

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 29th/30th August 2026

“For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God”

Weekend 29th/30th August: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 29th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass David and Leesa Baxendale / People of the Parishes

Sunday 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Tony and Damian Crean

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased Family and Friends of Smeed Family

Monday 31st 9am St. Peter's Mass Stephen and Family *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*

Tuesday 1st 10am St. Joseph's Mass Bobby Kelly *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*

Wednesday 2nd 10am **Saltcotes** Mass Special Intention (CN)

Thursday 3rd 10am St. Joseph's Mass John Scally

Friday 4th 2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Anointing of the Sick Liam Herron

Weekend 5th/6th September: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 5th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Bernhard Joslowski

Sunday 6th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Joshua Stephen Foster

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

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: Today St Paul tells us not to be followers of fashion, but followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers us a new vision of the world and a new way of living life.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9* God's prophet is mocked by the world around him, but God's word is a greater influence.

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2* Paul exhorts us not to follow the crowd, but to have the mind of Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27* Jesus speaks of suffering, self-sacrifice and glory.

Message from Harry Rawcliffe, a Student for the Priesthood of our Diocese:

It's a joy to be with you for the next few weeks! While we're just down the road from where I grew up in Preston, my journey here was rather more circuitous. The route took me through Oxford University, central Africa and New York for brief stints of work, several years as a secondary school chaplain in Essex and, most recently, my first year of priestly formation at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain. Throughout that time, I have been trying my best to listen to 'the still, small voice' of the Holy Spirit and to let Him be in the driving seat of my life - with varying levels of success!

It was several years ago that the idea of priesthood first rose in my heart, but it took time for the idea to take root and for me to grow in confidence that this was indeed a call from God, at least to explore the possibility of becoming a priest. The Sacraments of Christ and His Church have been hugely significant in my life; it would be a joy and a privilege to bring them to others as a priest. It is important that those in formation for the priesthood and religious life remain free to follow the voice of the Lord wherever it may lead. That being said, I am one year in and all of the lights are green!

I'm looking forward to meeting you all and living parish life with you over the coming weeks, before I head to the English College in Rome to continue my formation. Please pray for me and for all young people discerning God's call in their lives.

Saints Joseph and Peter, pray for us.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th/30th August 2026

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Wednesday 2nd September: Mass

at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

Friday 4th September: First Friday Mass

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

Monday 7th September: Evening Prayer

and Benediction at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Student for the Priesthood: this weekend we are pleased to welcome **Harry Rawcliffe**, a student for the priesthood who is with us for a few weeks before continuing his training after the Holidays. You will be seeing him pottering around the Parishes. Please pray for Harry and all our Seminarians on their journey to discovering God's vocation for them. **And read about his journey to the priesthood overleaf...**

CTEW Parish Levy. This last week of August there is a retiring collection to raise our Catholic trust of England and Wales National Levy which each parish has to pay. **The levy for St. Joseph's is £1300:71.** Your generosity would be much appreciated.

This is the Last Sunday for Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes: Fr. Philip will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes in September and is willing to take any petitions to the Grotto. 1. Place your written petition in an envelope. 2. Seal the envelope. 3. On the front of the envelope write "Lourdes Petition". 4. Place it in the box in front of the Lady Altar at church. 5. Do NOT include any money. 6 Closing date Sunday 30th August. *Many thanks to Fr. Philip. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

August Collection for School Stuff to help children. This year we'd ask especially for **Scientific Calculators, Geometry Sets and 'Filled' Pencil Cases.** All donations gratefully accepted, and boxes are at the back of Church. **Many thanks in anticipation.**

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

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

Family Barbecue in the grounds of SJs.
NEXT Sunday 12noon on the 6th September
£6 for adults, £3 for children. Music and Entertainment
for all! Tickets available after Masses

Preston Concert Band at St. Peters
on Saturday 19th September at 7:30pm
Tickets are now on sale after mass for an evening of
entertaining music and fun accompanied by a glass of
prosecco. £10 per ticket.

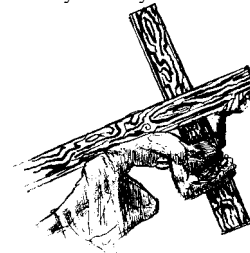
Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes

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

SJSP Family Nativity: Sunday 20th December at 3pm SJ's



COLLECTION COUNT: for July: *with grateful thanks*

Gift Aid £529:80 Non Gift Aid £2279:45 SO £3098

St. Joseph's Care £386:31 Burkina Faso £250

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Val Farrell, and Haydn Wood, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Chesworth, Cecily Shaw, Catherine Reid, Elizabeth Kirkham, Jean Marie Brennan, Bridget Myra, Joan Berry, Barbara Sanderson, Maurice McSherry, Christopher Thompson, Liam Herron, Ted Gillett and Isabel Edmundson

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 Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petravičiute, 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.
(Croissants are never enough.)

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 no meetings until September.

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 5th /6th September

Readers Sat 6pm: Anna Murgatroyd Sun. 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet Sat 6pm:

Sun 9.15am:

9:15am Minister Catherine