

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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First Sunday in Lent 'C' 9th March 2025

"It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord."

Weekend 8th/9th March First Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 8 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Helen and Joseph Thomas
Sunday 9 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Golden Jubilee of Sr. Maria O'Connor
	4-5pm	St. Peter's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Monday 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For a dear husband <i>followed by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Eileen Barclay
	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tuesday 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Houghton and Mary Gledhill <i>preceded by Exposition and Confession till 9:55am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Wednesday 12 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass For Phillip
	11:30am	Lytham Crematorium	Service for James Wilson Andrew
Thursday 13 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass In thanks for a successful teaching promotion
	1:15pm	Lytham Crematorium	Service for Hilda Hebden

Weekend 14th/15th March Second Sunday in Lent Year 'C'

Saturday 14 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Alan Partington
Sunday 15 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Kathleen Leeming

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: First Sunday in Lent : We have come together as the members of Christ's body to share the body of Christ. Through him we have the grace to resist temptation and be drawn ever closer to him.

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The people of Israel recall their history, particularly the exodus from the misery of slavery in Egypt to a land of fruitfulness and plenty.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13 Belief in the risen Christ as Lord of all, and not being afraid to declare that belief, are the marks of a Christian.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 Jesus is led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, but overcomes all temptations, using texts from scripture.

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Lent 2025 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm

Confessions will be available on certain Sundays – see each week's newsletter for details

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm

Mothers' Prayer Group (and everyone else welcome) *(thank you for pointing out the incorrect apostrophe last week)*

Wednesdays in SJ's Church at 7pm for half an hour's prayer and meditation

Lenten Service of Reconciliation (with Our Lady Star of the Sea) Thursday 10th April 7pm at SJ's

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Message from Fr. Peter: The word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word meaning 'lengthen' as through this dark time, the daylight hours will lengthen as the season of Spring, well, springs upon us. The word 'lent' for this season should then be a reminder that, whilst the next six weeks are a time of penitence in preparation for our great celebrations of the death and resurrection of Christ at Passiontide and Eastertide, they should be a joyful season, filled with hope, and disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which draw us closer to Christ and to one another. Let's make the most of all the opportunities given to us in this Season – and make our joyful Eastertide even more joyful. This is the prayer of Thomas a Kempis that I read at the end my homily last week, which many people have asked for copies of: *Grant me, O Lord, to know what I ought to know, To love what I ought to love, To praise what delights thee most, To value what is precious in thy sight, To hate what is offensive to thee. Do not suffer me to judge according to the sight of my eyes, Nor to pass sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men; But to discern with a true judgment between things visible and spiritual, And above all, always to inquire what is the good pleasure of thy will. Amen.*



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First Sunday in Lent 9th March

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: The second session for Candidates is this Monday in the Hall at 6pm. Please pray for our young people as they continue their journeys of faith.

Fr Peter's Lenten Challenge House Appeal: as announced last week I am trying to raise **£3000** to build a house (with lockable doors and windows) for a family with children with Albinism, to help save them from cruelty from within their own society, and abduction and torture from others. My challenge is to make a crafted cross (or two) every day during Lent. All donations are gratefully accepted, and envelopes are available at the back of Church. Please check out the pictures from Fr. Stephen in Malawi, **and many thanks in anticipation.**

Red Mission Boxes: the Spring collection from the boxes will commence in March. Please would you bring your box into church and leave in the sacristy, make sure your name is on the box. If you need your box collecting or would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914 811

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection supporting communities experiencing the impacts of poverty. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **A few parishioners along with Father Peter**, will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk again this year. Walking 200km during the 40 days of Lent. If you are interested in joining us, please leave your contact details with Fr Peter, or if you cannot join in the walk, please donate whatever you can. Every £1 raised will help fight poverty globally. (Online details to come next week).

SJSP's mini Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. Four nights 3rd-7th June, £650 sharing, £749 single. Forms available from FrP and Deacon D **now** if anyone would like to come along! If you have a form, please return deposits and forms to FrP or Deacon D. *Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*

Refurbishment of Bell Ringing Ropes: In order to keep our wonderful bells ringing, in March we will be sending our ropes to Ellis' in Loughborough for refurbishment. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this work, ropes are available for sponsorship, the cost being £50 per rope. A record of the dedication would be displayed within the ringing room. Please contact James and Stacey (07921 032390). Thank you.

Message from Fr. Philip Newbold. I am undertaking a Sponsored Walk of 10,000 paces for the 40 days of Lent. It is to support the work of "Aid to the Church in Need" & a project on the border area between Lebanon/Syria providing a hot meal each weekday for 1500 people including many refugees from Syria & displaced Lebanese, after their own country was bombed. If you would like to sponsor me there are sheets in church, so include your address & postcode if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Or donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-2>



COLLECTION COUNT: for February: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £388 Non Gift Aid £10.30.92 SO £3134.50
St. Joseph's Care £661.05 donation £1000

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Eileen Barclay, James Wilson Andrew, Eileen Hebden, Philip Lewis, and Andrew Mark Walker, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Alice Konarzewski, Arthur Bowyer, Veronica Hanby, Michael Traynor and Betsy Davis,

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, 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 Petravičiute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, 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 (*I've given up chocolate cereal, not bacon and sausage. 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.

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer.

Rotas for Weekend 15th / 16th March

Readers Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony godden **Sun 9.15am:** Children **Meet and Greet**

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