



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas - Year C

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

*The Word was made flesh,  
He lived among us,  
and we saw His glory.*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

9.15am The Parish  
10.30am Mass at St Peter's  
5.05pm Benedict Le-Saint

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

No Mass

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Ian Richardson RIP  
12 Noon Funeral Service: Peter Clarke

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Mass at St Peter's

### Thu 6<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Epiphany

9.00am Mass at St Peter's  
12 Noon Claire Plant

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Ian Richardson RIP  
11.00am Requiem at St Peter's

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mass at St Peter's

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Baptism of the Lord

Sat (Vigil) 6.00pm Int's of Sr M Toulmin  
9.15am The Parish  
10.30am Mass at St Peter's  
5.05pm Gregory Kennedy RIP

### ONLINE MASSES:

For live-streamed Sunday Mass, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3fkB30l> or

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/> recorded videos

**CONFESSIONS:** Available after the 10am Saturday Mass at St Peter's, and the 10am Masses at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also, by arrangement with Fr David. Tel. 737037

### COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Offertory  
Gift Aid £ 317.01  
Non-Gift Aid £ 801.43  
£1118.44

St. Joseph's Care £248.03

Help for Refugees £50.00

Thank You for your generosity!

### READERS

For Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> January

Sat Vigil: M Wren Hilton Sun 9.15: A Wormleighton

Sun 5.05: C Barnard

### Please pray for:

**Those who are sick:** Margaret Brindle, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hyning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Richard Smith, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Christopher Hickson, Pat Moss, Peter Davies, Tony Quigley, Fr Harry Holden.

### Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Dorothy Cartmell, Maurice Crilly, Bernardette McGladdery, Frances Warwick, Terry Cox, Chris Saum, Catherine Hylton, Marie McKenna, Thomas McMellon, Ronald Law, Eileen O'Rourke, Keith Mason, Ron Cartmell, Dr Thomas Burke, Harry Chowles, Muriel Musgrave, Jack Ridgard, Mary Veevers, Rose Marsden, Mechtild Anna Jose Rogowicz, Catherine Metcalf, Honoria Poole, Thelma Coulter, Hugo Coulter.

**BACON BUTTIES ARE BACK:** Simon is back in the kitchen after Mass on Sunday morning, so why not call in for a bite and coffee! The children's craft club is also on.

**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](mailto:anne.waters@talktalk.net)

**FOODBANK:** Thank you for your continued generous donations. All items go to support people in our local community.

**REPOSITORY:** We have a wide selection of cards for all occasions. Pop in to see what there is.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS:** A special 'Thank You' to all who helped prepare the church and the liturgy for the Christmas Masses; and those who have helped with stewarding and booking for places at Mass. A Special thanks goes to Fr Philip Newbold for celebrating the Christmas Masses at St Peter's. Many thanks again for all your kind good wishes, cards and offerings - it is very much appreciated. May you all have a blessed, happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Please keep Fr Harry Holden in your prayers - he had to go into hospital just before Christmas. We pray for a speedy recovery for him. Canon Peter Hart is now back in good health and able to look after Star of the Sea again.

**UNPICK THE GOSPEL:** Come and reflect on next week's Gospel in the Hall Wednesday 10am until 11am. Listen and consider what Jesus is saying to us today! Come along and just try it, you will be surprised at how the Gospel comes alive.

**HELP FOR THE REFUGEES:** St Joseph's Care would like to say a great big thank you for your kind donations to help the refugee families. It has been delivered to Home-start, the collection centre on St Alban's Road. They were really grateful for everything and passed on their thanks.

**TRINITY HOSPICE 200 CLUB:** As you know, St Joseph's Parish has traditionally raised funds for Trinity Hospice each October via the Hospice 200 Club. COVID restrictions have prevented us from safely doing so during 2021, yet we remain eager to raise funds for this truly deserving cause. With this in mind, our fundraising in 2022 will involve us setting up a *Just Giving* page through which donations can be made to Trinity Hospice. It will run throughout the month of February 2022. I will provide more details in the New Year. With thanks for all your support for Trinity Hospice, Dennis Duignan.

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE:** Try using tissue paper to wrap your Christmas presents and ribbon rather than tape.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** has not restarted yet because it is felt that there is still a high level of infection around, especially in school children. Also, the rooms we use don't have sufficient ventilation. We are also very short of liturgists. If you would like to join the team, please leave your name with Fr. David.

**AN APPEAL FOR HELP:** Gemma and Phoebe Rowlings at St Peter's are collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Bone Cancer Research Trust, who can turn them into vital funds for life saving research (1kg of stamps can fund 1 hour of research!). Please remember to leave a 1cm (or ½ inch) border around the stamps when cutting them from the envelope or parcels. There will be a collection point in the porch at Church. Please, help Gemma and Phoebe make a difference to the future of bone cancer research and treatment. And please spread the word - tell all your family and friends.

**WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!** Every day in November, two parishioners from St Peter's - Ann Aitken and Pia Ashton, both nurses - took on the *Cold Water Challenge* for Cancer Research. Every day they took a dip somewhere different: in a farm cattle trough; a fire station water trough; in a green waste bin; Fairhaven Lake; Lowther Pond; in the sea at Blackpool; and in Grasmere and other lakes. They have raised almost £22000 for Cancer Research! What a great effort - well done them (especially at this time of year!).

**SOME WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS:** In his homily given at First Vespers at the Vatican for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, Pope Francis emphasized the wonder and amazement of Christmas. This amazement, the pope said, is not a "superficial sentiment," nor is it connected to the external aspects of the feast day, such as consumerism. "If Christmas is reduced to this, nothing changes: tomorrow will be just like yesterday, next year will be like last year, and so on," he said. "That is like warming ourselves for a few seconds by a straw fire rather than exposing our entire beings to the power of the Event, not grasping the heart of the mystery of Christ's birth." Francis explained that the heart of the mystery of Christ's birth is that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." These words, repeated several times during First Vespers for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, remind us that Mary is the first witness of the mystery of the Incarnation, he said. "She is the first witness, the first and the greatest, and at the same time, the humblest – the greatest because she is the humblest," he stated. "Her heart is filled with amazement without the shadow of romanticism, of sweeteners... The Mother brings us back to reality, to the truth of Christmas contained in the few words Saint Paul uses: 'born of a woman,'" That central mystery of the Incarnation, that God comes to take part - to become a part - of his creation, in solidarity with his creatures, invests so many everyday realities with new and profound significance: "A flower, a clod of earth, a life story, an encounter, the wrinkled face of an elderly person or the blooming face of a new-born baby, a mamma who nurses a baby in her arms. The mystery shines there," he said. In his homily, Pope Francis also addressed the "sense of being lost" many people have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the responsibility everyone is called to show toward others, a grace which can only come from God, he said.