

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 7th/8th February 2026

"A light rises in the darkness for the upright"

Weekend 7th/8th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 7 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass Repose of the soul of David and Barbara Cookson
Sunday 8 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Christopher Hill
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass People of the Parishes

Monday 9 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Josephine Fleming <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tuesday 10 th	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Colin Brindle
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Paul. Nigel Ogden
Wednesday 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass Birthday Intentions
Thursday 12 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass Anna Wilson

Weekend 14th/15th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'

Saturday 14 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 15 th	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass Intentions of Mark and Dawn Ghee and Family
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass Frances O'Connor

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-9:55am at St. Peter's

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

This Sunday's Readings: We are reminded today that we have been blessed by God. We have been given a special duty to bring all people closer to the God who loves us. We do this by being more like Christ.

First Reading *Isaiah 58:7-10* In showing concern and love we are like a light for all people.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 2:1-5* St Paul reminds the church that real faith comes from the power of God.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16 We have been made as a light for a dark world.

Message from Father Peter: This Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of Our Diocese of Lancaster. Whilst we are all familiar with the story of Bernadette of Lourdes (I hope! If not, YouTube 'The Song of Bernadette'; the whole film is there), it's worth reminding ourselves that the words the Mother of God actually spoke. In the Scriptures Mary says very little; assenting to the will of God at the Annunciation, making her great Magnificat song, when she was greeted by Elizabeth, and expressing her worry when her Son was lost in the Temple at the age of twelve. Other than that nothing, so the words she spoke to Bernadette must be important. Here they are, in full:

'It is not necessary.' (On being offered pen and paper by Bernadette and asked to write down what she wanted)

'Would you have the graciousness to come here for fifteen days?'

'I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next.'

'Pray for sinners.'

'Go drink at the spring and wash yourself in it.'

'Penance! Penance! Penance!'

Bernadette was also told to eat some leaves from a green herb, and 'Kiss the ground as a penance for sinners.'

'You will tell the priests to have a chapel built here.'

and finally, and most powerfully **'I am the Immaculate Conception.'**

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortress of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen. And please pray for Bishop Paul and our Diocese on this Patronal Feast.



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Rest in Peace: Fr. Peter's Foulkes Requiem will take place on Monday 16th Feb at 11am at St. Bernadette's in Lancaster (Mass will be celebrated for Fr. Peter at SP's at 9am that morning); Moira's Taylor's Requiem will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday 19th Feb at 9am; Jim McGettigan's Requiem will take place at St. Peter's at 9am on Monday 23rd Feb; Nigel Ogden's Requiem will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday 26th Feb. at 12noon; and William Roger's Funeral Service will take place at Carleton on Friday 27th Feb. *Please pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*



SJSP Confirmation 2026. The Bishop will be coming to SJSP's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this Tuesday 10th February at SP's at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us for the mass. Please pray for the Candidates as they make this important step on their faith journey.

SJSP Pancake Evening on Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 17th February in St. Peter's Hall
Pancakes and Fun from 6pm onwards!
Come and join us for a pre-Lent celebration!

Trinity Hospice Fundraising – Our 2026 Appeal for Trinity Hospice and Brian House Children's Hospice has now been launched and we will be collecting after the weekend masses at both Churches, this weekend and next. A 'Just Giving' page has also been set up to accept donations – large or small – and this can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-12> Please donate to this very worthy cause if you can. Taxpayers can boost the amount of their donation by choosing to add Gift Aid to the value of their donation. (Please be aware that **you do not** have to make a contribution to 'Just Giving Admin' – it will appear automatically, but just opt to 'customise amount' and enter £0.00. That way your full donation will go to Trinity and Brian House. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Application forms are available from Father Peter after Masses. Please pray for our candidates as they continue their journeys of faith.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: back strumming away every Monday night in St. Peter's at 7pm. Newcomers always welcome!

Fr P's Lenten Challenge 2026: to make 1000 Origami Paper Cranes to raise £300 to send a child to school for a year in Malawi. More information in the next couple of weeks... but don't be surprised when you see paper cranes around the Church...

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

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February

Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Mondays at SP's at 7pm and Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm

Extra Times for Confession:

During weekday Exposition usual and before Stations at SP's on Mondays from 6:30pm and during Exposition on Saturday afternoons at SJ's, and... **Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 25th March 7pm at Holy Family Church Freckleton

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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, Fr. Peter Foulkes, William Rogers, Nigel Ogden, Moira Taylor, Jim McGettigan, and and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Ken Hargreaves, Peter Davies, Barbara Gillett, Florence Ronson, Ron Wilson, Bridget Ashton and Mary O'Rourke

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 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. (*Last couple of chances before Lent. 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. 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 14th/15th February.

Readers Sat Vigil: K & T Godden 9.15am Children

Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: 6pm M & D Ghee

Sun 9.15am: W and E Doyle **9:15am Minister** Wanda