



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 31st Aug /1st Sept Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 31 st	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Joan Barry
Sun 1 st	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Liam Herron
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes
Mon 2 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Intentions of Philip Taylor <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	7pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Evening Prayer and Benediction</i>
Tues 3 rd	10am	St. Joseph's	John & Vera Wilson <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9:30am-9:50am</i>
	6pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Vigil Reception for Barbara</i>
Wed.4 th	10am	Saltcoates	Deceased of the O'Dea Family
	12noon	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Barbara Delaney
Thurs 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Kevin Devaney
Fri. 6 th	1:15pm	<i>Lytham Crematorium Service for Jean Marie Brennan</i>	
	2pm	St. Joseph's	Mass and Sacrament of the Sick: Sister Kathleen Standish

Weekend 7th / 8th Sept Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 7 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Peter Page
Sun 8 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Donor's Intentions

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for July:
 Gift Aid £307.00 Non Gift Aid £906.60
 Special Collections Gift Aid £158.00
 Standing Orders £2961.50 St. Joseph's Care £203.87
 Burkino Faso £65.00
 Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Barbara Delaney and Jean Marie Brannan, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Bridget Myra, Joan Berry, Maurice McSherry, Christopher Thompson, Ted Gillett, Isabel Edmundson and James Joseph Cunliffe.

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 Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins, Mary Whittle, Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

This Week's Readings: We can often find ourselves becoming distracted from the essentials of the life of faith. As we gather today we are reminded by the word of God that true religion is the serving of the poor and needy and staying close to God.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Lovely. 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. 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.

Rotas for weekend 7th / 8th September

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick Sun 9.15am: Anne Waters

Meet and Greet

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Sun 9.15am: P Benning, M Herron

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Moses explains to the people of Israel that the laws that God gives are designed to help them live well in the Promised Land.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 The word of God brings life and salvation if we put into practice what it says.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 The Pharisees and the Scribes are arguing with Jesus because his disciples do not perform the customary rituals of washing before eating. Jesus challenges them to live beyond the surface and live from the heart.

Message from Fr. Peter: This month of September is dedicated to The Seven Sorrows of Mary, or the 'Seven Dolours' as we often call them, and **tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7pm we will have our monthly Evening Prayer** dedicated to the Seven Sorrows, in preparation for the Diocesan Centenary. The Seven Sorrows are a beautiful meditation, a bit like a mini version of the Stations of the Cross, though expanded to include events in Jesus' childhood. Or maybe selected mysteries of the rosary. Either way, it is very lovely. In case you are unfamiliar, the traditional Seven Sorrows of Mary are: 1. The prophecy of Simeon, of her Son's death, and a sword of sorrow piercing her heart (Luke 2:34-35). 2. The flight into Egypt (Matt. 2:13-14) where from His earliest days, people were trying to murder Mary's Son. 3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:43-45), one of the many events Mary 'pondered in her heart'. 4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross: '*And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him.*' (Lk 23:27) 5. The Crucifixion, (John 14:18-25-27), two altars of sacrifice, one the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. 6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross,' (Mark 15: 43-46) where traditionally we see Jesus laid in the arms of his Mother, moments after his death, as he was in her arms moments after he was born thirty-three years earlier. Finally 7. The burial of Jesus, (John 14:41-42.) when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher. *O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

First Week of the Month at SJSP's

This Monday 2nd September: Evening Prayer at St. Joseph's at 7pm
in honour of The Seven Dolours of Mary *in preparation for the Centenary of the Diocese*

This Wednesday 4th September: Mass at Saltcoat's Cemetery at 10am.

This Friday 6th September: First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph's at 2pm,
followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

'Blessing of The Backpacks': Next Sunday at 9:15am Mass at SJs and 10:30am Mass at SPs all children are welcome to come to church with the pencil cases, school bags, sports kits or whatever, to have them blessed for the coming school year. Adults and teachers are welcome to bring whatever too!

Safeguarding: Do you have an active volunteer role in the Parish? If so, have you signed for a Safeguarding Awareness handout or have a current DBS certificate? If not, please contact Kelly Godden on 07932 048 793 or Margaret Gregory on 07711 698 195 Are you a volunteer group leader? Please let Kelly or Margaret know of any new volunteers so the appropriate Safer Recruitment Process can be followed.

Burkina Faso: Thank you for your generous offerings so far. We now enter the final two weeks of our appeal so if you haven't already contributed there is still time. Please use one of the envelopes in the basket at the back of church and return via the offertory collection. We hope to have a final figure for our 2024 appeal by mid September. *E. Gillett.*

Red Mission Boxes: the Autumn collection from the boxes will commence in September. Please would you bring your box into church and leave in the sacristy. If you need your box collecting or would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914811

Congratulations to the SJSP Ukulele Orchestra who this weekend celebrated their First Birthday! After their celebratory lesson this weekend, sessions will continue on Monday evenings at 7pm in St. Peter's Hall from September 9th. All welcome -especially newcomers of any age!

Lourdes Petitions Box with Fr. Phil: Please place your petition in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Petition'. Your petition is private. Do NOT include money. To have a candle lit place your offering (minimum £5 or multiples, in notes only) in a separate envelope marked 'Candles' and your intentions. This is the last weekend for intentions. Please keep Fr. Philip in your prayers on his pilgrimage, as he ministers as an auxiliary chaplain for the English speaking pilgrims.

Pilgrimages: The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St Mary's Church, Cleator, takes place on Sunday, 8th September at 3.00pm. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass and lead the Blessing of the Sick. **The annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell takes place on Saturday, 21st September at 11.00am.** There will be Mass, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction. **Lourdes 2025:** if you are interested in a Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage, please see FrP or Deacon David to gauge interest.

From the Jerusalem Bible to English Standard Version: 1 John 3:1

Jerusalem: Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

English Standard: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Being a favourite verse of Scripture of mine, I always look this up in Bible translations. Here, I prefer the Jerusalem, where God's love is 'lavished', although 'given' for the Greek 'dedoken' is possibly more accurate. Poetry or accuracy - which do you prefer?

Mass Intentions, for the deceased, the bereaved, for the sick, the Holy Souls, are always welcome, and offering envelopes are available at the back of Church, and Mass cards are available from the Holy Shops after Sunday Masses. **Sanctuary Lamp:** If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please place the details and date wanted in an envelope with a £20 donation and clearly note Sanctuary Lamp on the outside. This can be placed in the offertory collection basket. The lamp will burn for a full week From Sunday to Saturday, and the intention will be published on the Newsletter.