



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

*Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings  
of heaven with Christ.*

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Vigil)	6.00pm	Pat Eastham RIP
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	The Parish
	10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u>	Elizabeth Cantoni (Ann)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>		Special Intention
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
	12 Noon	The Plant Family
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>		St Peter's Intention
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		Philomena Cocker RIP
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	St Peter's Intention
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>		
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil)	6.00pm	Ronald William Davis RIP
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	The Parish
	10.30am	Mass at St. Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u>	Margaret Baldwin RIP

**Masses underlined are recorded, and should be available online**

**Holy Communion visits to the sick: can only be made when someone is very ill or in danger of death.**

### Online Masses:

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/>, for recordings of Mass here at St Joseph's.

### COLLECTION COUNT: for week ending 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

	Offertory
Gift Aid	£279.00
Non Gift Aid	<u>£613.00</u>
	£892.00

### St. Joseph's Care:

w/e 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 274.00

w/e 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 250.00

### Please pray for:

**Lately dead:** Ronald William Davis, Teresa Green, Mary Winstanley, Mgr James Hook

**Those who are sick:** Nora Shortt, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hying), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaile, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Bernadette McGladdery, Richard Smith, Patricia Sumner

### Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

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

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE:** If you, or someone you know is in need, St. Joseph's Care has a helpline and we have volunteers who will be in a position to provide basic support such as shopping. The number is 07840 112 265 (9am - 7pm daily). In these difficult times may people may be worried or concerned about a loved one. If you would like to ask for prayers, please ring St. Joseph's Care phone line or send an e-mail to: [st.josephs\\_ansdell@btinternet.com](mailto:st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com). A list of prayer requests in addition to the sick, lately dead and anniversaries will be on the bulletin each week.

**We continue** to support needy families in the South Shore area with food and clothing vouchers.

**Support** - We would be grateful for any donations to assist our Christmas effort in supporting needy families in the South Shore area and more locally here in Lytham St Annes. Your offerings can be deposited in the safe at the back of church or in an envelope clearly marked St Joseph's Care and placed in the retiring collection. Thank you!

**FOODBANK:** Thank you for the generous contributions over Christmas, please keep it going as winter takes its grip. Thank you too for the response to our appeal for volunteers, our cup runneth over! Michael Wormleighton with assistance, as required by Paul Whittle will assume responsibility for the collections from 10 January.

**THANK YOU:** A word of grateful thanks to all of you for your kind and generous good wishes, cards and offerings. It is very much appreciated. It has been a very challenging year for all of us, and we all pray and hope for a peaceful and joyful Christmas - even in the midst of all the restrictions. We must also pray for a blessed new year for 2021; for an end to the current covid-19 crisis; and, especially, for those who have suffered in any way, directly or indirectly, from its effects. A further word of thanks is due here to our team of stewards who, for six months, have made it possible to keep our church open for Masses and services - we could not have done this without them. God is with us through it all; and the celebration of Christ's birth reminds us that He has joined us in and won the victory over suffering and death. Nothing can separate us from His love. My His blessing be upon you all and your loved ones, now and always.

**DONATION BY STANDING ORDER:** If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at [st.josephs\\_andsdell@btinternet.com](mailto:st.josephs_andsdell@btinternet.com), requesting a standing order form. If you are a taxpayer and are not already Gift-aiding your contributions, please consider this. It is a great support to the parish. Forms for Gift-aid are available as above.

**PATRIS CORDE - WITH A FATHER'S HEART - THE POPE'S LETTER ON ST JOSEPH:** Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of our own patron St Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. In his letter he speaks of St Joseph as a beloved father: *'The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation". Pope Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home". Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph. Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him'*.

**... AND FROM BISHOP SWARBRICK'S PASTORAL LETTER:** Bishop Paul picks up the Pope's theme of St Joseph in his Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family last Sunday: *'God the Father knows all too well that bringing light into our darkness is wonderful but not in itself enough. Beyond prayer, beyond belief there must be active Charity. This, too, is the vocation of the Church and of every Christian. We must overcome the darkness through our love of others. Too often we can be paralysed by the sheer enormity of the problems we face and the desperate difficulties faced by those around us. St. Joseph shows us what is still possible. A single individual can be given the gift of overcoming what others see as insurmountable problems.*

*The world is a big place, and the number of those struggling can be overwhelming. Where do I start? Start with those closest to you, your family. Start at home. I invite you to take this opportunity to renew your personal Faith, particularly if you are experiencing severe difficulties. Be aware of the light you were entrusted with at your baptism. It was given to you for your own salvation and also for the good of others. Your vocation is to carry that Light in these days even though they are days we would not have chosen. This is where Christ wants you to carry His love'.*