

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th November 2025

"The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness"

Weekend 15th/16th November Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Saturday 15th 6pm St. Joseph's Mass Staff at the Victoria Hospital A&E Department

Sunday 16th 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parish

10:30am St. Peter's Mass John Vine

Monday 17th 9am St. Peter's Mass Intentions of Kate Windlemeese followed by Expositions and Confessions till 10am

Tuesday 18th 10am St. Joseph's Mass Samantha Rawstron

6:30pm St. Peter's Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Wednesday 19th 9am St. Peter's Mass Henry John Whelan

Thursday 20th 10am St. Joseph's Mass William and Mary Murray

Weekend 22nd /23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Mass John McGuirk

Sunday 23rd 9:15am St. Joseph's Mass People of the Parish

10:30am St. Peter's Mass Niamh Kate Garnett

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-9:55am at St. Peter's; no devotions at St. Joseph's this week

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

This Sunday's Readings The Lord promises us wisdom and eloquence in the face of this world's hostility. Let the simple goodness of our lives witness to the goodness of God.

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20 Like the power of the sun, God's justice shines on the virtuous and burns up the wicked.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 By word and example Paul shows us how to conduct our lives.

Gospel Luke 21:5-19 Jesus promises the Spirit to inspire us in times of hardship and trouble.

Message from Father Peter: When I was in Lourdes earlier this year I saw a statue the like of which I had never seen before. Regrettably I didn't buy it, but when I was telling a [Parishioner about it they very kindly sourced one and presented it to me (many thanks and blessing to you!). The Statue is of the hand of Jesus, bearing the wound of one of the nails of crucifixion. On the top of the thumb is a figure of the child Jesus, followed, on each finger, by images of Joseph, Mary, and then Mary's Parents, Jesus' earthly Grand-parents, Joachim and Anne, with angels at the bottom carrying the instruments of the Crucifixion. The Statue is a popular devotion from Mexico, apparently, and is known as 'La Mano Poderosa', the Powerful Hand, or 'las Cinco Personas', the Five Persons. Prayers to be recited in front of the Powerful Hand often focus on the Hand of God being able to wisely influence our own actions, and those of events around us, especially in tempestuous times. However, the Statue appeals to me especially because it is an extension of the Holy Family which we celebrate at Christmas, with the inclusion of Joachim and Ann. It makes me think about how they must have pondered the events of the birth of Jesus, perhaps with the confusion of Joseph or the immediate willingness of Mary. I'll place the Statue on the Lady Altar at SP's this week, and SJ's next week, and perhaps you might take the time to say this wonderful prayer of Benedict XVI for our Grandparents. It's rather good. *Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne, look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect and support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!*



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16th November 2025 Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

**This Tuesday 18th at 10am at SJ's
we celebrate the Annual Deanery Mass
for Deceased Clergy. All Welcome.**

Please note that I'm still covering the 5pm Mass at Star of the Sea, so not around to welcome for the 6pm! Please pray for Fr. Peter that he continues to make an excellent recovery.

The Food Bank: during the weeks leading up to Christmas, if it is possible to boost any Food Bank offerings, perhaps with some children's Christmas type goodies, it would be much appreciated. **On Monday 9am Mass at St. Peter's Pupils from St. Bede's will bring some of their Food Bank Donations** to the SVP, with blessings and thanks to them for their kindness.

Ansdell Christmas Lights Switch On: Saturday 29th November: Everyone is welcome to walk from outside St. Joseph's at 4pm, singing some Carols, up to the Institute for a Prayer and the Switch On. Dressing up and carrying Lanterns is optional but encouraged! **Please note that on this Saturday Woodlands Road will be closed from 2pm-7pm so bear this in mind if you are driving to 6pm Mass.**

Burkina Faso: The £1,276.76 raised by our 2025 appeal will probably go towards repairing a boundary wall and thus improving the security of Bernardine Community. In the last 5 years jihadis are roaming more and more freely so good security is essential. A further update and photographs will be available on their return. *E. Gillett*

The Advent Posada: As Advent approaches the opportunity to be an Inn Keeper, and house for an evening the Statue of the Travelling Holy Family on the journey to Bethlehem, is again open to all members of the Parish.. Please add your name to the list at the back of church.

SJ's Christmas Breakfast after 9:15am Mass on Sunday 14th December. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: still strumming away at St. Peter's on Monday evenings, and everyone welcome. News about the fund-raising Christas Album next week!

Dates of the Diary

Sunday 7th December: Crib Blessing and Christmas Fayre and Lots of Fun after **10:30am Mass at St. Peter's**

Sunday 14th December at 3pm at SJ's: FrP's Storybook Nativity for all our Children's Liturgy Children, followed by Cakes in the Presbytery and a very Special Visitor (not the Bishop... although he is a Bishop.)

Saturday 13th December in the Presbytery after Mass: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and Carol Singing!

Thinking of Becoming a Priest? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk



COLLECTION COUNT: for October: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £351.50 Non Gift Aid £1296.64 SO £3181
St. Joseph's Care £294.05 Specials: £81.50 CAFOD £992

Please pray for all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Cath Hibbert, Agnes Livingstone, Joanne Lanza, Dean Graham Lavery, Margaret Malcolm, Doreen Fay, Christine Marsh and Leotine Botta

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Damian Crean, Judith Cross, 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, 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 (*Turkey and Cranberry? 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, by our Lady's Altar.

Rotas for Weekend 22nd / 23rd November Readers

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston **Sun 9.15am:** Susan Brown
Meet and Greet Sat Vigil: P Huskinson and D Warwick
Sun 9.15am: T Cookson and M Golightly