

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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First Sunday of Advent Year A - 30th November 2025

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord”

Weekend 29th/30th November First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 29 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Deceased of the Burke Family
Sunday 30 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Brian Walmsley

Monday 1 st	9am	St. Peter's	Mass In memory of Alan Bealey followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Peter's	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday 2 nd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Ben Cawthorn preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
Wednesday 3 rd	10am	Saltcotes	Mass Vera McLaughlin
Thursday 4 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Helena McClurg
Friday 5 th	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Sacrament of the Sick Roseanne and Patrick Scott

Weekend 6th/7th December Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Special Intentions
Sunday 7 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass John Nolan

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 A new dawn breaks on our journey with God as we enter this time of Advent. Called together to pray, to listen, to share and to be fed, we open our hearts to the coming of Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 God's future is for all people. In God's reign all divisions will be broken down, strife will be healed and harmony will flourish.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14 The early Christians are reminded to stay focused on the life of the Gospel. Anything that is done in darkness should be left behind - followers of Jesus live in the light.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 Jesus tells many stories to describe the need to be alert and ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Message from Fr. Peter: And a very Happy New Year to you all as we begin a new Year in the life of the Church. Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent – my favourite Season in the Year of the Church, yet one which is somewhat sadly always rushed, and one of the busiest, as we all run around preparing for Christmas, not always taking the time to pause and reflect about what we are truly preparing for. The readings for this season, both on Sundays and Weekdays really do draw us into the beauty of the four weeks, as we try to get into the spirit of the people of old awaiting the expected arrival of the Messiah. In this Year of Matthew, the Sunday Gospels will speak about the coming of the Son of Man, and his heralding by John the Baptist. For the first few weekdays we take on the spirit of the prophets who waited and longed for the Messiah, who would free them from evil and deliver them from their enemies. Then, in the middle of next week we look to the person of John the Baptist and his call to 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord', not least Christ's own words about his elder cousin, until, finally, from December 17th we really begin the Christmas story delving into the heart and mind of our Blessed Mother Mary, as she looked forward to the birth of her Son, along with the other protagonists in the infancy narratives of Jesus. With such beautiful readings to help us at our Masses, along with our celebrations on Mondays of Evening Prayer, as well as our school carol services, and our own Children's Nativity, let's make this Season of Advent a real spiritual time of preparation – alongside our material preparations – so that in every way possible we are truly ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Here is a beautiful Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen. *Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, 'Come Lord Jesus!'*



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30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent



Please note that while Fr. Peter Hart is recovering from his operation, I'm on 5pm at SoS. Please pray for Fr. Hart as he continues his recuperation.

Advent and Christmas Leaflet: Please take one of the leaflets and join us for the many gatherings throughout this beautiful season. **Perhaps you could take a leaflet for a friend and invite them to SJSP for Christmas? Evening Prayer and Benediction Every Monday during Advent:** see Newsletter and Advent Leaflet for details of venue.

First Week of Advent at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 1st December: Evening Prayer

and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Wednesday 3rd December: Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery at 10am.

Wednesday 3rd September: 6pm in SJ's Mothers Prayers

Friday 5th December: First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm, followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm. Candidates in Year 6 or above are welcome to get an application form from Fr. Peter after Weekend Masses.

National Grief Awareness Week: Chris McIndoe is holding a Grief Support Café in Lytham Library on Wednesday 3rd December 11am-12noon. All welcome for support, or to find out what support is available.

The Food Bank: during the weeks leading up to Christmas, if it is possible to boost any Food Bank offerings, perhaps with some children's Christmas type goodies, it would be much appreciated.

Advent events at Fairhaven Methodist Church: Music for Christmas, Saturday 13 December at 7:30 pm and a Nativity Festival (free entry) from Saturday 29 Nov - Saturday 6 December. See posters in the church porch for more details.

The SJSP Ukulele Orchestra (along with children from the parishes) **Christmas Album. Only £5 - a perfect stocking filler!** All proceeds shared between Brian House Children's Hospice and the StreetLife Trust in Blackpool. CDs available at the back of church at the end of Mass and for downloads, email ann@zammits.me.uk. *With huge thanks to Mark Brocklesby for his recording and producing expertise.* **SJSP Ukulele Orchestra:** still strumming away, this week in the Presbytery at SJ's on Tuesday at 7pm.

COLLECTION COUNT: for October: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £351.50 **Non Gift Aid** £1296.64 **SO** £3181
St. Joseph's Care £294.05 **Specials:** £81.50 **CAFOD** £992

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Madeleine Wright and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Kathryn Bennett, Alan Partington, Maureen Hydes, John Cross, Fr. Billy Bootle, Pat Metcalfe, Stuart Peacock, Helena McClurg, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard McKenna, Eileen Draper and Peter Hulme.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Judith Cross, 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 Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, 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 (*Yogurt and Blueberries? 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 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: Mass cards, a selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues always available. **Religious christmas Cards available now.** 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, by our Lady's Altar.

Rotas for Weekend 26th / 27th December

Readers Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page
Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: J & C O'Neill **Sun 9.15am:** W & E Doyle