



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 2nd/3rd First Sunday of Advent

Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Speedy recovery of Rose Bickerstaffe
Sun 3 rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Gwen Spedding

Mon. 4 th	9am	St. Peter's	Maria Carlotta D'Cruz <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions</i>
Tues. 5 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Josephine Dunne and Tony Crean <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions</i>
Wed. 6 th	10am	Mass at Saltcoats Cemetery Chapel	Johnny Matthews
Thurs 7 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Holy Souls

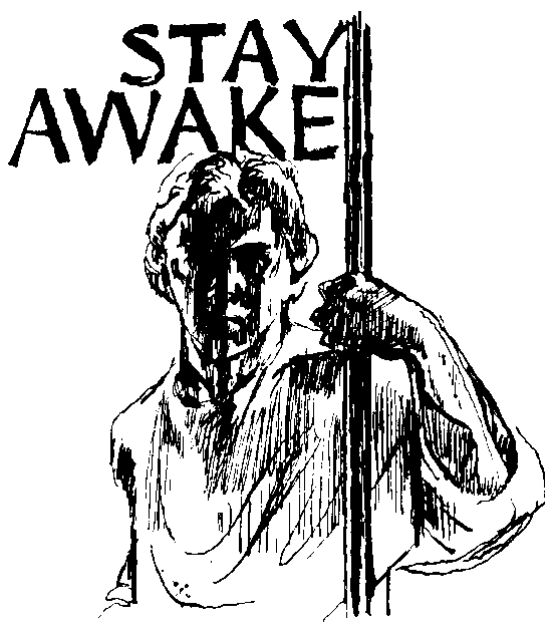
Weekend 9th/10th Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 9 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 10 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Intentions of Nolan Family
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Martin Francis Gannon

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

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

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £150 Non Gift Aid £575.36

Cafod £10

St. Joseph's Care £106.84

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Edward Crawford Golding

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Fr. Bootle and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Pat Metcalfe, Stuart Peacock, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard McKenna, Rita Patterson, Eileen Draper, Peter Hulme, Jenny Milner, James Murphy and Hugh Patrick Ghee.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Louis

Gill, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, 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, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(*Saving the sausages for the pigs in blankets. Fr.P*)

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, each Wednesday in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

Thursday at 10:30am in Church.

Rotas for weekend 9th / 10th December

Readers

Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J & C O'Neill

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Herron

This Week's Readings: During this time of Advent, the Church invites us to focus on Jesus Christ our Redeemer. As we prepare to commemorate his birth we commit ourselves to opening our hearts and minds and renewing our hope.

First Reading *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:3-8* God is the potter and we are the clay, moulded into life with tenderness and care so that God's plan is fulfilled.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* Paul recognises and thanks God for the gifts of the Spirit that are present in the church in Corinth.

Gospel *Mark 13:33-37* Jesus Christ is the Good News. The hopes of the prophets are fulfilled in him.

Message from Fr. Peter: And a very Happy New Year, as we begin a new year in the life of the Church – Year 'B' in the Sunday Cycle of Readings which means when we start the Ordinary Sundays of the Year we will be reading St. Mark's Gospel. But before we get there we will have Christmastide and before that Advent, our Four weeks (actually this year three weeks and half a day) to spiritually prepare for our celebrations of the first coming of Christ. Everyone acknowledges that the weeks leading up to Christmas, both inside and outside the Church are some of the busiest of all, and that's true. But Advent is a time when we are asked to take a little time out to remember what we are truly preparing for – a celebration of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, would grow up to change the world, and, individually, to change our lives. The Advent Readings in Church focus on the Old Testament Prophecies about the coming of Jesus, most particularly in the book of Isaiah. Do make some time for Christ in your Christmas preparations, and let's look forward to being able to properly celebrate His Birthday here at SJ's and SP's in three weeks time. Or rather, three weeks and a half-day (and that half-day might be the extra time we all desperately need!) *Lord Jesus Christ; Give good news to the poor. Bind up the brokenhearted. Comfort those who mourn. Give hope to those who despair. Bring peace to our communities still divided by race and class and politics. Let our cities, towns and villages all be places of joy and beauty, so that all might give praise to you, and always be found watching and praying, and waiting...*

This Sunday at St. Peter's Family Christmas Fair at St Peter's after 10:30am Mass:
with coffee, tea, cakes, decorations and a Treasure Hunt. **Do Come Along and Join us!**

Walk With Me Advent Prayer Books for Children and Adults are available at the back of Church at £1, a great help to spiritual preparation for Christmas! **2024 Diocesan Directories** are also available priced £7. See where the Bishop has moved all your favourite priests to!

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra in St. Peter's Hall at 7pm this week. All Welcome.

Mass at Saltcoats Cemetery: This Wednesday 6th December at 10am. This will be hopefully be a monthly service, if there is enough continued enthusiasm! All Welcome!

Christmas Quiz & SingAlong. Saturday 16th December 7pm in SJ's Church Hall. All tickets have now been sold! Get in early for our next social event!

Next Week we will be privileged to celebrate the Requiem mass of dear Joy Warwick on Tuesday 12th at 11am at SJs, and on Thursday 14th at 11:30am the Requiem of much loved Fr. Billy Bootle, preceded by a Reception Mass on Wednesday evening at Stella Matutina. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ, and may their reward be great in Heaven.

Children's Christmas Present Appeal: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember the true spirit of Christmas - the spirit of giving, love, and compassion. We are humbly asking for you to participate in our **Children's Christmas Present Appeal**. We are collecting **new** toys and gifts for children to be given to Amazing Graze in Blackpool who are well-positioned to identify families in need during the festive season. **Donations can be left at the back of St Joseph's church and hall, and in the Presbytery, or brought to The Ansdell Institute** (please drop with Emma Cox at Lytham Candles). We kindly ask that you consider gifts for all age groups, especially teenagers who are often overlooked (*and, from previous experience, teenage boys in particular, FrP*). Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you abundantly. *Emma Cox (If anyone wants to leave money or gift vouchers with me, I can sort them out and pass them on. FrP)*

Huge Thanks for the amazing contributions to the Calvary appeal – donations have surpassed anything expected. Many blessings to you all. The Calvary will be up soon (possibly even now) and on the 17th December in the afternoon after some prayers and carols in Church, we will visit it and sing, followed by some drinks in the presbytery.

Advent and Christmas at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's
Sunday 17th December at 4pm at SJ's: Short Advent Meditation and Carols
followed by a Carol Around Calvary with a drink in the Presbytery afterwards.
Sunday 24th December

6pm at St. Joseph's: Children's Christmas Mass All children are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or sheep, to create a 'living crib'. All Welcome!

8pm at St Peter's: CandleLit Christmas Mass With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

Monday 25th December: 9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's: Christmas Morning Mass

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.