



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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| Weekend 4th / 5th | November | |
| Sat 4 th 6.00pm | St. Joseph's | Mary Jane and John MacDonald |
| Sun 5 th 9.15am | St. Joseph's | George McKeon |
| 10.30am | St. Peter's | People of the Parishes |

Mon.6th – Fri. 10th. No Masses at SJSPs weekdays this week.

There are masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Annes Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri at 9:30am.

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| Weekend 11th/12th | November Remembrance Sunday | |
| Sat 11 th 6.00pm | St. Joseph's | Monsignor P.Cookson and John Cookson |
| Sun 12 th 9.15am | St. Joseph's | Elizabeth Whitehead |
| 10.30am | St. Peter's | People of the Parishes |

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition will continue week beginning Monday 13th:

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



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, 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 Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), Greta Turner, Joy Warwick, Alan Watkins, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. *(Yeyyy! 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 Commnion 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.

Rotas for weekend 11th /12th Nov

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Waters

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M and D Ghee

Sun 9.15am: P and M Whittle

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £174.00 Non Gift Aid: £523.85

Special Collection Gift Aid £84.50 Non Gift Aid £32.76

St. Joseph's Care £92.48

Cafod £1337.85

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in honour of the MacDonald Family

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Sheila Swift, Patricia Coyle, and Ursula Cooper and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Kenneth Blairsdale, Brian Finnegan, Stephen Kendrick, Mgr. Peter Cookson, Frank Clegg, Rev Bernard Fitzgerald, Dorothy Cross, John cookson, Lauren Huxley, Nora Shortt and Kay McCarthy

This Week's Readings: Our almighty God is the loving Father who created and sustains all that there is; yet God humbled himself to become human in Christ, to show us the way of love. Let us rejoice as Christ comes to us again today in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

First Reading *Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10* Through the prophet Malachi, God reminds his people that if they are unfaithful to the covenant they also are unfaithful to each other.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13* Paul uses maternal imagery to remind the people how hard he worked to bring them the gospel, and how they received it with joy.

Gospel *Matthew 23:1-12* Jesus gives a severe warning against the vice of hypocrisy, and preaches the absolute sovereignty of God.

Message from Fr. Peter: With the joyfully busy November that we are celebrating here at SJSP's, let us not forget that this is the Month of the Holy Souls, when we pray for those who have gone before us. It is in the Old Testament book of Maccabees that this devotional practice is first mentioned when Judas Maccabaeus made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin. From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers for them – most especially in offering up the holy sacrifice of the mass, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The phrase 'offer it up', the 'for the holy souls in purgatory' remaining unsaid, is testament to this, and a phrase which, in my opinion, and the opinion of the New Catechism, should be brought back into wider circulation. As it is not just prayers, we are called to 'offer up'; suffering, almsgiving and works of penance lead both the Holy Souls, and ourselves, to heaven, working for a better world, and a better next world, also, which is very much the Spirit of the Beatitudes, a reading of which we began the month with on the Feast of All Saints. As St. John Chrysostom preached '*Let us help and commemorate the dead. If the sons of Job were purified by their father's sacrifice, why should we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation. Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.*' As this November continues, please remember all our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, and all the names on our November lists: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

+ November at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's +

Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday: An Act of Remembrance with The Silence and Last Post at all Masses

Saturday 18th Carol Singing Outside St. Peters from 3-4pm, before the Lytham Light Switch On Parade.

Sunday 19th Bereavement Sunday: All those who died in the past year will be prayed for by name.

Tuesday 21st: Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, 10am at St. Joseph's followed by Refreshments.

Tuesday 21st November: Mass of Confirmation: 7pm at St. Peter's

Wednesday 22nd Mass in Saltcoats Cemetery Chapel at 10am Lifts available from SP's at 9:30am

Sunday 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King: Morning Masses led by some of our Newly Confirmed.

Many thanks for the understanding and kind comments regarding last week's (uncomfortable for me) sermon on the 'sordid topic of coin'. Just to reiterate a couple of points. Firstly, huge thanks for every penny that is donated to the mission of the Church here in Lytham and Ansdell; your generosity is wonderful. Whilst appreciating that everyone's circumstances are straitened, please reflect on your giving to the Church and ask whether it might be increased to help with ever increasing costs of running our beautiful Churches. Please donate with notes or by banker's order, to avoid bank charges. If at all possible please consider gift aiding your donations (the 'envelope' scheme), or making a regular standing order (forms for which are available at the back of Church). And once again, **huge, huge thanks to you all.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation: next session for the Candidates is **this Monday at 6pm in St. Peter's Hall.** This week the Candidates will be discussing The Rite of Confirmation and the signs and symbols involved in the sacrament. Please pray for our candidates and their families on this important step in their journey of faith. The session is followed by the **SJSP Ukulele Orchestra in St. Peter's Hall at 7pm** – new members still welcome.

Please place your names of loved ones in the basket on the altar to be remembered in our masses this November. Masses for the Holy Souls can be requested in the usual way, using the mass intention offering envelopes.

The Requiem Mass for Patricia Coyle will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 14th November at 11am. **The Requiem Mass for Ursula Cooper** will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday 16th November at 11am with a vigil reception at 6pm on Wednesday evening. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

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.