning tomorrow night. We have a description of the betrayal by Judas, which gives this day its name 'Spy Wednesday', the preparation for the Last Supper, the account of this supper and the institution of the Eucharist, and the forecast that the disciples would scatter in fear, in spite of their protestations of loyalty.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Palm Sunday 28th/29th March 2026

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Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Monday at SP's at 7pm and Tuesday at SJ's at 7pm

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Holy Week and The Easter Triduum at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's 2026

All are welcome to join us for our beautiful Services

Spy Wednesday 1st April: Saltcotes 10am Mass

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

St. Peter's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession, and Watching until 10pm with

Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm

Good Friday 3rd April

St. Peter's 10am Stations of the Cross

Ecumenical Service: St. Paul's Charity Shop Woodlands Road 10am

St. Joseph's 3pm and St. Peter's 3pm

Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Prayers around Calvary: Outside at St. Joseph's at 6pm

Holy Saturday 4th April

St. Joseph's: 9am Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

St. Peter's 7pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light

Easter Sunday 5th April

St. Joseph's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

St. Peter's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

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Holy Saturday morning Prayer: please note the 'extra' service this year - Morning Prayer for Holy Saturday in SJ's next Saturday Morning at 9am., in the bleakness of the Church after Good Friday.

2026 Lenten Challenge: All donations for my 1000 Crane Challenge to raise money to send children in Malawi to school most gratefully accepted. Envelopes are available at the back of Church, as well as the QR code on the noticeboard. Please take a greetings card or bookmark of my handiwork!

Please pray for Catechumens Rhys and Liam, and Candidates Janos, Csanad, Alan and James, and Confirmandi Jacob and Tara as they make their final preparations to be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening, and will lead us in our Mass on Maundy Thursday.

Easter Sunday 5th April: Coffee and Cakes after 10.30am mass at SP's - proceeds for Father Peters 2026 Lenten Challenge. All Welcome!

Family Bingo in SP's Hall

Sat. 18th April 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the general upkeep of our lovely Saltcotes Chapel.



COLLECTION COUNT: for February: with grateful thanks
Gift Aid £407 Non Gift Aid £1108:04 SO £3696
St. Joseph's Care £172:30

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Denise Pye and those whose anniversaries occur about this time roseane Scott, patrick Browne, Jean Leonard, Martha Gray Law, Margaret Brindle, thomas Errington, Pope John Paul and Andrew Zacharias

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, Fr. Peter Hart, 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 Petraviute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. (Ready salted. 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. **Easter Cards 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. All welcome. **Thursday at 10:30am** in Church.

Rotas for weekend 4th / 5th April

Readers Sat Easter Vigil: Easter Sun.9.15am: Peter Benning

Meet and Greet Sat Easter Vigil: 6pm Sheila and Paul

Easter Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman

9:15am Minister Catherine