

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Ansdell & Lytham

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Second Sunday of Advent Year 'C' 7th/8th December 2024

“What great deeds the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.”

Weekend 7th/8th December: The Second Sunday of Advent 'C'

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| Saturday 7 th | 6pm | St. Joseph's | Mass | Eileen Draper |
| Sunday 8 th | 9:15am | St. Joseph's | Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | 10:30am | St. Peter's | Mass | Intentions of Barbara Mathews |

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| Monday 9 th | 9am | St. Peter's | Mass | John Nolan |
| | 2:15pm | Saltcotes Chapel | Funeral Service for Kathryn Mavis Bennett | |
| | 7pm | St. Joseph's | Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Immaculate Conception | |
| Tuesday 10 th | 10am | St. Joseph's | Mass | For a dear Husband |
| Wednesday 11 th | 9am | St. Peter's | Mass | Maria Carlotta D'Cruz |
| | 6:30pm | St. Peter's | St. Bede's Advent Service | |
| Thursday 12 th | 10am | St. Joseph's | Mass | Raymond Cross |

Weekend 13th/14th December: The Third Sunday of Advent 'C' 'Gaudete Sunday'

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| Saturday 13 th | 6pm | St. Joseph's | Mass | Ann McLellan |
| Sunday 14 th | 9:15am | St. Joseph's | Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | 10:30am | St. Peter's | Mass | In Loving Memory of Mark Willam Pollard |

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.
Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's
Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

This Sunday's Readings: This second Sunday of Advent speaks to us of light in our darkness, hope in our sadness, renewed confidence in the faithfulness of God.

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9 Baruch offers a marvellous hope-filled vision to the people who have lost everything: home, country and even, apparently, their God. But God has remembered them.

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Paul remembers the people of Philippi in his prayers, praying that they will continue to grow in holiness and love.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 Luke's solemn introduction to the ministry of John the Baptist indicates that this is a momentous time for all people: salvation is on its way for all the nations of the earth.

Message from Deacon Michael: I suppose that most of us have routines of one sort or another; I have a Monday morning routine, Mass and Exposition after which I go for a coffee with a parishioner friend. Last week, following coffee, my friend was going to the Reception/Year 6 Class Mass at St Peter's School because one of his grandsons is in Reception Class and parents and grandparents are invited to come along to these class Masses; he asked me if I would like to join him and I was pleased to do so. If I had to sum up my experience that morning in one word, it would be '*impressed*'. The demeanour and attentiveness of the children was commendable, as was the way that they read the prayers and scripture readings. But the thing that impressed me the most was the way in which each Year 6 child who was reading, brought a Reception child up with them, holding them by the hand in such a caring way. They stood together as the older child read, both of them bowing before and after the reading. This was such a great way of involving the Reception children and of introducing them to taking part in the Mass, at the same time as giving the Year 6 children a role of responsibility in caring for the younger ones. Head teacher, Mrs Gili-Ross, tells me that the Year 6 children are 'the Gardeners' and the Reception children are 'Seedlings' and that they have a very special friendship; the Year 6 children are so excited to take on this important role. It struck me that as we prepare for Christmas we should perhaps be paying less attention to the gifts and the parties, and be thinking more about taking a lesson from the Year 6 children in being excited about caring for others. Christmas isn't just about giving presents to relatives who don't really need them, but of giving of ourselves and our resources to those most in need. Thank you, children, for your example of caring for each other. *Lord, grant that I may serve others with a good, kind and generous heart, especially during this Advent and Christmas season. Amen.*

***** Christmas at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's *****

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve St. Joseph's 6pm Children's Mass of Christmas

All children (and any adults) are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or sheep, to create a 'living crib'.
St. Peter's 8pm CandleLit Mass of Christmas with Carols and readings from 7:30pm

Wednesday 25th: Christmas Day St. Joseph's 9:15am and St. Peter's 10:30am Christmas Morning Mass.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Monday 9th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from Sunday 8th). *O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Advent Vespers Every Monday of Advent:
This Monday 9th for the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
at St. Joseph's at 7pm.

SJSP 2025 Calendars are now available, a bargain at just £5. The perfect Christmas gift!

Please take a Christmas Mass Card Timetable and hand it to a friend a neighbour to invite them to SJSP's for our beautiful Christmas Services.

Advent Walk With Me Scripture Books are available at the back of Church for £1, a helpful way to journey through Advent.

Children's Storybook Nativity: This Sunday at 3pm All our SJSP children's liturgy children are welcome to a special nativity reading in SJ's at 3pm followed by some cakes in Fr. Peter's House next door, with a special visitor!

Confirmation 2025: Bishop Paul will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 10th February next year. **The Sacrament is open to our young people in Year 6 and above.** If you would like to receive the sacrament, please see Father Peter for an application form.

St Bede's High School Advent Service: This Wednesday at 6:30pm at St. Peter's All welcome to help prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Toys for the Children: I am excited to announce our annual Toy Appeal! This year, we are asking for your generous donations of new toys to support families in need. Please leave your new toys in the back of the church (*or into the Presbytery. FrP*) by Sunday, December 15th. I will take care of wrapping the toys before they are passed on to those who will benefit from your kindness. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for your generosity and support in making this holiday season brighter for those in need! *Emma Cox*

SJ's Annual Christmas Breakfast: Sunday 22nd December after SJ 9am mass. Adults £5, children £3. Sign up sheet at the back of mass. Be quick, places are sure to fill up fast!!

Ansdell Community Carol Service: Outside Ansdell Institute this coming Friday 13th December at 5:30pm. All welcome.



COLLECTION COUNT: for November: *with grateful thanks*
Gift Aid £323.00 Non Gift Aid £1107:66 SO £2927
Special Collections Gift Aid £81 Non Gift Aid 110:76
St. Joseph's Care £150:05 CAFOD: £268

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Kathryn Mavis Bennett, Helen McClurg and Alan Bealey, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Jenny Milner, James Murphy, Hugh Patrick Ghee, Kathleen Cooper and Vera Lyons

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 Hill, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskill, 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.

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: Christmas cards, packs and individual ones now on sale as well as Advent Candles and Children's Christmas books. New Sunday Missals now in stock at £15. All our usual items, Mass cards, selection of greetings cards, Rosary Beads, Prayer cards and statues etc are still 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 14th/15th December
Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick 9.15am Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: P. Huskinson and David Warwick

Sun 9.15am: M. Skene and M. Lehman