

# St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

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

### Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass John McGuirk
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Niamh Kate Garnett

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Judith Cross <i>followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am</i>
	4am	Stella Mattutina	Vigil Reception Mass for Jo
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass John Cookson <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	11:30am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Jo Tomlinson
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Pat Smith
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass Today		

### Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> November The First Sunday of Advent Year A

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

**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** As we come to the end of the Church's year we are called to rejoice in our one Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us all to freedom and forgiveness of our sins.

**First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3** All the tribes of Israel choose David as their king.

**Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20** The Son holds all things in unity and reconciles everything in heaven and everything on earth.

**Gospel Luke 23:35-43** Jesus promises the gift of the kingdom to the criminal who believes in him.

**Message from Father Peter:** We are blessed at SJSP's to have beautiful music at our weekend services, and other services throughout the work too (especial thanks to all our singers and musicians), which enable us to sing many and varied hymns from the vast and great (and sometimes not-so-great) Hymnology of the Church. Surely one of our greatest and joyful hymns is the Anthem of today's Feast, 'Hail Redeemer King Divine'. As you know the Sundays of the Year run on a three year cycle and the verses of this hymn make reference to this, speaking of the Kingship of Christ in its different ways: in Year A we think of the whole of Creation bowing before the King at the Last Judgement; Year B focuses on the King whose Kingdom is not of this world; whilst Year C, of which this is the last Sunday, sees the Kingdom, Paradise, being offered to even the most unlikely, who put their trust in him. The Hymn also speaks of the Kingdom of Christ as a Shepherd guides his flock, and even makes reference to Him guiding the Youth, a salutary reminder to us all about the future of the Church – and also that this is 'Youth Sunday' in England and Wales. There are so many facets to this final Sunday of the Church's Year, just as there are of the title 'Christ the King'. However we wish to celebrate this Feast lets make sure that we echo in our prayers and in our lives the chorus of this great hymn, and make it a fitting end to our Liturgical Year, as we look forward to beginning another Year with the First Sunday of Advent next week and make our preparations for the celebration of the birth of this King: '*Angels, Saints and Nations sing: 'Praise be Jesus Christ our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary!'*'



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Christ Our Universal King

**Please note** I'm still covering SoS at 5pm On Saturdays. Please pray for Fr. Peter Hart that he continues to make an excellent recovery.

**Ansdell Christmas Lights Switch On: This coming Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Everyone is welcome to walk from outside St. Joseph's at 4pm, singing some Carols, up to the Institute for a Prayer and the Switch On. Dressing up and carrying Lanterns is optional but encouraged! **Please note that on this Saturday Woodlands Road will be closed from 2pm-7pm so bear this in mind if you are driving to 6pm Mass. And bravissimi to our SJSP Choirs and Ukulele Orchestra for their fine singing and playing at Lytham Light Switch on last week.**

**SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Christmas Cards:** if you are sending cards, please make them religious ones! There is a section in the Repository at the back of Church.

**SJ's Christmas Breakfast** after 9:15am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

**It's here: 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](mailto: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.

## Dates of the Diary

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Crib Blessing and Christmas Fayre and Lots of Fun **after 10:30am Mass at St. Peter's**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at SJ's:** FrP's Storybook Nativity for all our Children's Liturgy Children, followed by Cakes in the Presbytery and a very Special Visitor (not the Bishop... although he is a Bishop.)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the Presbytery** after Mass: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and Carol Singing!

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**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 Father Tony Walsh, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Filip Nowaczyk, Billy Valentine, John McGauran, Ben Cawthorn, Sr. Teresa Malone, May white, Geraldine Taylor and Brian Clarke

**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 Meskill, 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 (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 (*Mince pies? 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. Religious Christmas cards now on sale as well as Advent candles and other Christmas items.

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 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Readers

**Sat Vigil:** Anna Murgatroyd **Sun 9.15am:** Saoirse Altham

**Meet and Greet Sat Vigil:** C Williams and M Taylor

**Sun 9.15am:** M Cookson and M Reid