



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The Baptism of the Lord - Year B

10th January 2021

*Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights*

Sat 9 th (Vigil)	6.00pm	Ronald William Davis RIP
Sun 10 th	9.15am	The Parish
	10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u>	Margaret Baldwin RIP
Mon 11 th		No Mass
<u>Tue 12th</u>		Samantha Rawstron RIP
Wed 13 th	9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
	No Mass	at St Joseph's
<u>Thu 14th</u>		St Peter's Intention
Fri 15 th		Michael Cookson (Anniv)
Sat 16 th Morning		St Peter's Intention
17th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
(Vigil)	6.00pm	The Parish
	9.15am	Angela Snipe RIP
	10.30am	Mass at St. Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u>	Tony Waters (Anniv)

Please Note: for the next few weeks, there will be no Mass on Wednesdays here at St Joseph's

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.

COLLECTION COUNT: for week ending 20th Dec

	Offertory
Gift Aid	£279.00
Non Gift Aid	<u>£613.00</u>
	£892.00

St. Joseph's Care:

w/e 20th Dec 274.00

w/e 27th Dec 250.00

FOODBANK: Thank you for the generous contributions over Christmas and New Year. Please keep it going as winter takes its grip. Thank you too for the response to our appeal for volunteers, our cup runneth over! Michael Wormleighton with assistance, as required by Paul Whittle will assume responsibility for the collections from 10 January.

Please pray for:

Lately dead: Bernadette McGladdery RIP

Those who are sick: Nora Shortt, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hying), 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, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Richard Smith, Patricia Sumner

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Anne Finnigan, Margaret Pinder, Harold Cross, John Draper, Terence Burke, Patrick Wilson, Elizabeth Meyler, Eileen McDonald, Hilda Hadfield, Joseph Wilkes, John Dunn, Eileen Hutchinson, Keith Mason, Patrick & James O'Dea, Dominic McDonnell, Michael Toman, Neil Manners, Kathleen Kenny, John McRink, Agnes Snape, Vera Heywood, John Cookson, Michael Cookson, Tony Waters.

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 may 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.

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!

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN: Some of you will have heard of a call from health service leaders in Lancashire to the faith leaders to close all places of worship. At this time our diocese is engaging with the health leaders and the matter is still under consideration. For the time being we are continuing to remain open for Mass, although we do have a particular situation with the availability of stewards on the week days, meaning that we will not be able to open for Mass on Wednesdays for the next few weeks. The diocese will inform us if any decision is made to close churches, and we will make this known as soon as possible through the various means we have at our disposal. We are very grateful to those who have been giving their time and effort as stewards to make it possible for church to be open for Mass.

DONATION BY STANDING ORDER: If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at st.josephs_andsdell@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.

KEEPING THE CRIB SCENE

Although the rest of our Christmas decorations have been taken down for the end of the season - which actually ends this Sunday evening (the 10th) at the end of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - the Crib Scene remains. In the old calendar, the eight days starting from the Feast of the Epiphany were referred to as Epiphanytide; and from the next Sunday after that were the Sundays after Epiphany. This continued until Septuagesima Sunday - the ninth Sunday before Easter, and the time of preparation for Lent. In a real sense, this extended the significance of Christ's appearance among us; and often the crib scenes were kept up until the Feast of the Presentation - or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary as it was known. Keeping the crib scene reminds us that our Lord humbled Himself that we might be lifted up.



MORE FROM 'PATRIS CORDE' - THE POPE'S LETTER ON ST JOSEPH: In his letter on St Joseph, *Patris Corde* - with a father's heart - Pope Francis writes about St Joseph's care for the Child of Bethlehem and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and how he is rightly held to be Guardian of the Church and of the vulnerable: "*The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Saint Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church.*

In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the child and his mother. That child would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always the child and his mother." Surely, then, St Joseph is the most fitting patron for our parish outreach to those in need. St Joseph, pray for us.