



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 31st / 1st January. Mary the Mother of God

Sat 31 st	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Freda McGuinness
Sun 1 st	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Harold Thornton

Mon 2 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Thomas and Annie Ainsworth <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 3 rd	10.00am	St. Joseph's	Gareth Tierney <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
Wed 4 th	9am	St. Peter's	Sr. Anne Murphy SHCJ

Feast of the Epiphany

Thu 5 th	7.00pm	St. Joseph's	Special Anniversary
Fri 6 th	9am	St Peter's	Maria McKay
	10am	St. Joseph's	Denis Jones

Weekend 7th / 8th January. The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 7 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 8 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Ivan de Coutère
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Terence Henry Daw

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs.

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £103.50

Non Gift Aid: £473.88

St. Joseph's Care £88.81

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please pray for all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Dorothy Cartmell, Keith Mason, Ron Cartmell, Maurice Crilly and Bernadette McGladdery

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Elaine Acton-Reid, Rod Beirne, Margaret Brindle, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Brid José, Sr Kay, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy Bob Osachuk, Tony Quigley, Alison Singleton Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins Phil Winstanley Kath Woods, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Enjoy! I certainly do... Fr. P.*)

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: Do you know of anyone in our community who is in need or might need a little more support? Company or just someone to talk to? Someone who may, at times, need help with things? Please let us know and we can contact them. Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone

number so they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: anne.waters@talktalk.net

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 Richard Jones on 01253727498 and he will show you the ropes!

REPOSITORY: Cards for all occasions available. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

RED MISSION BOXES THANK YOU to everyone who brought their Red Mission Box into church or donated in some other way. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The next collection will be in March 2023. For further information contact 01253 733446

WEDNESDAY WORD available from the back of church to help prepare for next Sunday's readings.

POPIES SOCIAL: Afternoon Tea and Chat for the Older Person with activities, weekly on a Friday in St. Joseph's Church Hall (Term time only). 2-4pm. To book tea or transport, Julie Webb on 07517 086530

THE HOLY ROSARY: Thursday at noon in Church.

Rotas for weekend 7th / 8th Jan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: M Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am** C Woodhouse

Readers
Sat Vigil: Anne Murgatroyd **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J and D Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** T. Cookson and M. Golightly

As Mary said “yes” to God’s invitation to become the mother of his Son, we too say “yes” to God’s call to us to share in that sonship and be his children.

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27 The Lord blesses the children of Israel with peace.

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7 God sends the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to make us his children.

Gospel Luke 2:16-21 Mary treasures all the things that happen at the birth of Jesus and ponders them in her heart.

This Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, a HolyDay of Obligation. Masses are at St. Josephs’, Vigil at 7pm and 10am, and at St. Peter’s at 9am.

Message from Fr. Peter: And a very Happy New Year, to each and everyone of you, and all your family, friends, and loved ones. Let’s hope that this New Year truly is ‘new’ for us all, a time of peace, love and renewal, exciting new beginnings, and the continuation of our journey together as Parishes and People seeking to live out and share the Living Word of God in the South Fylde.

And what a wonderful Christmas we had together. Almost 1000 people joined us in both of our Parishes over our Masses to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Huge thanks to everyone involved in our beautiful Christmas Services: those who made the Church look so beautiful with their preparation and decoration of the Churches, and their service of the Word and Eucharist at our Masses; and those who made the Church sound so beautiful with their talented music ministry which so elevates all our services; and all those who work ‘behind the scenes’, not just at Christmas, but throughout the whole of the liturgical year, to ensure that St. Joseph’s and St. Peter’s are welcoming places of peace, love, and the service of God. Thank you to you all. And personal thanks for the kind cards, gifts, and greetings over the festive season; it all helped to make my first Christmas in this part of the Fylde a happy and memorable one (even if I wasn’t exactly firing on all cylinders with this wretched bug!). God bless you all. Let’s look forward to celebrating together throughout the whole of 2023, and continued Christmas Greetings and Prayers for a Happy New Year,

And we begin this New Year under the patronage of the Holy Mother of God, as we celebrate her Feast this weekend of 31st/1st. As we celebrate Mass today, let us rejoice in having Our Lady as a model of faith and discipleship, asking for her prayers, that her Son might give us the gifts of humility and grace, and the spiritual strength which she herself showed in welcoming her Son into her life, her family, and the world. How long does Christmas last? An octave? Twelve days? We can celebrate Christmas right up to February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. So let us do so, stopping off at the Epiphany next week to celebrate the visit of the Maji to the Christ child.

Talking of the Twelve Day of Christmas; someone the other day was asking what the song meant, and I did remember reading an article about the spiritual significance of the song, which is as follows: The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ. The 2 Turtle Doves are The Old and New Testaments. The 3 French hens are Faith, Hope and Charity, the theological virtues. The 4 Calling Birds are the four gospels and the four evangelists. The 5 Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch. The 6 Geese A-laying are the six days of creation. The 7 Swans A-swimming are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments. The 8 Maids-a-Milking are the Beatitudes. The 9 Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. The 10 Lords A-leaping are the ten commandments. The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles. The 12 Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed. So there you go. Maybe something to think about when we next sing that song?

Foodbank: Since Covid, we have been working in partnership with St Pauls, Fairhaven. Here is a breakdown of community donations: April 2021 - March 2022 : 1340 kgs 3190 meals £3175 in monetary value April 2022 to date 805kg 1916 meals £1907 in monetary value. The organisers wish to pass on their very grateful thanks on behalf of the recipients. The demand for help from the foodbank continues to rise but you will see that in the last 6 months donations have been on the decline, probably as a result of the economic climate. Please do what you can to support people in need in our local area as the cold weather starts to bite. We have been asked, in particular for male and female toiletries, long life milk ,juice, tinned fruit, veg and meat as well as cereals. If everyone donated just 1 item each just think of the impact that would have.

Mass Intentions for the year ahead: If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time to make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church

Offertory Collections: It would help greatly therefore if you would consider moving over to making your offering by Standing Order. Forms are available at the back of church if you think you might be able to help us in this way. Completed SO forms should be forwarded to your bank. Only Gift Aid applications should be returned via the offertory basket. Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows charities (including churches) to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer. This means every donation will be worth 25% more, at no extra cost to the giver. For example, with Gift Aid the charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated, which makes a huge difference. If you would like to support the church with Gift Aid, you simply need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church and should be returned via the collection baskets. A Gift Aid Declaration is the giver’s declaration that they wish for the church to reclaim tax on their gift.

Hospital: Please remember to let us know if you or one of your family is being admitted hospital.

Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ’s email by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so please make use of the noticeboards at the back of the Churches. Cheers.