



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 2 nd / 3 rd November		Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Nora & Thomas Johnson; Patrick & Rosemary Burns 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 3 rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Michael Spurrel
	12noon	St. Peter's	Baptism of Georgie Rae Green
	1pm-6pm	St. Peter's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction
Mon 4 th	9am	St. Peter's	John Nolan followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Diocesan Centenary
Tues 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Elizabeth Whitehead preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9:30am-9:50am
	11:15am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service for Joan Lenehan
Wed 6 th	9am	St. Peter's	Deceased of O'Dea Family
Thurs 7 th	10am	St. Joseph's	John and Mary Jane MacDonald
	11:15am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service for Georgina Walmsley

Weekend 9 th / 10 th November		Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 9 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Ursula Cooper
Sun 10 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Monsignor Peter Cookson and John Cookson
	10.30am	St. Peter's	The People of the Parishes

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 August:
 Gift Aid £3476.00 Non Gift Aid £1048.31
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 CAFOD Family Fast: £658.28 Flowers: £20

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Georgina Walmsley, Joan Lenehan, Raymond Cross and Winifred McGuiness, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Peggy Lawrenson, Nora Johnson, Anne Maria Pilling, Kenneth Blairsdale, Brian Finnegan, Elizabeth Whitehead, Stephen Kendrick, Mgr. Peter Cookson and Frank Clegg

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 Petravičiute, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Red or Brown Sauce? FrP*)

This Week's Readings: Today we celebrate the importance of love of neighbour and love of God. According to Jesus, love must govern our lives.

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6 This passage contains the basic principle of the whole Mosaic law — that we must love God with all our heart, soul and strength. Christ later cited these words as “the greatest and the first commandment”, embracing in itself the whole law of God.

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28 Jesus Christ is the great high priest, constantly there throughout history to serve and redeem humanity.

Gospel Mark 12:28-34 A scribe asks Jesus to identify the greatest commandment. Jesus responds that love of God and love of neighbour are the highest and most significant goals in life.

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 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 9th / 10th November

Readers

Sat Vigil: Richard Golding Sun 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J and C O'Neill Sun 9.15am: M Skene and M Lehman

Message from Fr. Peter: Well I am sure that many people will 'Remember, Remember the Fifth of November' this Tuesday, although whether Roman Catholics should be celebrating the appalling deaths of our predecessors is another matter, so perhaps instead we should instead remember a Saint from fifty years earlier, St. Philip Howard, whose Feast day is this Friday 8th. He was the son of the Duke of Norfolk – a family which to this day has strong links with the Royal Courts. When he was just fifteen his Father was executed by Queen Elizabeth the First for his Catholicism, and for a while Philip turned his back on his faith, actually becoming a member of Queen Elizabeth's Court; however his faith was reignited when he witnessed the trials and deaths of two future great Saints, Saint Edmund Campion and Saint Ralph Sherwin. He planned to move abroad, probably to Spain, in order that he could practise his faith freely, but was betrayed, and on April 25th 1585 was placed in the Tower of London, where he remained, under threat of execution, for the last ten years of his life – never seeing his family again, but accompanied by his faithful dog, with whom he is always pictured (I think I read somewhere that the dog belonged to a priest and would convey messages to him). Many times he was offered his freedom if he would attend Anglican services and renounce his allegiance to the Pope. He inscribed on the wall of his cell, 'The more affliction we endure for Christ in this world, the more glory shall we obtain with Christ in the next', and eventually died of a stomach illness. He was one of the Forty English Martyrs canonized by pope Paul VI in 1970. So, let's remember, remember St. Philip Howard, and pray for his intercession and fortitude in standing up for Roman Catholicism in this country five hundred years after his death. *God our Father, you have honoured the Church with the victorious witness of Saint Philip Howard, who died for his faith. As he remained steadfast under persecution, so may we follow in his footsteps and come to eternal joy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

PLEASE NOTE the Diocese is changing all email addresses. The one email for our two parishes is now sjsp.lsa@lrcd.org.uk Please do whatever you have to do to use this email from now on. Cheers.

November at St. Joseph's and Peter's

Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Diocesan Centenary: Monday 4th November at St. Joseph's at 7pm

Remembrance Sunday: 10th November. We will make the Act of Remembrance at All Weekend Masses

Bereavement Sunday: 17th November. All those who have died in the year will be remembered at All Weekend Masses.

Christ the King: 24th November:

Blessing of the New Lectionary at all Masses.

Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Beginning of the Centenary of the Diocese: St. Joseph's at 6pm

November List: please write the names of your loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith on the papers at the back of Church and place in the Box on the Sanctuary to have these names remembered in our masses throughout this month of the Holy Souls.

Deanery Forty Hours of Watching In Preparation for the Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: the dates and locations are as follows: **This Week November 3rd we are hosting watching at St. Peter's Lytham;** November 10th Our Lady Star of the Sea; **November 17th St. Joseph's Ansdell. Please sign up at the back of the Church to cover the watching of the SJSP weekends.**

Diocesan Centenary Prayer: *God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the 'pearl of great price' which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the 'mother of countless children' and be given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.* This prayer is to be prayed every day for 100 days from the Feast of the Assumption. Prayer cards are available at the back of church.

Christmas is Coming: As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Advent once again, we are blessed to continue the cherished tradition we began three years ago, commemorating the holy journey of the figures of Joseph and Mary. Each year, these figures, accompanied by a humble donkey, travel from home to home, culminating in a joyous celebration for Mass on Christmas Eve. This pilgrimage serves as a profound reminder of our shared faith and the importance of community in our Christian journey. In our large parish, it can be challenging to truly know each other, but participating in this sacred event allows us to deepen our connections as we welcome the Holy Family into our homes. This beautiful tradition, which originated in Mexico and is known as "Posada," meaning "innkeeper," has brought countless blessings to our parishioners in the past. To honour this tradition and embrace the spirit of togetherness, we invite you to join us. If you wish to partake in this meaningful journey, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Your participation will enrich our celebration and help keep parishes beautiful custom alive as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Save the Date in Your Diary for these Upcoming SJSP Social Events: Next event: Sunday 1st December after 10:30am Mass at SP's: Blessing of the New Crib followed by Refreshments! Friday 6th December 7pm in SP's Hall: Christmas Bingo with Mince Pies! Sunday 8th December 3pm in SJ's Church: Children's Storybook Nativity with cakes in Fr.Ps house! Saturday 18th January 7pm in SJ's Hall: SJSP Late Late Christmas Party with food and entertainment!