

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Most Holy Trinity 'A' 30th/31st May 2026

“To be praised and highly exalted for ever!”

Weekend 30th/31st May: The Most Holy Trinity 'A'

Saturday 30th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass William and Mary Murray

Sunday 31st 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Isobel Quinn
10:30am St. Peter's Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 1st 9am St. Peter's Mass Richard Sisson *followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am*
7pm St. Peter's Vespers and Benediction

Tuesday 2nd 10am St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Greta and Jim Smeed *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*

Wednesday 3rd 10am Saltcotes Mass Intentions of the Hayes Family

Thursday 4th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Robin Upton

Friday 5th 2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Anointing of the Sick Tom Dockerty
2:45pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Patricia Mary Cartmell

Weekend 6th/7th June: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 'A'

Saturday 6th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass In Loving Memory of Mary O'Reilly

Sunday 7th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Chris Hall

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: No one has ever seen God, but God has revealed himself to us. We are introduced to the life of God: Father, Son and Spirit. Made in God's image, we celebrate the personal life of every human being.

First Reading *Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9* Moses, on Sinai, meets with God, a God of tenderness and compassion.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 13:11-13* God's grace in us, says St Paul, calls us **to be as God is.**

Gospel *John 3:16-18* Jesus Christ is the living proof of God's love for us.

Message from Father Peter: The Liturgical colour for last week's Feast of Pentecost was red, this week and next week we are wearing White for Trinity and Corpus Christi, and after Eastertide we are now officially in Ordinary Time, where the colour is Green. But this coming week we are wearing Red for the Feast of Three Martyrs, in one case with his companions, all of whom take us through virtually the whole history of the Church.

Firstly on Monday we remember **St. Justin**, who lived in the the Second Century AD, and though born and converted from Paganism to Christianity in the Holy Land, travelled to Rome, where he opened and School of Philosophy, and wrote various books, most notably his 'Apologies' which are addressed to the Roman Emperor. He was martyred in 165.

The Memorial of **St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions** on Wednesday takes us up to the Nineteenth Century. The first Catholic Missionaries in Central Africa were established in 1879, but problems arose under the ruler ship of the King Mwangi II, in what is now present day Uganda, who saw Christianity as a threat to his authority. When members of his own household - young people serving as pages - refused to follow his unchristian ways and actions he had them slaughtered. Charles Lwanga had been baptised in 1885, and the following year he was burned at the stake, along with his companions, who included a 13-year-old boy, St. Kizito, who is now venerated as one of the Patron Saints of Primary Schools.

And on Friday we move to Europe in the Sixth Century remembering **St. Boniface**, who was born in England, and after being ordained as a Benedictine Priest felt a calling to Missionary Work in Europe, and was commissioned by Rome to preach in what is now Southern Germany. He was ordained as Archbishop of Mainz in 747 by Pope Gregory III. He became known as 'The Apostles to the Germans'. Whilst ministering in the coastal area of Frisia he was set upon by thieves, and martyred in 754. His Feast and various anniversaries are always the cause of great Celebrations in Germany, and there has even been a musical about his life – which looks amazing from what I've been able to find on the internet! (I've ordered the CD!)

To conclude here is the final prayer from the Litany of the English Martyrs. Perhaps more than ever we need to make it a prayer for Ourselves, our Country and the World. *O God, in whom there is no change or shadow of alteration, you gave courage to the Holy Martyrs. Grant unto us, we beseech you, through their intercession, the grace to always value the Holy Mass. May we be strengthened to serve you in imitation of the courage of these Holy Martyrs. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.*



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Trinity Sunday 30th–31st May 2026

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

Congratulations to William and Gabriell, Isabell and Andrew, and Chris and Amelia, who all celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony in St. Joseph's and St. Peter's over the past week. We wish them many prayers and blessings.

Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea: Sunday 12th July at 3pm at SJ's: forms to suggest your favourite hymn to be sung and played at this jolly gathering are available at the back of Church, and can be placed in the box. Tickets for numbers for the Strawberry Tea will be available soon.

St Joseph's & St Peters Sunday Lunch 1st November 1pm at The Bedford Hotel. We are now taking bookings, please pick up a leaflet after mass, select your menu choices and return the form with your payment as soon as possible. Teresa Mallabone & Pete Rickards will accept forms at St Peters & Susan Brown at St Joseph's, or pass to a member of the Social committee or to FrP.

Burkina Faso: Message from E. Gillett: *Our annual appeal for the Bernardine community in Bafor, Burkina Faso starts this weekend and concludes at the end of August. Sr Helen Mary, from Hynning, has provided a comprehensive update from Bafor which is available for you today and is also on the noticeboard. Donations can be made via the small white envelopes at the back of church which be returned via the offertory collection. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please include your name and address. Don't forget every single penny goes to source! Thank you*

Walsingham 2026: Message from Charlie O'Connor: *I am delighted to say that the response to my invitation to join me and other pilgrims from around the diocese has been very good. There remain a few places still open. Maybe you have never been before, or have a particular intention, either way please do come. Bookings will close on 31 May. If you would like to come along for this time of healing, reconciliation and grace please get in touch with Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or charlie.conner@lrccd.org.uk*

Message from Peter Welsby, Publicity Officer for Lytham St. Anne's Catenian: **New Catenian President:** *In April, Lytham St. Anne's Circle, Circle 89, installed a new President, former Grand Present, Tony Godden. He will continue the charitable work of the association initiating enjoyable social occasions for its members and families during his term of office. Brother Peter Welsby held the posy of president for the past three years, successfully leading the circle in providing significant donations to Trinity hospice gathered at various social events.*

Gathering of Catholic Doctors: Lancaster Cathedral 6th June 1pm. An opportunity for Catholic doctors to meet and support each other in their faith, and in the vocation as doctors. There will be a light lunch in the Cathedral library followed by a talk on 'The Art of Dying Well' by Dr Amy Gadoud. Please email cathedral@lrccd.org.uk to confirm attendance.

Save the Date(s)! Up and Coming Social Events for our Two Parishes are displayed on our noticeboards at the back of Churches.

- 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

Trinity Sunday



glory to
the Father
the Son and the Holy Spirit

COLLECTION COUNT: for April: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £222.50 Non Gift Aid £1101.33 SO £2951.00
St. Joseph's Care £279.55 Specials Gift Aid £46.81 Non Gift Aid
£134.05. Easter Flowers £25

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Paul Hilton, Patricia Mary Cartmell, and William Eric Garside, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Isobel Quinn, Pauline Walton, Anne Frith, James Smith, Borthor Broadhurst (OSM), christopher Hall, Robin Upton, Antonio Lanza, Marie Louise Armer and Eileen Annesley.

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 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 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, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Tea, please; a VERY large one, and a good dollop of milk. 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. **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 6th / 7th June

Readers Sat 6pm: Edwina Gillett Sun.9.15am: Peter Benning
Meet and Greet Sat 6pm: Ellie Sullivan and Stephanie Gilluly
Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Reid
9:15am Minister Dean