



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	David Assheton
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Anne O'Connor

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b>	St. Peter's	Ints. Of Zaida and Amber <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Philip Clitheroe <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Saltcoates Cemetery</b>	Joseph Hawkins
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Leo Pearson

### Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Ted Gillett
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Margaret Saum
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**  
**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, 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 £251:68 Non Gift Aid £820.14  
 Special Gift aid 32.50  
 St. Joseph's Care £151.10  
 Calvary Appeal £1350  
 December Standing Orders £2826

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit in honour of St. Maria Goretti

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially Colin Woods, James Frederick Carter, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Joan Benson, Leslie Jackson, Ken Hargreaves, Molly Ecclestone, Nora Snelle, Peter Davies, Barbara Gillett, Florence Ronson and Ron Wilson

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Patricia Conroy, 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 Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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.  
(*Good stuff. 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

### Rotas for weekend 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> February

#### Readers

**Sat Vigil:** Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Saoirse Altham

#### Meet and Greet

**Sat Vigil:** Sheila and Paul

**Sun 9.15am:** W and E Doyle

**This Week's Readings:** We meet together to give thanks and praise to God, in faithful acceptance of our duty of service to him.

**First Reading** *Job 7:1-4, 6-7* Job questions whether a person's life on earth is more than hired service.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23* St Paul tells how he has put himself at the service of everyone in order to win souls.

**Gospel** *Mark 1:29-39* Jesus goes throughout Galilee preaching and casting out devils.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Those who attended the children's mass at SJ's a couple of weeks will know that over the last month I have been obsessed watching 'The Traitor's, on BBC. Discussing the final with the Altar Servers at SP's last week I mentioned that (#spoiler alert) I would have preferred the Faithfuls (or even the Traitor Andrew) to win, partly because the eventual winner, Harry, had the really annoying habit of using the phrase 'Oh my days!' all the time, at least once every sentence it would seem, as a term of shock, astonishment, wonder, or just for something to say. (The Altar Servers then challenged me to use the phrase in my sermon, which I duly did!). He used the phrase 'Oh my days' so often that it got me thinking where it originated from, so I did a bit of judicious internet research, which turned out quite interesting. Some articles suggested that as we now no longer live in a religious society the phrase, which remember is actually a PRAYER, 'Oh my God', has ceased to make sense, so is replaced by 'Oh my days'. Other articles suggested that it was used instead of 'Oh my God' by those who did not want to take the Lord's name in vain, and also suggested that this is why many people use 'Oh my gosh'. Others suggest it has Caribbean origins, or at least from the Caribbean community in London. Interesting suggestions, but the phrase 'Oh, my days' is actually first recorded as being used at the end of the nineteenth century, a sort of oath or admission that your having difficult times, originally being 'Law, My days!'. However it's used, if it means we don't take the Lord's name in vain, then that's a good thing. But remember 'Oh my God' is also a prayer, so let us use that phrase daily, but in a spirit of prayer, praise, love, admiration, and contemplation of the presence of God in our daily lives. And if ever you hear me say something unexpected in a sermon, it maybe cause the altar servers have bet me I could say it in my homily...

**Mass at Saltcoate's Cemetery** in the beautiful chapel: This Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. All welcome.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses. **Forms must be returned by Sunday February 18th.**

**Trinity Hospice Fundraising February 2024:** The Hospice Fund Committee will be collecting after the weekend masses for the first two weekends at SJSP's in February. A 'Just Giving' page has also been set up to accept voluntary donations – large or small – during the month of February 2024. This page can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>. Trinity Hospice has been severely affected financially by COVID and the current economic situation. Please donate to this very worthy cause if you can. Taxpayers can boost the amount of their donation by choosing to add Gift Aid to the value of their donation. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice. **If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.**

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party**

Everyone welcome for a pancake and refreshments,  
a children's game, a raffle and general chit chat and mingle!

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at St. Peter's Hall from 6pm-7pm All welcome!**

*Please sign up on the notice at the back of Church so we know how much better to whisk up!*

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

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

**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  
(on certain weeks confession will available in this hour: details as advertised each week).

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm

**Lenten Talks** (on a variety of subjects, further details each week)

Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm (starts February 21<sup>st</sup>).

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

**A note from Mai:** *I have asked Fr. Peter to offer a mass for the many friends and family whose prayers has seen me through diagnosis and treatment. I am blessed that so many have held me close; my prayers of gratitude are yours. God bless you all, Sincerely, Mai.*

**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.