



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 6th / 7th April

Sat 6 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 7 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Mary, Arthur and Kathleen Horton
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Olive Wood
Mon 8 th	9am	St. Peter's	William Holland <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 9 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Gregory Leonard <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
Wed. 10 th	9am	St. Peter's	William and Mary Murray
Thurs 11 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Mr and Mrs North and Family

Weekend 13th / 14th April

Sat 13 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 14 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Margaret Hammond
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Ian Spedding Birthday Remembrance

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

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

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for February:
Gift Aid £403.02 Non Gift Aid £1159.63 Standing Orders £2780.50
St. Joseph's Care £112.09

Please pray for all who have died recently especially, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Mary Jackson, Fr. Frank Flynn, Jean Wren-Hilton, Jean McAlister, Bernard Trewick, Hilda Butterworth, Denis Warburton, William Peter Plant, Leopoldine Gauster

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, 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 (Hynning), 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. (
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 in the hall on Wednesdays at 10am.

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

Rotas for weekend 13th /14th April

Readers

Sat Vigil: Sun 9.15am:

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker Sun 9.15am: M Cookson & M Herron

This Week's Readings: We come to a loving Father who understands our weaknesses and who calls us to trust him and hold to him even when it's easier to doubt.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35 The first Christians were so filled with love and gratitude towards God that they were willing to share everything they had.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6 The apostle reassures struggling Christians that by loving God they have the strength to love each other and remain faithful to God.

Gospel John 20:19-31 The risen Jesus brings a message of peace to the frightened disciples, and a special reassurance to Thomas who struggled with doubt.

Message from Fr. Peter: This Monday we are celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord. Isn't that usually March 25th – exactly nine months before Christmas? Well, yes it is, but as that day was in Holy Week and couldn't be celebrated either then or in Easterweek, it has been moved to first available date – this week. When the Blessed Virgin Mary said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, the Word became Flesh, and dwelt in her womb for nine months. In the new missal the Church describes the Annunciation as the 'prologue' to the mysteries of Holy Week: the incarnation occurred so that we could be redeemed; the child conceived on this day was born to die for our sins and conquer death. Indeed, having been through Holy Week it's easy to look back and reflect on the events that took place thirty-three years earlier. We think of Mary meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, and the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce Mary's heart and the sorrows she would experience. We think about Jesus being taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of his mother, just as thirty-three years earlier she had held her new born son in her arms in the stable of Bethlehem. Because Mary said 'yes' to God she experienced the deepest of sorrows. But at the end of Holy Week, on Easter Sunday, she was to experience the great of all joys. And as her son was the first born from the dead, so, because of her swift and speedy response to the Angel, she would receive the first fruits of her son's resurrection when she was assumed body and soul into heaven. All because she said 'yes' to God at the Annunciation. Just as we went through the cross with Jesus to the resurrection, let us also journey with the sorrows, and the many, many joys of Mary, as she journeyed along life on this earth with her Son, till her Assumption. *Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*

A Continued huge thanks to everyone involved with the wonderful services we have celebrated over Lent and Easter: our deacons, the altar servers and sacristy organisers, the readers and ministers and organizers; the choirs and instrumentalists; the flower people; the welcomers; the collectors; the children's and sacramental catechists, teachers and parents; the refreshment makers and social organisers; our Church Cleaners and those who prepared the Churches; and all those who keep the Parishes, the Churches, the House and grounds running; those who *have* supported me in my ministry here; and everyone who comes along throughout the year to ensure that our Paschal Candles are kept burning brightly. A very Happy Eastertide to all!

FrP's Saxophone Boat Challenge: Well, apologies for my dodgy saxophone playing last week, but it does mean that you gave me the staggering sum of £3230 to go towards not one boat, but, as several people have come forward with some extra donations, we most definitely now have enough to get four boats, which is completely amazing when you think I was hoping to raise £850 for one. Huge huge thanks to everyone who donated, and I will give you some more information as to the how the money is being used as time goes on. Many blessings to you all.

Congratulations to Wren, Isaac, Laura and Kelly, who were received into full communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil last weekend. May God grant them many blessings on their faith journey.

Family Bingo! A fun filled couple of hours of bingo and jollity down at St. Peter's Hall this coming Wednesday 10th at 6:30pm! Tea and Coffee provided, or bring your own drink.
Proceeds towards the parish's' Club Day. Tickets available after masses!

St. Joseph's Care: A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all the generous support that has been given to St. Joseph's Care since it began. This has enabled much help to be given to struggling families and groups in the form of supermarket vouchers and grants which have enabled many to survive the worst ravages of the economic crisis. However, the cost of food continues to rise and global financial forces combined with unrest in the Red Sea region will result in the rising cost of other imported commodities as well. Furthermore, families in receipt of free school meal vouchers, which are suspended during school holidays, will have to face providing an extra five meals per child. Many will be unable to meet this challenge without the help that SJC and other charities can provide. So, we ask for continued financial support in addition to your amazing response to the Food Bank First Sunday appeal. This really is a time when every penny counts. *Many thanks. St. Joseph's Care.*

First Holy Communion 2024: Sessions resume *next* Monday 15th at SJ's Hall at 6pm. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

Offertory Envelopes for the New Year are here! Please take your box from the back of Church. If you would like to Gift Aid your offerings or receive a box of envelopes, please use the forms at the back of Church. Many thanks for everyone's continued support and generosity.

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.