

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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The Feast of All Saints 2nd November 2025

‘Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord’

Weekend 1st/2nd November All Saints

Saturday 1st 10pm Saltcotes Cemetery Mass for the Holy Souls

6pm St. Joseph's Mass Tony Gleeson

Sunday 2nd 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Deceased of the O' Dea Family

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

Monday 3rd 9am St. Peter's Mass Mary Josephine Buckley followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am

11am Lytham Crematorium Service for Veronica Holloway

7pm St. Joseph's Evening Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday 4th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Moira Roberts preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am

Wednesday 5th 10am Saltcotes Mass Roseanne and Phillip Scott

Thursday 6th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Elizabeth Whitehead

2pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Terence Smith

Friday 7th 2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Sacrament of the Sick Kieran Egan

Weekend 8th/9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday 8th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 9th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Graham Chandler

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Geoff Stappard

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: The Penny Catechism said, 'God made me to know him, love him and serve him in this world, and be happy with him for ever in the next.' Those who succeed in doing this are the saints: may they pray for us today as we begin our Mass.

First Reading *Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14* This is an inspired vision of the glory of heaven. The author means it to give new heart to people on earth who are suffering for their faith.

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3* In this letter St John tackles the mystery of life after death. He underlines that the principal joy of heaven will be our intimate union with God.

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12* Jesus shows us here that simplicity of life and patience in persecution are what fit us for eternity with him.

Message from Father Peter: As you know I am always keen to promote Patron Saints of various causes, and so on this Feast of All Saints I thought I might mention some of my regular favourite Patrons whom I'm always calling upon for intercession:

So first of all we have to mention St Anthony - Patron Saint of my car keys, which I can never find, and he always helps me as we all know he's Patron Saint of lost things, due to the story that when he was in charge of the young monks, he prayed that a monk who had absconded with a prayer book would return it, and apparently as the monk was running away he has an image of a monster or something which terrified him so much he ran back and returned the book. Believe me, St Anthony never fails.

The second century St Cecelia, who is buried in the catacombs in Rome, is Patron Saint of Music, as it is said that whilst being forced to marry a pagan she heard heavenly music guiding her to not participate in the service. She is often pictured playing the organ - which wasn't invented till centuries later. Her feast day is November 22nd (also the birthday of one of my favourite composers, Benjamin Britten who wrote an 'Ode to St. Cecelia').

Tobias will be pleased that I mention the seventh century Abbess St. Gertrude, who was apparently known for ridding her Abbey of mice and rats, which is possibly, or possibly not, a metaphor, but either way for this is Patron Saint of Cats and Cat Lovers. In interests of equality, I should tell you that St Roch, whose sores were licked by dogs, is Patron of those other four legged friends.

And over the summer, with the help of Wendy at SJ's and Martin at SP's I've been trying to improve my fitness, and the Patron Saint of Physical Fitness, Gyms and Bodybuilding is St Hyacinth of Poland, who despite his name is a man (it sounds better in Polish as my mate Ed explained). He received this Patronage because when pagans were burning down his church he ran in and rescued the Blessed Sacrament, and as he was leaving he heard a voice saying, 'What about me?' He recognised the voice as being that of Our Lady; he turned round and there was a huge stone statue, and with supernatural strength he was able to take the statue in his arms and rescue it from the burning church. He is pictured with the Monstrance in one hand and a huge statue of Our Lady in his other arm, and is one of the Patron Saints of Poland (indeed the BSL sign for Poland refers to this).

And let's not forget Isadore of Seville, Patron Saint of the Internet, because he had a huge library and was known as the 'preserver of knowledge'. A good Saint to help us keep the internet safe for us all, especially our young, and useful to call upon when the WiFi goes down...

This prayer can be used to insert your own Patron Saint and their cause: *Glorious Saint (Name of the Patron Saint), you served God in humility and confidence on earth. Now you enjoy His beatific vision in heaven. You persevered till death and gained the crown of eternal life. Remember now the dangers and confusion and anguish that surround me and intercede for me in my needs and troubles, especially (and mention the situation you are praying for here). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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2nd November 2025 All Saints Day

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

Monday 3rd November: Evening Prayer
and Benediction at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Wednesday 5th November:

Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery at 10am.

Mothers Prayers 6pm in SJ's

Friday 7th November:

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

Please note that while Fr. Peter Hart is in Hospital and recovering from his Operation, I will be covering the 5pm Mass at Star of the Sea, so will not be around to welcome for the 6pm, and apologies for any breathlessness at the evening celebration! Please pray for Fr. Peter that he continues to make an excellent recovery.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls: your November Lists can be placed in the box on the sanctuary to be remembered throughout the month. **Please take a November Leaflet detailing our services this month.**

Next Weekend is Remembrance Sunday: At all weekend Masses we remember those who gave their lives in the Service of Freedom, with the Act of Remembrance & The Silence, followed by the Last Post.

Burkina Faso: Very many thanks to all who supported our annual appeal for the Bernardine Community in Burkina Faso. Our 2025 appeal amounted to £1276.76 and I can confirm that every single penny will go to source, no admin fees etc involved. Thank you again. *E. Gillett.*

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: still strumming away – this week at St. Joseph's in the Presbytery at 7:30 after Vespers. Newcomers most welcome to learn with us!

Dates for The Diary: Lytham Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 15th November; Ansdell Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 29th November. Watch this space for more information and how we can help remind people that Christmas is the Birthday of Jesus!

Thinking of Becoming a Priest? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge.



COLLECTION COUNT: for September: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £391.50 **Non Gift Aid** £1425.65 **SO** £3495.50
St. Joseph's Care £280.38 **Burkina Faso** £1279.76 **Flowers** £20

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Veronica Holliday and Terence Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Peggy Lawrenson, Nora Johnson, Anne Maria Pilling, Georgina Walmsley, Raymond Cross, Winifred McGuinness, Kenneth Blairsdale, Sheila Swift, Patricia Coyle, Ursula Cooper, Brian Finnegan, Elizabeth Whitehead, Stephen Kendrick, Monsignor Peter Cookson and Frank Clegg

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, 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, 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 (*Or tea. 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. 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 8th / 9th November
Readers

Sat Vigil: K & T Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M Herron