

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year 19th October 2025

“Ascribe to the Lord glory and power”

Weekend 18th/19th 29th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 18 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Joe Pisacane
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Private Intention (G B)

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd No Mass

Tuesday 22 nd	6:30pm	St. Joseph's	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday 22 nd	9am	St Peter's	Mass Mary Chesworth
Thursday 23 rd	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Carol Poe

Weekend 25th/26th 30th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 25 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Jo Tomlinson
Sunday 26 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Ursula Cooper
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parish

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

This Sunday's Readings: God is the giver of all good things. Through Christ we raise our minds and hearts to the Father and ask him for healing and salvation.

First Reading *Exodus 17:8-13* In a prefiguration of the crucifixion, Moses prays without ceasing for victory over the forces of sin.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2* St Paul reminds Timothy of his duties as a bishop, to preach the truth of the faith and to make known the teaching of the sacred scriptures.

Gospel *Luke 18:1-8* Jesus reminds us to persevere in prayer, and to pray especially for an increase in faith.

Message from Father Peter: Well Summer has definitely changed to Autumn, and there is possibly even a somewhat wintry chill in the air, and it got me thinking about whether there are Patron Saints for different weather conditions, and sure, enough Holy Mother Church does not let us down in this regard.

If we are ever hoping for a bit of sunshine, then we seek the intercession of St. Medard, who was born in Northern France in the fifth century. Legend tells us that as a child he was sheltered from stormy weather by an eagle, and so he is the go-to saint for good weather in general, and is there to be invoked in times of wind and storm.

For rain we have of course to mention St. Swithin, as I'm sure you know the suggestion that if it rains on his Feast Day - July 15th - it will rain for the next forty days, or as the saying goes, 'Saint Swithin's day, if thou dost rain, for forty days it will remain; Saint Swithin's day, if thou be fair, for forty days will rain nae mair', or, more prosaically, 'If on Saint Swithin's day it really pours, you're better off to stay indoors'. The legends comes from his humility to be buried outside his Cathedral – he was a ninth century Bishop of Winchester - allowing rain if it was necessary to fall upon him. He is called upon in time of droughts.

Incidentally, in Brazil they seek the intercession of St. Peter against inclement weather conditions. I imagined that this would be something to do with Jesus calming the storm or walking on water, and Peter trying to do the same, but it is more to do with Peter holding the keys of heaven, and able to open the heavens -for rain when necessary.

This is the Official Collect Prayer in the Missal for Fine Weather: *Almighty ever-living God, who heal us through correction, and save us by your forgiveness, grant to those who seek your favour that we may rejoice at the good weather for which we hope and always what in your goodness you bestow for the glory of your name and for our well being. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* Incidentally, did you know that tomorrow's weather is rseowhs – scattered showers. I'll get my raincoat...



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19th October 2025 29th Sunday of the Year

Third Tuesday of the Month at SJSP's This Tuesday 22nd October: Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction: St. Joseph's at 6:30pm

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.

This weekend the Bishop will celebrate the Official Diocesan Centenary Mass. Please pray the Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs.

Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the "pearl of great price" which will bring them eternal life.

And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the "mother of countless children", and be given her place in heavenly glory.

This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St Cuthbert, pray for us. Holy Martyrs of our Diocese, pray for us.

November is fast approaching. As Nov. 1st is on a Saturday All saints is transferred to the Sunday 2nd, and Holy Souls to Monday 3rd. There will be a Holy Souls Mass in Saltcote's Cemetery Chapel on Saturday 1st November at 10am, followed by the Blessing of Graves. I've prepared a November leaflet which is available at the back of Church.

Our Next Parishes Social Event in SJ's Hall Saturday 1st November 7pm Line Dancing with Wendy



Adults £7, Juniors £4. Includes American Food (cooked in Ansdell)! Bar and Raffle, & the Ukulele Orchestra!

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: still strumming away at St. Peter's on Monday evenings, and everyone welcome.

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 Judith Cross and Niahm Garret, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Mary Tyson, Deborah Walker, Joan Lenehan, Sister Miriam Cooney, David Eastwood, Annie Cartmell, Stuart Berry, Salvatore Mancini and Monsignor Greg Turner

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 (*PLnety of chit chat too. 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: 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, by our Lady's Altar.

Rotas for Weekend 25th / 26th October

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Maria Hall

Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: J & C O'Neill **Sun 9.15am:** M. Cookson and M Reid