



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 7th / 8th January. The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 7 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 8 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Ivan de Coutère
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Terence Henry Daw

Mon 9 th	9am	St. Peter's	Gabriella Spedding Hobbs followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
Tues 10 th	10.00am	St. Joseph's	Anne Shaw followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am
Wed 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Rose Moss
Thu 12 th	10.00am	St. Joseph's	Peter Earnshaw
	11:30am	<i>Lytham Crematorium Service for Margaret Bridges</i>	

Weekend 14th /15th January. First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Beryl Symonds
Sun 15 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Michael Cookson
	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. Josephs.
 Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £103.50
 Non Gift Aid: £473.88
 St. Joseph's Care £88.81

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Margaret Bridges and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Catherine Hylton, Marie McKenna, Frances Warwick, Chris Saum

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 Meskill, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, 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!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(It's not Lent yet... 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? 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 THANK YOU to everyone who brought their Red Mission Box into church or donated in some other way. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The next collection will be in March 2023. For further information contact 01253 733446

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

POPIES 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.

Rotas for weekend 14th /15th Jan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: K.Godden **Sun 9.15am** W Kruszynska

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Maria Hall

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M and D Ghee **Sun 9.15am:** C Woods and W Doyle

The Baptism of the Lord Year A

We have recently celebrated the great feasts of Christmas and the Epiphany, both related to the childhood of Jesus. Today we celebrate the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus. He is ready to undertake his mission to the world.

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7* This prophetic passage, concerning the life and work of Jesus, offers insight into the depth and breadth of God's love for human society, particularly for those who are poor and oppressed.

Second Reading *Acts 10:34-38* Peter tells Cornelius that Jesus was filled with power and a commitment to do good after being baptised and then anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17* Jesus is baptised by John. The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove and a voice is heard from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him."

Message from Fr. Peter: Continued New Year Greetings, and continued Christmas Greetings - we can carry only celebrating Christmas till the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd, so let's do so (even if the tree and the decorations have come down!). Last week, of course, the Newsletters went to press before we heard the news of the death of Benedict, Pope Emeritus. I'm sure many of you watched the beautiful Requiem in Rome, and the Bishop has invited everyone to Lancaster on Tuesday to take part in a Requiem, and the details are below. In the meanwhile, let us pray:

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Well, the Christmas holidays are well and truly over, our schools are back in session. Continued thanks to everyone for making Christmas so special, and personal thanks for the kind Christmas gifts and offerings. They are greatly appreciated, and I am truly blessed. Tobias was also grateful for the several bags of treats that made their way to the presbytery too, though he was a bit freaked out getting lost in all the wrapping paper - he has claws-trophobia. I'll get my coat...

Bishop Paul writes: *Hearing today of the death of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, I lead the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Lancaster, in thanking God for his life and ministry. Over his 95 years he has given us an outstanding model of dedicated service, during what have been years of considerable challenge. Particularly I thank God for his eight years as our Supreme Pontiff in succession to the late Pope Saint John-Paul II. His example of prayer, humility, concern for the poor and fidelity to the Teachings of the Church leave us with a profound legacy for which we will be eternally grateful. May his death bring us a lesson of hope for the years that remain to us.*

Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict: The Bishop will celebrate a public Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm. Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful are invited to join him. Tea and coffee will be available after Mass in the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road.

Pancake Party. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is only a few short weeks away on February 23rd, but before then we hope to have a little get together in the presbytery on Shrove Tuesday, which just has to be a Pancake Party. Watch this space for more details next week!

FoodBank: Many thanks for your continued contributions to the FoodBank collection at the back of Church. It is most welcome, and always most appreciated. Also huge thanks to those who organise and distribute this much needed food. Blessings to you all.

Mass Intentions for the year ahead: If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time to make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Offertory Collections: It would help greatly therefore if you would consider moving over to making your offering by Standing Order. Forms are available at the back of church if you think you might be able to help us in this way. Completed SO forms should be forwarded to your bank. Only Gift Aid applications should be returned via the offertory basket. Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows charities (including churches) to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer. This means every donation will be worth 25% more, at no extra cost to the giver. For example, with Gift Aid the charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated, which makes a huge difference. If you would like to support the church with Gift Aid, you simply need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration. Forms are available at the back of church and should be returned via the collection baskets. A Gift Aid Declaration is the giver's declaration that they wish for the church to reclaim tax on their gift.

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

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 the Churches. Cheers.