

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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

"Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned"

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

Saturday 21 st	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	In Remembrance of Joseph Zammit
Sunday 22 nd	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

Monday 23 rd	12noon	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Jimmy McGettigan	
	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction	
Tuesday 24 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Repose of the Soul of Pam Fogg <i>preceded by Exposition & Confessions till 9:55am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	St. Bede's 65 th Anniversary Mass	Deceased of the O'Dea family
Wednesday 25 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mass	Bill Illingworth
Thursday 26 th	12noon	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Nigel Ogden	
Friday 27 th	10am	Carleton Crematorium	Funeral Service for William Rogers	

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

Saturday 28 th	6pm	St. Joseph's	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st	9:15am	St. Joseph's	Mass	Tom Dockerty
	10:30am	St. Peter's	Mass	Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's

6:30-6:55pm Monday and Tuesday Before Stations of the Cross

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

This Sunday's Readings: Today the Church gathers together to begin the spiritual journey of Lent. With the Lord we enter the desert, there to confront the evil one and to seek the face of God.

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 God created the world for us, and we fell from grace.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19 Paul describes our fall in Adam and our restoration in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 For forty days and forty nights in the desert, Jesus is tested by Satan. In overcoming the evil one, Jesus opens the way to salvation.

Message from Father Peter: Last week in St. Bernadette's in Lancaster, his final Parish before retirement, the requiem Mass of our dear friend Father Peter Foulkes was celebrated by Bishop Paul. The night before his mortal remains were brought into his house in Lytham, and with a group of Peter's friends, and Fr. Peter's brother, Fr. John, the Bishop and I celebrated a lovely peaceful mass for him. During the requiem itself, myself, Fr. John and Deacon Michael watched the live stream together and celebrated the requiem mass simultaneously. It was a beautiful mass, with the music led by Fr. Peter's friends from the days he ran the Liturgy Centre of the Diocese at St. Augustine's Preston. It was during his years here that Fr. Peter ran many courses for the Diocese in how we can best celebrate the wonderful liturgies of the Church, and share their beauty and meaning, giving Glory to God in Word and action, and making every gathering a true celebration. It was here, many years ago when I was a Deacon at St. Kentigern's, that Fr. Peter gave me lessons in how to say mass! And even when I came to SJSP after my first Mass at SP's Fr. Peter immediately remarked how glad he was that I didn't use a bookstand on the altar, as, he said, 'Nothing should stand between the people and the Eucharist'. Now reaching his eternal reward there is indeed nothing standing between Fr. Peter and Christ himself. It was a privilege to have had such a wonderful priest in all of our lives, and may his long years of ministry be duly rewarded. *Hear with favour our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Peter, your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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

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

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Please note there are no Stations at SJ's this Tuesday due to the St. Bede's 65th Anniversary Mass.

Rest in Peace: 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.*

CAFOD Family Fast Day: There will be an Appeal made at Masses this weekend in aid of CAFOD's Family Fast Day which is on Friday 27 February. Our Parish has always been a great supporter of CAFOD and has proved to be a good neighbour to those who are far less fortunate than ourselves.

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.

Trinity Hospice: We are absolutely delighted to announce that our 2026 Appeal for Trinity Hospice currently stands at £2,235.88. 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 until 28 February 2026.

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

**HAVE MERCY
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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 William Rogers, Nigel Ogden, Carmel Lilley, and Jim McGettigan, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Geoffrey Healey, Charles O'Neill, Terence Glancy, Debbie Warner, Winifride Donnellan, Billy mattinson, Edward Boardman, Shirley Challiner, Herbert Jackson, Pauline Healey, Alice Moody and Margaret Rockett.

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 (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.
(What have you given up for 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. **Walk With Me for Lent devotional books also 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 28th Feb /1st March

Readers Sat Vigil:Catherine Ralston 9.15am P Benning

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: 6pm Sheila and Paul

Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman

9:15am Minister Nikola