



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

6th December 2020

*Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.*

Sat 5 th (Vigil)		The Parish
Sun 6 th Morning		Jean McLoughlin (Ann)
	<u>Recorded</u>	Special Intention
Mon 7 th		No Mass
<u>Tue 8th</u>		George & Mary Moss (Ann)
Wed 9 th	9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
	12 noon	Mgr Patrick O'Dea RIP
<u>Thu 10th</u>		St Peter's Intention
Fri 11 th		Patrick Paul Cunningham RIP
Sat 12 th Morning		St Peter's Intention
Sat 12 th Vigil	6.00pm	Philomena Cocker RIP
Sun 13 th	9.15am	The Parish
	10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u>	Special Intention

Masses underlined are recorded, and should be available online

Holy Communion visits to the sick: can only be made when someone is very ill or in danger of death.

Online Masses:

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/>, for recordings of Mass here at St Joseph's.

Donation by Standing Order: If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com, requesting a standing order form. If you are a taxpayer and are not already Gift-aiding your contributions, please consider this. It is a great support to the parish. Forms for Gift-aid are available as above.

CATHOLIC VOICE FOR DECEMBER: The latest edition of our diocesan newspaper can be found on the parish website or at the following address:

https://st-josephsansdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_December_2020.pdf

Please pray for:

Lately dead: Stuart Peacock

Those who are sick: Nora Shortt, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hynning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaile, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Fr Bill Bootle, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Bernadette McGladdery, Richard Smith

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Jean McLoughlin, Kathleen Cooper, James Murphy, Hugh Patrick Ghee, Malcolm McGregor, Jenny Ann Milner, Thomas Murray, Monica Reynolds, Edward Jones, Ethel Strickland.

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: If you, or someone you know is in need, St Joseph's Care has a helpline and we have volunteers who will be in a position to provide basic support such as shopping. The number is: 07840 112 265 (9am – 7pm daily). In these difficult times many people may be worried or concerned about a loved one. If you would like to ask for prayers, please ring St. Joseph's Care phone line or send an e-mail to: st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com. A list of prayer requests in addition to the sick, lately dead and anniversaries will be on the bulletin each week.

We continue to support needy families in the South Shore area with food and clothing vouchers.

Christmas Day – in conjunction with local churches we can this year offer delivery of a 3-course Christmas Dinner and a light supper if you are elderly or on your own in the Lytham St Annes area. Booking by 10th December is essential. Please telephone Edwina on 736630 for the menu and to make a booking.

Support - We would be grateful for any donations to assist our Christmas effort in supporting needy families in the South Shore area and more locally here in Lytham St Annes. Your offerings can be deposited in the safe at the back of church or in an envelope clearly marked St Joseph's Care and placed in the retiring collection. Thank you!

MASS AT CHRISTMAS: Mass times for Christmas Day will be as follows:

St Joseph's: 6.00 pm Vigil and 9.15 am Morning. Midnight Mass will not be public, but will be recorded and available online - a little after Midnight. It will be necessary to book a place at either of the public Masses. Please ring Edwina Gillett on 736630, or see the form at the back of church.

ADVENT – A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR:

Let's continue this journey through Advent together. Each week we explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world. First, place a candle where you can sit quietly and think and pray.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: THE CANDLE OF PEACE.



We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. Isaiah called Christ "The Prince of Peace." When Jesus came, he taught the people the importance of being peacemakers. We light our candle to remind us that Jesus is "The Prince of Peace" and that through him peace is found. (*Light the candle*). Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of the candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, Prince of Peace, give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask, as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today and every day to hear your word and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen**

HOW CAN WE SHOW PEACE? We have the ability to influence those around us. This week let us be a catalyst for peace and kindness. It is easier to spread peacefulness on the outside when you begin from a place of calm and peace on the inside. Start with yourself. Breathe slowly and deeply. Set yourself the intention to practice peace and calm. Your positive energy will spread and grow in and through others. Listen first. This will be appreciated by the talker. Lower your voice and speak slowly. Your calm will be contagious and may slow someone down if they are getting emotionally worked up. Offer compassion to someone who is struggling. Help them to feel understood. Resist the urge to judge others or to cast blame. Offer a kind act or helping hand.

ADVENT CALENDAR ONLINE: Follow the link below to the Advent Calendar from the Irish Bishops' Conference <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING: The True Spirit of Christmas Giving 2020 & the perfect gift for your family & friends Simply buy a CAFOD World Gift & you will also change lives across the world, in this time of extreme need. From a "Net that Protects" at just £7, or "Teach Someone to Read" at £10, to a "Health Mum & Baby" gift card at £30. You will receive a beautifully illustrated card; and you can send an e-card, or post it directly to your loved one. For more info go to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or Call : 08081 400014.

... AND A WORD OF THANKS: Thank you for your support this year. We know that it has been a difficult time for our churches, and we are truly grateful that you did not forget our brothers and sisters across the world. Through CAFOD you have supported some of poorest communities most impacted by the virus. You have reached people in more than 33 countries, with over six million people receiving health and prevention advice and more than half a million people receiving safe hygiene supplies and services to prevent and reduce infection. Many more poor and vulnerable families have been supported with food supplies when there was no way to earn a living in the face of lockdown. Your care for others meant that we were able to continue support in countries like Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Brazil where communities were already facing the toughest of challenges before the arrival of the virus.

A PRAYER REQUEST: This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. Please remember the work of pro-life groups such as Right To Life UK in your prayers, especially at this time.

JAMES KNIGHT: We will be welcoming a young man to our parish this week. James Knight is discerning a vocation to the priesthood, and is spending a year at college in Valladolid as a preparation for further formation at seminary. When he is back in the diocese, this will be a base for him. So, we will be seeing him around the parish from time to time. I know you will make him welcome; and do keep him in your prayers. We need more young men like James to come forward!

RISE - AN ONLINE YOUTH GROUP: for Years 7-9. Explore faith and make friends. To sign up go to: <https://lancasteryouthservice.churchsuite.com/events/Owf7layy>