

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### The Feast of the Holy Family 'C' 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

“Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”

#### Weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>: The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Gwen and Bayne Spedding
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	John Genge

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Joy Warwick followed by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Jean McLaughlin preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10am	<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>Mass</b>	John Nolan
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Tony Crean
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Elizabeth Whelan Cantoni

#### Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Fred and Maureen McLeod
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's**

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

### Please note that Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass is at St. Peter's is at 10am First Friday at Mass and Anointing at Joseph's at 2pm

**This Sunday's Readings:** Family life is a natural way to live the love that God has given us. Doing ordinary things in which we talk and listen to one another, as Jesus did in the Temple, is part of the process of discovering all the God-given potential within us.

**First Reading *Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14*** Caring for our parents pleases God. Let us follow this, and all the commandments of the Father.

**Second Reading *Colossians 3:12-21*** Paul encourages us to discover the rich message of Christ in the midst of our family life.

**Gospel *Luke 2:41-52*** Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple talking with the teachers. He tells them that this ordinary discussion is part of God's work, as is his life with them back home.

**Message from Father Peter:** After a wonderful Christmas, we can now look forward to what I hope is a Happy and Holy New Year for us, perhaps especially Holy, as Pope Francis declares 2025 to be a Holy Year, which he official opened when entering St. Peter's Basilica through the 'Holy Door' on Christmas Eve beginning 'a Jubilee of Hope' praying, 'Grant that the church may bear faithful witness to your love and may shine forth as a vital sign of the blessed hope of your kingdom'. This Holy Year calls us to 'Pilgrims of Hope', as Pope Francis said, calling us 'to spiritual renewal and committing us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation: A jubilee for our mother Earth, disfigured by profiteering; a time of jubilee for the poorer countries burdened beneath unfair debts; a time of jubilee for all those who are in bondage to forms of slavery old and new.' Throughout the year, let us pray the Official Holy Year prayer (which will be distributed on cards soon): *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. Amen.* A beautiful prayer for this New Year – and any Year.



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*First Week of the Month at SJSPs*

**This Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January:**

**First Friday Mass & Anointing**

at St. Joseph's at 2pm followed by refreshments  
(Please note there is no Saltcotes mass this month)

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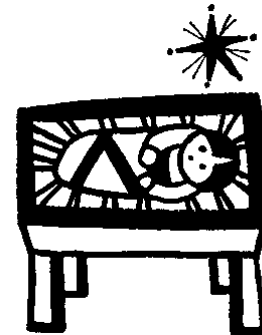
First of all, let me thank everyone who has helped make our beautiful Christmas Masses so special, but in doing so, I'm really thanking everyone who works so hard throughout the year for us all here at SJSP's. So many people who work in the Church and Sacristy, on the Altar, around the Church, behind the scenes, in the gardens and grounds, in the house and the Office, in our church and house buildings, in our organ lofts and our choir benches and musician areas, and in our bell Towers, in our amazing Schools and in all our work with our young people, in our Parish Halls, and in our Parish Hall kitchens, in raising funds and ministering to those outside the Church, and in our own homes and families; and huge thanks to our friends and Deacons Michael and David. We already know we are blessed to be such a wonderful community, so let's continue to gratefully receive and celebrate God's blessings, and share them with others throughout this coming year. Amen. *FrP*.

**Personal Thanks from FrP** for all the kind gifts, cards and offerings over the Christmas season. Huge Thanks and Many Blessings to you all.

**SJSP 2025 Calendars** are now available, a bargain at just £5. The perfect Christmas gift!

**Confirmation 2025:** Bishop Paul will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February next year. **The Sacrament is open to our young people in Year 6 and above.** If you would like to receive the sacrament, please see Father Peter for an application form.

**SJSP Late Christmas Party with food and entertainment!** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7pm in SJ's Hall: Tickets and more details coming soon!



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for November: *with grateful thanks*  
Gift Aid £323.00 Non Gift Aid £1107:66 SO £2927  
Special Collections Gift Aid £81 Non Gift Aid 110:76  
St. Joseph's Care £150:05 CAFOD: £268

**Please pray for all who have died recently,** especially Alan Bealey, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Scott Russell Hall, Maralyn Gilmour, Sally McCann, Dorothy Cartmell, Keith Mason, Maurice Crilly and Bernadette McGladdery.

**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 Hill, 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 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.

**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:** Christmas cards, packs and individual ones now on sale aswell as Advent Candles and Children's Christmas books. New Sunday Missals now in stock at £15. All our usual items, Mass cards, selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues etc are still 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 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Readers**

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston 9.15am Peter Benning

**Meet and Greet**

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle