

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' 14th/15th February 2026

"Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!"

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

Saturday 14th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes

Sunday 15th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass Intentions of Mark and Dawn Ghee and Family
10:30am St. Peter's Mass Frances O'Connor

Monday 16th 9am St. Peter's Mass Father Peter Foulkes followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am

Tuesday 17th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Mary and Norbert Giliross preceded by Exposition and Confessions till 9:55am
No Holy Hour this evening

Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

Wednesday 18th 9am St. Peter's Mass Deceased of Hindley Family

10am St. Joseph's Mass Bernadine Hrabak

7pm St. Joseph's Mass Steve Gregson

Thursday 19th 9am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Moira Taylor

Weekend 21st/22nd February: First Sunday in Lent 'A'

Saturday 21st 6pm St. Joseph's Mass In Remembrance of Joseph Zammit

Sunday 22nd 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parishes
10:30am St. Peter's Mass For the Repose of the Soul of Sr. Louise Frey SHCJ

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 our Lord speaks to us about the deeper meaning of the commandments; but the Lord who commands is also the Lord who graciously pardons.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 In this life a basic choice has to be made: which is it to be – life or death?

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 The mysterious wisdom of God is unlike the wisdom of this world. The latter led to the crucifixion of "the Lord of Glory"; the former leads us to glorify the Father in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 Jesus brings the Law and the Prophets to fulfilment by proclaiming a holiness that reaches down to our deepest selves.

Message from Father Peter: And so it is that Lent begins on Wednesday, our six weeks of Prayer. Fasting and Almsgiving, in preparation for our great celebrations of the death and resurrection of Christ as Passion and Easter Tide. Ash Wednesday is, of course, a day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat, one of only two in Chruch's Calendar, the other being Good Friday. Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal. The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59, and the rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and onwards. Fasting and Abstinence is a kind of spiritual exercise, to remind ourselves of our need of God above all other things, and how to not rely on the temporal, passing, material things of this world. It's also a great reminder of the fast of Jesus during his time in the desert, the Gospel of which we will hear on the First Sunday of Lent. Our Ashes on Wednesday are a reminder of our need for Repentance, and the forgiveness Christ won for us on the cross on Good Friday. These two symbols are a great beginning of what we should hope to experience and achieve throughout the forty days of this season. Pope Saint John Paul II described Lent as a '*commitment to a new life, inspired by Gospel values, moving away from selfishness and drawing closer to the path Christ.*' That path, he said, can be summarized in the words of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, with fasting consisting of moderation in food and lifestyle as '*a sincere effort to remove from our hearts all that is the result of sin and inclines us to evil.*' Whatever we do for Lent, let us make a great start this Wednesday. *Lord, may the ashes we receive be a sign to us that our Lent has begun. Bless us during this time of Lenten preparation. Help us to keep our promises to fast, motivate us to share what we have, and guide us to pray and become closer to you. Strengthen us so that we may grow in faith, hope and love and be transformed ready to celebrate Easter. Amen.*



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



Lent begins this 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 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...

Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation

Wednesday 25th March 7pm at Holy Family Church Freckleton

Please take a Lent Leaflet – and perhaps one to pass on to a neighbour or friend to remind them of this Holy Season.

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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!

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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 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 12noon 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. at 10am. Please pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Trinity Hospice: We are delighted to announce that we collected £865.11 for Trinity Hospice last weekend. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to our 2026 Appeal up to this point. We will be collecting again after the masses this weekend and our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept donations throughout February 2026. Up to now, an additional £350.00 (including gift aid) has also been donated. This page can be found at: https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-12?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

St Bede's High School 65th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Paul Swarbrick - All past pupils, teachers, parents, employees, governors and anyone else who would like to celebrate Catholic education are invited to attend this celebration Mass on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm, St Josephs Church, Ansdell.

Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday. Please continue to pray for them on the spiritual journeys. Huge thanks to our great team of catechists who do so much to share our faith with our children.

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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, and Jim McGettigan, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sr. Catherine Lafferty, Jean Carlisle, Jean Taylor, Robert Virace, Sheila Hulme, Sr. Helen Forshaw, Patricia Conroy, Hilda Hebden, Lilian Lutias, Eileen Auty and Teresa Charles

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 Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Paul Robinson, Val Sunderland, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Mandi Taylor, Sr Michaela Toulmin (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.
(Last bacon buttie before Ash Wednesday... 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 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. **Lenten Walk With Me Booklets are 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 21st /22nd February.

Readers Sat Vigil:Richard Golding 9.15am Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm C Williams and M Taylor

Sun 9.15am: P Benning and M Herron

9:15am Minister Wanda