

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

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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### Third Sunday of Advent Year A - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Gaudete Sunday

“Come, Lord, and save us.”

#### Weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Paula Dunn

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Zosia Koch Nowakowska

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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am St. Peter's Mass John Nixon *followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am*

7pm St. Peter's Vespers and Benediction

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Joseph's Mass Joseph Nickson (Birthday Intentions) *preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 9am St. Peter's Mass Intentions of Jayne Mullin

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Joseph's Mass Albert Short

#### Weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Robert Cookson

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Lottie Woods

#### 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** Today we rejoice to see how Jesus fulfils the ancient prophecies that God himself would come and free his people. Let us pray that the world may recognise Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God.

save his people, especially the poor and troubled.

**Second Reading James 5:7-10** James urges us to live in peace, to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

**Gospel Matthew 11:2-11** Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah, strengthens John's faith and reminds us of the kingdom of heaven, our final home.



Everyone welcome to join us for **CHRISTMAS** at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve

**St. Joseph's 6pm**

**Children's Mass of Christmas**

All children (and any adults for that matter) are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story:

Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or Sheep, to create a 'living crib'.

**St. Peter's 8pm**

**CandleLit Mass of Christmas** with Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day:

**St. Joseph's 9:15am St. Peter's 10:30am**





# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent**

## Children's Storybook Nativity

This Sunday at 3pm at SJ's all our SJSP Children's Liturgy Children are invited to Church for Fr. Peter's Storybook Nativity followed by cakes, and a special visitor, in the Presbytery!

**Advent at SJSP's**

**Monday 15th December: Vespers**  
and Benediction at St. Peter's at 7pm

Please note that while Fr. Peter Hart is recovering from his operation, I'm on 5pm at SoS. Please pray for Fr. Hart as he continues his recuperation.

**Christmas Get-Together: Next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> after Evening Mass** everyone is welcome to the Presbytery for a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and some jolly Carol Singing.

**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.

And *after* Christmas we can look forward to the **SJSP Late Late Christmas Party on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 7pm after Evening Mass, with food, songs and games. Tickets available soon.

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

**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@zammitz.me.uk.**



**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 and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Brian Connolly, Eileen Robson, Ian Housby, Patricia Heffey, Mary Davies, Ivy Cunliffe, Theresa Green, Paula Brady, Christopher Norman and Terry Jones

**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 Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraciute, 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 (*No bun, just bacon for lo-carb people. 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Readers Sat Vigil:** Mary Wren-Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** Children **Meet and Greet Sat Vigil:** M & D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** M Skene and M Lehman