

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday in Lent 'A' 28th/1st March 2026

"May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord"

Weekend 28th/1st March: Second Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 28 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	The People of the Parishes
Sunday 1 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Tom Dockerty

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

Monday 2 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Intentions of Francesca Corrigan followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am
Tuesday 3 rd	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction	
	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Dorothy Cole preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
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Wednesday 4 th	10am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Carmel Lilley	
Thursday 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	The Shaw Family
Friday 6 th	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Anointing of the Sick	Roseanne and Patrick Scott

Weekend 7th/8th March: Third Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 7 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	Intentions of Clare Critch
Sunday 8 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parishes

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of the Denye Family

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

6:30-6:55pm Monday Before Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: Just as Peter and James and John ascended the mountain and saw Jesus revealed in glory, in this Mass we open our eyes to the glory of Christ revealed in word and sacrament.

First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4* God calls Abram to leave everything with which he is familiar — father, family and home — and go to a new country.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:8-10* Paul calls us to reflect on the mystery of grace. We have not deserved anything God has given us — it has all been granted as a gift in Jesus Christ.

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9* In the story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John have their vision of Jesus transformed as his glory is revealed.

Message from Father Peter: So how is Lent going? After our first Celebration of the Stations of the Cross at SP's on Monday I remarked that now it truly does feel like Lent (by that stage it had only been five days without Pringles, so I'm still coping). The word 'Lent' actually comes from old English – via Europe – meaning 'the Season of Spring' which in turn comes from 'lengthening of days' and indeed throughout this season the days are getting brighter, and the clocks will go forward on the weekend of Palm Sunday. The Forty days of Lent of course correspond to the forty days Christ spent in the desert being tempted by the Devil, as we heard in the Gospel last week, and indeed always do on the First Sunday of Lent. But this also links us back to the Old Testament: Moses fasted for forty days and nights before he was presented with the Ten Commandments, and the Prophet Elijah did the same before he had his great Theophany, his encounter with God, on Mount Horeb. We also link the days of Lent to the Forty Years that the Israelites spent in the Wilderness, journeying to the Promised Land, totally dependent on the guidance – materially and spiritually of God. In the story of Jonah (and the Whale) the people of Nineveh were given forty days to make the repentance before God. Some traditions work out that Christ was in the tomb for forty hours - from Friday Evening to Sunday Morning (not three consecutive twenty-four hours, which incidentally would make seventy-two hours, which would correspond to the hours Jonah spent in the belly of the whale). Anyway, we begin the second week of Lent, so let's make sure we make the best of these forty days - and continue, or begin, or recommit - ourselves to our disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence. Perhaps we might take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The 'Anima Christi' makes a beautiful and appropriate prayer for this, or any, season: *Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from Christ's side, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within Thy wounds hide me; Suffer me not to be separated from Thee; From the malicious enemy defend me; In the hour of my death call me; And bid me come unto Thee; That I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels; Forever and ever. Amen.*



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Second Sunday in Lent 28th February/1st March 2026

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Lent 2026 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Mondays at SP's at 7pm and

Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm

Extra Times for the Sacrament of Confession:

During Weekday Exposition as usual and
before Stations at SP's on Mondays from 6:30pm and
during Exposition on Saturday afternoons at SJ's from 5:30pm, and...

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Weekday Exposition as
usual and Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm

Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 25th March 7pm at Holy Family Church Freckleton

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First Week of the Month at SJSP's

Please join us for these wonderful liturgies!

No mass at Saltcoats this month due to the Requiem for Carmel in St. Peter's at 10am

Friday 6th March: First Friday Mass &

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

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Congratulations to Catechumens Rhys and Liam, and Candidates Janos, Csanad, Alan and James who were presented to the Bishop last Saturday in the Cathedral in Lancaster at the Rite of Election in preparation to be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter. **Please pray for them as they make this great step in their faith journey.**

2026 Lenten Challenge: I always like a Lenten Challenge to raise money for a great cause, this year, it was thought we could make it a Kirkham Deanery effort to change children's lives by raising money to send them to a school in Malawi, run by the community. It costs just £300 for a child's education, board and lodging for a whole year, and it would be great to send as many children to build up the school as we can. **To this end I will be making 1000 Origami Paper Cranes – an international symbol of hope and peace.** Our Primary and Secondary Schools are joining us in this great endeavour. If you would like to help us, please see the poster in the Church and Schools, use the QR code to gift if possible, or pass on enveloped donations at the back of Church. **And also check out the Paper Cranes at SJ's and SP's.** Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

♣♣♣ St Patricks Day Celebration ♣♣♣

Quiz, Food, bar and Singalong with the Ukelele Orchestra

♣♣♣ SJ's Hall at 7pm on Saturday 14th March ♣♣♣

♣ Adults £7 and Children £3 ♣

Tickets available after Mass or message Susan on 07712267971 !

Trinity Hospice: We are absolutely delighted to announce that our 2026 Appeal for Trinity Hospice currently stands at £2,398.38 (including Gift Aid). We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has made a donation. Our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept any final donations for a further week.

Red Mission Boxes: The Spring collection from the boxes will take place in March. Please bring your box to church and leave in the sacristy (ensure your name is on the box). The boxes will be emptied and returned to the sacristy for your collection. If you would like a box please contact David Warwick 07541 914811.

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes This year the Lourdes Pilgrimage is 23rd – 30th July. Details are on the posters in the porch. There is also a Youth Pilgrimage at the same time. If anyone is interested booking forms are available at the back of Church.

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is hosting the 2026 World Day of Prayer event, which is from Nigeria entitled "I will give you rest, come". The service will be held on Friday March 6th at 2pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre at 63 St Alban's Road.

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COLLECTION COUNT: for January: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £334 Non Gift Aid £1157.79 SO £2771
St. Joseph's Care £214

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Carmel Lilley, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Barbara Kelly, Beatrice May Potter, Sr. Maria Goretti, Jonty Ashton, Aileen Robinson, Hazel Barnes, Francis Kendall, Sr. Mary Curtin, Christine Howarth, Elizabeth Glancy, Celia Cross and Katherine Picton

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 Petraciute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toumlin (Hyning), 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. (*But most definitely no Pringles for 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: Cards and gifts for different occasions available, including first communion cards and Rosary beads. **Easter Cards now 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, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome. **Thursday at 10:30am** in Church.

Rotas for weekend 7th/8th March

Readers Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd 9.15am Maria Hall

Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: 6pm P Huskinson and D Warwick Sun 9.15am: T. Cookson and M Golightly

9:15am Minister Dean