



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 3rd/4th December. The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 3 rd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	The Delaney Family
Sun 4 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Paddy Corrigan
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

Mon 5 th	9am	St. Peter's	John Brownwood <i>Exposition and Reconciliation till 10:am</i>
	11am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Margaret Malcolm

Tues 6 th	10.00am	St. Joseph's	The Mason Family <i>Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am</i>
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Wed 7 th	9am	St. Peter's	Maria Carlotta D'Cruz
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Thu 8 th	10.00am	St. Joseph's	George and Mary Moss
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Weekend 10th/11th December. The Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 10 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
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Sun 11 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	The Murphy Family
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	10.30am	St. Peter's	Brenda Windsor
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Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs.

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £165.00

Non Gift Aid: £379.66

St. Joseph's Care £89.15

CAFOD: £

October Standing Orders: £2069.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Margaret Malcolm, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Pat Metcalfe, Stuart Peacock, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard McKenna, Rita Patterson, Eileen Draper, Peter Hulme, Jenny Milner and Maria Carlotta D'Cruz

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Elaine Acton-Reid, Rod Beirne, Margaret Brindle, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Brid José, Sr Kay, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Teresa Mulvey, Molly Murphy Bob Osachuk, Tony Quigley, Alison Singleton Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins Phil Winstanley Kath Woods, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

SADLY NO BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: Do you know of anyone in our community who is in need or might need a little more support? Company or just someone to talk to? Someone who may, at times, need help with things? Please let us know and we can contact them. Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number so they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: anne.waters@talktalk.net

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 Richard Jones on 01253727498 and he will show you the ropes!

REPOSITORY: Cards for all occasions available. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

RED MISSION BOXES Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the Sacristy. If you require it collected contact Pat Ormond on 733446 to arrange.

WEDNESDAY WORD available from the back of church to help prepare for next Sunday's readings.

POPPIES SOCIAL: Afternoon Tea and Chat for the Older Person with activities, weekly on a Friday in St. Joseph's Church Hall (Term time only). 2-4pm. To book tea or transport, Julie Webb on 07517 086530

THE HOLY ROSARY: Thursday at noon in Church.

Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ's email by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so please make use of the noticeboards at the back of Church. Cheers.

Rotas for weekend 10th /11th December

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: J O'Neill Sun 9.15am M. Cookson

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden Sun 9.15am: Wanda Kruszyńska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O. Baker and J. Baker Sun 9.15am: P. Benning and M.Herron

Christmas at St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

6pm at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas

All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

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

Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Saturday 17th December, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **St Peters: Sat 17th 11am-12noon St Josephs: Sat 17th 4:30pm-5:30pm**

2nd Sunday of Advent A

Through our baptism we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather together in his name we remember our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way of the Lord.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 When the Messiah comes a new era of peace with justice shall dawn. Enemies will become friends and all will have knowledge of the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9 Members of the Christian community are to be friends to one another just as Christ has befriended us. This will give God glory and lead the nations to sing God's praise.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist appears in the desert wearing simple clothes and eating only food that could be found in the wilderness. He is not interested in power or glory but in preparing hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Message from Fr. Peter: Prayers are especially asked for our own Fr. Harry Holden this week, who is in hospital. We pray the Lord gives him strength and peace. And so Advent has begun, and hopefully we are now all well into our preparations for the forthcoming Feast. Spiritual and material preparations continue in our churches - Advent wreathes being duly lighted, and the enjoyable 'Sycamore' Advent course continuing at SP's, Advent services being prepared every time I pop into school, and on Tuesday afternoon children from a local nursery will be singing their carols in Church. It's so wonderful how at school and in church the children are helping us to understand the true meaning of Christmas. Last week saw three Funeral Services, with three more in the coming fortnight, so please pray for all the bereaved at these times. Visits to Clifton Hospital are now officially on the timetable too now, so lots to do... which means the Christmas Cards aren't totally written and sent just yet, so if you find me slumped in a corner singing *'Have a jolly dolly Christmas... it's the best time of the year'* you'll know why...!

Advent Spiritual Preparation for Christmas: A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church, **this week Monday 5th at 6pm** at St. Peter's. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Breakfast: On Sunday 11th December after 9.15am Mass we are holding a Big Breakfast in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are £2 each (payable on the day) and places are limited so hurry and put your name down on the list at the back of church. There will be a special visitor on the day for any children who attend, and they will receive a gift from him (if they are on the Nice List of course!). If you have any questions please ask Si Cox on 07900 225364.

An Advent Journey: A tradition of small figures of Mary, Joseph, and the donkey travelling from house to house during Advent is becoming popular in the UK. The set of figures make their way from home to home around the Parish arriving at the Parish Church on Christmas Eve. It would be wonderful if 28 households each had a room for the figures each night of Advent, beginning on the 27th November. Please add your name to the list if you would like to take part. *D.&O. Yates*

Foodbank: Since Covid, we have been working in partnership with St Pauls, Fairhaven. Here is a breakdown of community donations: April 2021 - March 2022 : 1340 kgs 3190 meals £3175 in monetary value April 2022 to date 805kg 1916 meals £1907 in monetary value. The organisers wish to pass on their very grateful thanks on behalf of the recipients. The demand for help from the foodbank continues to rise but you will see that in the last 6 months donations have been on the decline, probably as a result of the economic climate. Please do what you can to support people in need in our local area as the cold weather starts to bite. We have been asked, in particular for male and female toiletries, long life milk, juice, tinned fruit, veg and meat as well as cereals. If everyone donated just 1 item each just think of the impact that would have.

Catholic Voice : Please take a copy of the December edition home with you this weekend and an extra copy for anyone that you may know who is housebound. *E.Gillett* You can check it out online with the link:
https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/lancaster_dec_2022_finalproof?fr=sZmQ5NjUyNjQzODY

Standing Order Forms now available at the back of the church, for offertory collections. Many thanks.

Hospital: Please remember to let us know if you or one of your family is being admitted hospital.