

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Feast of the Holy Family Year A 28th December 2025

"Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."

Weekend 27th/28th December The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass James (Jimmy) Cullen

Sunday 28th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Alan Hesketh

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

Monday 29th 9am St. Peter's Mass Levi (Sick Child)

Tuesday 30th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Gwen and Bayne Spedding

Wednesday 31st 9am St. Peter's Mass Joan and David Holt

Thursday 1st 10am St. Joseph's Mass John Nolan

Friday 2nd 10am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Laura Cecelia Szulc
2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Sacrament of the Sick Roseanne and Patrick Scott

Weekend 3rd /4th Second Sunday after Nativity

Saturday 3rd 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Michael Wren Hilton

Sunday 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parish

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Mary Johnson

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

This Sunday's Readings First Reading *Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14* Old Testament wisdom urges us to love and honour our parents.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:12-21* Paul gives us practical wisdom to enrich our everyday lives.
into violence, quiet dreams guide Joseph to a place of safety.

Message from Fr. Peter: Well what a wonderful Advent and Christmas it has been, with beautiful liturgies leading us into the new Year. And the Liturgical Calendar doesn't stop, indeed the first weeks of Christmastide are some of the busiest in the year. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family – which is always celebrated on the Sunday during the Octave, the eight days, of Christmas. Monday is the Feast of St. Thomas Becket, the Patron of Clergy in Parishes in England and Wales. He was famously 'murdered in the Cathedral' – and the film of TS Eliot's play about Thomas is well worth watching. Thomas was born in London in 1118. He was Chancellor of England and in 1162 became Archbishop of Canterbury. He defended the position of the Church against King Henry II, and was exiled to France for six years. He had further trials when he returned and was murdered in 1170 in Canterbury Cathedral by the King's men. On Thursday 1st we celebrate the wonderful Feast of Mary. Mother of God, and place our whole Calednar year under her Patronage. And on Friday 2nd we celebrate Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, two great saints of the early Church. Basil was born in 330 and at forty became the Bishop of Caesarea, after spending a number of years as a hermit. He wrote much of value, especially the monastic rules, many of which are still followed by the monks of the Eastern Church. He was outstanding in helping the poor. Gregory was born in the same year and joined Basil in undertaking a life of solitude. In 381 he became Bishop of Constantinople. He was a man of great wisdom and eloquence. And that takes us to the weekend, the Epiphany on Tuesday 6th, the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday. The wonderful liturgical Pageant continues in our Happy new Year!



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28th December 2025 Feast of the Holy Family

First Week of the Month at SJSP's
Friday 2nd January: First Friday Mass
& Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,
followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Huge Thanks to All involved in our Christmas Services:

The Altar Teams and Sacristans, the Musicians and Choir and Bell Ringers, the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Offertory Processors, the Flower People, crib putter-uppers and decorators, rota preparers, Cleaners, everybody who does their jobs in and around the Sacristies, the Churches, the House, the Office, and the grounds, the refreshment and social people, all those who work with the children – our

Amazing Children's Liturgists, the Catechists, the Teachers, everyone at St. Peter's School, and St. Bede's School the

Parents, and all the children, our great Deacons Michael and David, and **Everyone who helped to make Christmas 2025 such a wonderful religious celebration, And continues to make SJSP such a wonderful Catholic Community every day of every year!**

May the Lord give us many Blessings.
Let us continue to celebrate together throughout the whole of 2026!

2026 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are available at the back of Church, priced £6.50. See where all your favourite priests have been moved to!

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 the sacristy.

Next Tuesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at usual Holy Day times of 7pm Vigil on Monday at SJ's, and Tuesday 6th 9am at SP's and 10am at SJ's

And we can look forward to the
SJSP Late Late Christmas Party
Saturday 17th January at 7pm,
with food, songs and games.
Tickets available soon.

COLLECTION COUNT: for November: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £317 Non Gift Aid £1262:39 SO £3272
St. Joseph's Care £333:48

Please pray for all who have died recently, Laura Cecelia Szulc Cecelia Duckworth and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Scott Russell Hall, Maralyn Gilmour, Sally McCann, Dorothy Cartmell and Keith Mason

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 Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, 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!

No COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES 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: 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 3rd/4th January

Readers Sat Vigil: Richard Golding Sun 9.15am: P. Benning
Meet and Greet Sat Vigil:C Williams & M Taylor Sun 9.15am:
W & E Doyle