



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> October

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Richard and Magdalena (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Intentions of the Gallagher Family

Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Margaret Fearn followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
	12noon	St. Thomas's	<i>St. Annes Funeral Servical for Janet Lewis</i>
	2:30pm	Lytham Crematorium	<i>Funeral Service for Eileen Bennett</i>

Tues. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Lizzie Hughes</b>
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Arthur Horton
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Margaret McKeon</b>

### Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> October

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	People of the Parishes
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Kenneth and Margaret Hammond
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Terry Daw

Please note, that due to the Deanery Conference of Clergy, Mass at SJ's on Tuesday is at 9am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition: Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's

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

## THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD



### COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £137.00 Non Gift Aid: £560.90

St. Joseph's Care £65.98

Special Collections 111.20

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Janet Lewis, Eileen Bennett and Christopher Salisbury and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Ronald Welsh, Claire Plant, Michael Wren-Hilton, Peer Kirkham, Margaret Devine, Ken Hammond, and Millie Edge

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 (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. All welcome (*Makes a great Sunday Lunch too! 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? Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: [anne.waters@talktalk.net](mailto: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 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 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Readers

**Sat Vigil:** David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

### Meet and Greet

**Sat Vigil:** C. Williams and M Taylor

**Sun 9.15am:** T. Cookson and M. Golightly

**This Week's Readings:** Worship literally means giving God what God is worth: that is, what rightfully belongs to God. In this service we think about our responsibility to God and we renew our commitment to it in the Mass.

**First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*** The prophet likens God's people to a carefully tended vineyard that disappointed its owner by producing sour fruit rather than good fruit.

**Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*** We are promised that if we commit every situation to God and focus on the good things God gives, we shall know God's peace whatever happens.

**Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43*** Jesus tells a parable to show that just as the people of God often rejected God's messengers, the prophets, for selfish reasons, so they will also reject Jesus.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** The other day Deacon David texted me to say that he couldn't make his weekly spiritual meeting (well, latte and a chit chat) because his car was having problems, and was in for a service. I suggested that once it was well again, the car might benefit from a religious service, because there is an official blessing of cars and vehicles. It's a rather clever and well written prayer, referring as it does to Acts 8:26-30 where the Deacon Philip meets an Ethiopian Official reading the Scriptures in his carriage, but not understanding them. He invites Philip to climb up and sit in his carriage with him so he can explain them, and they drive off to a watering hole in order that he can be baptized. You might like to say this prayer before your next journey: *'Lend a willing ear, Lord God, to our prayers, and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany it, that they may free those who ride in it from all dangers, and always guard them. And just as by Your deacon Philip You gave faith and grace to the man of Ethiopia as he sat in his chariot reading the Sacred Word, so point out to Your servants the way of salvation. Grant that, aided by Your grace, and with their hearts set on good works, they may, after all the joys and sorrows of this journey through life, merit to receive eternal joys, through Christ our Lord. Amen.'* I have a little clip on the sun visor of my car, given to me by my mother when I passed my driving test 30 years ago, which says *'Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly,'* which is probably good advice! Incidentally, *I wouldn't describe myself as a bad driver, but the other day my SatNav instructed me, 'After 100 yards pull over, and let me out!'* I'll get my coat – and driving gloves.

**CAFOD Family Fast** envelopes can be returned in the collection over the next two weeks. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**Huge thanks** to everyone who took part in the **'Roach Race Night'** last weekend. It was a wonderful evening with parishes from all ages of both our parishes coming together in a spirit of friendship and fraternity, raising nearly £500 for our Parishes funds. Special thanks for the hard work of all the organizers (of whom there were many), and well done to the Uke Orchestra on their first performance. **Watch this space for details of further social events!**

**Thanks and blessings of all who supported and helped with refreshments** at the First Friday Healing Mass. Our next Mass will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Confirmation 2023:** This weekend our Candidates will be making their pledge of enrolment to the course. Please remember to assist them with your prayers. The Second Session of the Course takes place this Monday at 6pm in SP's Hall. This is followed by **Ukulele Orchestra at 7pm in St. Peter's**, to which newcomers are most welcome to get ready for the Christmas Gigs.

**Make a Joyful Noise:** Regular attendees at the 9:15 Mass at St Joseph's can't help but have noticed that the choir sound system has not been working properly for a very long time. The equipment needed to fix the problems has finally arrived and was installed last week. Hopefully you will all notice improvements immediately with the choir and the instruments sounding much clearer in all parts of the church. Over the next few weeks there will be further improvements and refinements as Mike Zammit learns how to twiddle the knobs and push the buttons properly. Thanks to everyone who has been involved in planning, funding and commissioning of the new system.

**Saint Bede's Catholic High School**, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community. For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Mrs S Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667 526 or [skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk)

**Students' Retreat at Castlerigg:** This November, 3-5th, Castlerigg will be offering our first ever Catholic Students' Retreat. A chance for students to come together, meet others, celebrate Mass and pray together, and listen to a few inspiring and challenging talks. The cost of just £25 per person covers the entire retreat, accommodation and meals. For more info head to [castleriggmanor.com/events](http://castleriggmanor.com/events)

**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.