



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 7th / 8th Sept Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 7 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Peter Page
Sun 8 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Donor's Intentions

Mon 9 th	9am	St. Peter's	Fr. Jim Sheehy followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
Tues 10 th	10am	St. Joseph's	John Nolan preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9:30am-9:50am
Wed. 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Mary Josephine Buckley
Thurs 12 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Tony Halliwell

Weekend 14th / 15th Sept Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Rosanne and Patrick Scott
Sun 15 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	For a Dear Sister

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.
Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



COLLECTION COUNT: for July:
 Gift Aid £307.00 Non Gift Aid £906.60
 Special Collections Gift Aid £158.00
 Standing Orders £2961.50 St. Joseph's Care £203.87
 Burkino Faso £65.00
 Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for

Please pray for all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Peter Page, Winifred Coakley, Susan Bucknell, Enid Hobson and William George Dillon.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill, 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, Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Lovely. FrP*)

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 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

Rotas for weekend 14th / 15th September

Readers

Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd Sun 9.15am: *children*

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul

Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle

This Week's Readings: Jesus has done all things well. This is the verdict of the people when they witness his works of healing. It is our vocation today to be part of that healing work of Christ. Let us do all things well.

First Reading *Isaiah 35:4-7* A poem of rejoicing. A song of faith in God who sets us free.

Second Reading *James 2:1-5* A simple example from daily life. How we ought to behave.

Gospel *Mark 7:31-37* Jesus, in foreign territory, is welcomed and applauded by the people because he does all things well.

Message from Fr. Peter: So this week at the Sunday morning Masses all children - and adults and teachers for that matter - have been invited to bring their school stuff, backpacks, stationery sports kits and whatever, to have them blessed at the start of the new Academic Year. Huge especial thanks to everyone who responded to my request for 'school stuff' that could be donated to children who might not be able to have such nice new things to begin the school year. The response was (as usual) quite extraordinary. Bags and boxes have gone to several schools in the local area, along with a children's charity which specially approached us with their need. Thanks are being made in various newsletters to the people of SJSP's for their thoughtfulness and support. One of my headmistresses from a previous parish texted me a thanks adding, 'I miss your little initiatives'. I liked the phrase 'little initiative', because in many ways that's what it was, a tiny little initiative: an idea that grew from a parishioner's suggestion of blessing school stuff, to asking for your contributions, and then so many of you making the effort to remember those in need while you were out shopping, until we had so much stuff that we could donate to several schools, who will distribute it to a huge number of families. It's a bit like the Parable of the Mustard Seed - from a tiny little seed, with so much support, huge things can grow. Let's give thanks to God for all the little initiatives which enable us to contribute to his mission - and suggestions for any others would be gratefully received. *God our Father we thank you for your gift of allowing us to play even the smallest part in the mission of your Son. May your will be done in us and through us, as we make all our actions and prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.* In other news, *What's the difference between a teacher and a train? One says, 'Spit out the gum!' while the other says, 'Chew, Chew!' I'll get my coat. And my satchel.*

Diocesan Centenary: We will say the Centenary Prayer after Holy Communion at each mass till Christ the King when the Year of Celebration officially begins. Please take a prayer card if you have not already done so, and pray the prayer at home. Next week there will be more information on our Deanery Initiative for the preparation.

Safeguarding: Do you have an active volunteer role in the Parish? If so, have you signed for a Safeguarding Awareness handout or have a current DBS certificate? If not, please contact Kelly Godden on 07932 048 793 or Margaret Gregory on 07711 698 195 Are you a volunteer group leader? Please let Kelly or Margaret know of any new volunteers so the appropriate Safer Recruitment Process can be followed.

Burkina Faso: Thank you for your generous offerings so far. We now enter the final two weeks of our appeal so if you haven't already contributed there is still time. Please use one of the envelopes in the basket at the back of church and return via the offertory collection. We hope to have a final figure for our 2024 appeal by mid September. *E. Gillett.*

Red Mission Boxes: the Autumn collection from the boxes will commence in September. Please would you bring your box into church and leave in the sacristy. If you need your box collecting or would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914811

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: Sessions continue on Monday evenings at 7pm in St. Peter's Hall. All welcome - especially newcomers of any age!

Lourdes Petitions Box with Fr. Phil: Please keep Fr. Philip in your prayers on his pilgrimage, as he ministers as an auxiliary chaplain for the English speaking pilgrims, and takes all our petitions and candle and prayer requests.

Pilgrimages: **The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St Mary's Church, Cleator, takes place this Sunday, 8th September at 3.00pm.** Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass and lead the Blessing of the Sick. **The annual pilgrimage to Ladywell takes place on Saturday, 21st September at 11.00am.** There will be Mass, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction. **Lourdes 2025:** if you are interested in a Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage, please see FrP or Deacon David to gauge interest. **Rome 2025** with Fr. Peter's friend Ed in February: please see FrP.

From the Jerusalem Bible to English Standard Version: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7,13

Jerusalem: Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sin but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes... In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

English Standard: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. *It's the same, but different in this popular reading for weddings.*

Mass Intentions, for the deceased, the bereaved, for the sick, the Holy Souls, are always welcome, and offering envelopes are available at the back of Church, and Mass cards are available from the Holy Shops after Sunday Masses. **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.