



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday in Lent

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 5-5:50pm          | St. Joseph's | <i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>                 |
|                        | 6.00pm            | St. Joseph's | People of the Parishes                                           |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.15am            | St. Joseph's | For those who prayed for me while I was ill                      |
|                        | 10.30am           | St. Peter's  | Maciek Gruszecki for a successful recovery                       |
|                        | 4-5pm             | St. Peter's  | <i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>                 |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 9am               | St. Peter's  | Kathleen Benyon followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am |
|                        | 7pm               | St. Peter's  | <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>                     |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am              | St. Joseph's | Mike French followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am     |
|                        | 7pm               | St. Joseph's | <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>                     |
| Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 9am               | St. Peter's  | Clema D' Souza                                                   |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10am              | St. Joseph's | Catherine Newell                                                 |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>   | No Services Today |              |                                                                  |

### Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday in Lent

|                      |          |              |                                                  |
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| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> | 5-5:50pm | St. Joseph's | <i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
|                      | 6.00pm   | St. Joseph's | Bobby Kelly Birthday Remembrance                 |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am   | St. Joseph's | People of the Parishes                           |
|                      | 10.30am  | St. Peter's  | Nellie Holland                                   |
|                      | 4-5pm    | St. Peter's  | <i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |

### 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 recent weeks:

Gift Aid £86 Non Gift Aid £268.90

St. Joseph's Care £100.20

#### Sanctuary Lamp: In Memory of Bobby Kelly

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially Jonty Ashton, Aileen Robinson, Hazel Barnes, and, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Alice Konarzewski, Arthur Bowyer, Veronica Hanby, Michael Traynor, Betsy Davis and Audrey Darwall

**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 Meskill, 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. (*But no ice cream. 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, and would like either a friendly 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, next meeting Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

#### Rotas for weekend 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> March

##### Readers

Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston Sun 9.15am: James Wormleighton

##### Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee Sun 9.15am: W & E Doyle

**This Week's Readings:** The world often chooses to live in the darkness of sin and injustice. Jesus Christ came to give us truth and light, and to share God's life with us.

**First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23** The rebuilding of the Temple and return of the exiles is a foretaste of the coming of Christ in the flesh, the visible presence of God in the world.

**Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10** We are God's work of art. Although we are marred by sin, Christ has come to restore the image of God in us, and raise us up to everlasting life.

**Gospel John 3:14-21** Christ is the light of the world, offered to all. Through his incarnation he dispels the darkness of evil and shows us the way to the Father.

**Message from Deacon David:** This week's Lenten Talk was all about Mary. We talked about Mary as a young girl growing up in First Century Nazareth, about how she was foreshadowed in the Old Testament for example in Isaiah, being the 'Virgin Mother of Emmanuel'. Her role in the New Testament and her relationship with her son Jesus, how she said "Yes" at the Annunciation, how she began her role as an intercessor on people's behalf at the wedding at Cana, informing Jesus that the wine had run out. After Jesus' first miracle, Mary appears to disappear quietly into the background until she appears at the foot of the cross. Here she courageously stands, silently consenting to His Sacrifice in her heart. It is here at the cross, Jesus and Mary would fulfil their respective destinies as the New Adam and New Eve, Redeemer and Woman. We delved into the 4 Dogmas of the Church relating to Mary: Mary as the Mother of God, The Immaculate Conception, The Perpetual Virginity of Mary and The Assumption of Mary. We prayed the oldest and most ancient prayer asking for Mary's intercession. The prayer, "Sub tuum praesidium" dates back to the 3rd century. There was so much more we could have talked about, Mary is a remarkable woman, the most important woman of all time. Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent or Laetare Sunday, meaning rejoice and we also celebrate Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. So, on this Mother's Day, let us pray that most ancient prayer asking Mary's intercession: *We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

## **Lent 2024 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's**

### **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm and Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm

*This Saturday and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Confessions will be able during these times*

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm

*On Fridays there is Mass at Star of the Sea St. Annes at 9:30am followed by Stations of the Cross at 10am*

**Lenten Talks** Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.**

**Safeguarding:** Due to new Safeguarding Practices within the Catholic Church our parish safeguarding representatives are required to ensure that parishioners undertaking ANY ROLE within our two parishes are listed. Over the next few weeks a Safeguarding Representative will be at the back of the church after Mass to take your details. Thank you for your help. if you need to contact us: St Peter's Teresa Mallabone 07843151914; St Joseph's Margaret Gregory 07711698195, Kelly Godden 07932048793. *(And huge thanks to these people who organise this for us. Fr. P.)*

## **St. Patrick's Day Party:**

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long, the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun.

**St. Joseph's Hall, Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm (early as it's a school night!)**

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Second Session for the children this Monday at 6pm at St. Peter's Hall. Please pray for all our candidates.

**Fr. Peter's Lenten Boat and Saxophone Challenge:** all sponsorship is welcome to raise £850 per boat to buy boats for Fr. Victor in Malawi. A box is at the back of each Church. **Fr. Steven and Fr. Victor from Malawi who concelebrated Mass a couple of weeks ago write:** *Dear Parishioners of St Joseph's, It was a great pleasure to meet such lovely people at St Joseph's recently. The weather was very cold for us but we were warmed by the smiles and kindness of the people we met. It was also breath of fresh air meet Fr Peter who made us so welcome in his parish, allowing us to concelebrate Holy Mass and inviting us to share tea with him in the presbytery. We have now left England and Fr Victor has arrived back in Turkana while I have travelled to Spain for meetings before returning to Malawi. As Fr Peter mentioned at Mass, we too look forward to a lasting friendship between St Joseph's and our Missionary Community. Have a blessed Lent and Easter season, be assured of our prayers for you all.*

## **Holy Week and The Easter Triduum at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's 2024**

### **Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Joseph's 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday St. Joseph's 9:15am, St. Peters 10:30am**

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: St. Peter's 9am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition till 10am**

**St. Peters's: Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7pm**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: St. Joseph's 10am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition till 11am**

**St. Joseph's: Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7pm**

**Spy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: St. Peter's 9am Mass**

### **Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Peter's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

*led by our First Holy Communion Children from SJs and SPs with Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession and watching until 10pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm*

### **Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Stations of the Cross St. Peter's 10am**

**St. Joseph's 3pm and St. Peter's 3pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

**Prayers around Calvary: Outside at St. Joseph's 6pm**

### **Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Peter's 7pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light**

### **Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**St. Joseph's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**

**St. Peter's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass**



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