



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 2nd / 3rd March

Third Sunday in Lent

Sat 2 nd	5-5:50pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Rose Scott
Sun 3 rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Bill Illingsworth
	4-5pm	St. Peter's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>

Mon 4 th	9am	St. Peter's	John Worsley followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Peter's	<i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Tues 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Patricia Conroy followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Wed. 6 th	No Services Today		
Thurs 7 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Tony Waters Birthday Remembrance
	1pm	St. Bernadette's	Bispham Requiem Mass for Colin Woods
Fri 8 th	No Services Today		

Weekend 9th / 10th March

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sat 9 th	5-5:50pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions</i>
	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 10 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	For those who prayed for me while I was ill
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Maciek Gruszecki for a successful recovery
	4-5pm	St. Peter's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, Tuesday 10:30-11am St. Joseph's

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £86 Non Gift Aid £268.90

St. Joseph's Care £100.20

Sanctuary Lamp: for Lawrence Lehman

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Jonty Ashton, Aileen Robinson, Hazel Barnes, and Colin Woods, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Barbara Kelly, Beatrice May Potter, Francis Kendall, Christine Howarth, Elizabeth Glancy, Celia Cross, Catherine Picton and Joe Parker.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskill, 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, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*But no ice cream. Fr.P*)

This Week's Readings: Jesus inaugurates the messianic age in a public act of boldness. Temple worship is to be purified and replaced by the person of the risen Christ.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 The laws of God are summarised in the Ten Commandments. They begin with the reminder that God is the one who liberates.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 The Christian message is a paradox - for the humiliation of Christ on the cross displays the glory of God.

Gospel John 2:13-25 Jesus rids the Temple of traders, but declares that he himself has replaced the building as the place wherein God dwells. He announces by his actions that the messianic age has begun.

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, next meeting Wednesday January 10th in the Church Hall at 10am.

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

Rotas for weekend 9th /10th March

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Maria Hall

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: C. Williams and M. Taylor **Sun 9.15am:** M skene and M Lehman

Message from Deacon Michael: This week's Lenten talk was on the topic of Eucharistic Adoration, something in which we have all participated in one form or another over the years. So when did reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, and consequently adoration, all start? Belief in the real physical presence of Christ in the Eucharist was emphasised in the teaching of the evangelists and St Paul. In the early Church we know that hermits reserved the Eucharist in their cells and carried it from place to place. As monasticism changed from solitary to community life the Blessed Sacrament became an integral part of the church structure of a monastery. Initially it was reserved in a room separate from the sanctuary but by the year 800 it was common practice for the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved in the church itself, as it is today. Devotion to Our Lord reserved in the tabernacle developed initially in religious communities of both men and women, before becoming common practice amongst the laity. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi in the thirteenth century, and the devotion which we know as Benediction was strongly influenced by the establishment of this feast. Pope Clement VIII in 1592 introduced Quarant Ore, the forty hours devotion. In the sixteenth century, as a consequence of the Reformation in Europe, the Council of Trent robustly reaffirmed every aspect of Catholic belief in the Real Presence and of adoration. In later centuries perpetual adoration became common practice in monasteries and convents and many saints found strength through Eucharistic adoration. In the latter part of the twentieth century, some in the Church placed more emphasis on the celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass) and less on adoration, however, in more recent times successive Popes have strongly urged a return to Eucharistic adoration. There are ample opportunities for Eucharistic adoration in both our churches, especially during Lent. *What a privilege to come into the presence of our beloved Lord.*

Lent 2024 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm and Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm

Next Saturday and Sunday 9th/10th Confessions will be able during these times

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Lenten Talks Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.

St. Patrick's Day Party:

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long, the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun.

St. Joseph's Hall, Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm (early as it's a school night!)

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses

Apologies that there is no Mass this Wednesday at Saltcoates. The next Cemetery Chapel Mass will be in Easter Week, on April 3rd.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk

Trinity Hospice Fundraising: February 2024 We are absolutely delighted to announce that our 2024 Appeal for Trinity Hospice currently stands at £2,460.22. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has made a donation. Our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept any final donations for a further week. This page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>. Any questions, please contact Dennis on 07432602753.

Red Mission Boxes: the Spring collection commences in March, please would you bring your box into church for emptying and counting. If you need your box collecting, please contact Pat Ormond 01253 733446 Thank you for your continued support.

Hail Holy Queen. During Lent our Marian Prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers each Day will be the Hail Holy Queen. In case you need the words: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

CAFOD Lenten Challenge: Why don't you join CAFOD's Big Lent walk? The aim is to walk approx 5 km per day for 40 days of Lent and raise money to help people fight against poverty. You don't have to walk the full 5 km every day. St Peter's & St Joseph's are joining together as a team so any contributions however big or small would be appreciated both in steps & donations. See notice board for more details or contact Chris McIndoe.

First Holy Communion 2024: First Session for the children who have registered this Monday at 6pm at St. Peter's Hall. Please pray for all our candidates for this great Sacrament.

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.