



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 9th/10th Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 9 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 10 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Intentions of Nolan Family
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Martin Francis Gannon

Mon. 11 th	9am	St. Peter's	Graham Smith <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions</i>
Tues. 12 th	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Joy Warwick
Wed. 13 th	9am	Mass	In Loving memory of a Dear Mother
Thurs 14 th	11:30am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Fr. Billy Bootle
	2pm	Lytham Crematorium service for Thelma Gallagher	

Weekend 16th/17th Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 16 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Chris Salisbury
Sun 17 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Deceased of the O'Dea Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £150 Non Gift Aid £575.36

Cafod £10

St. Joseph's Care £106.84

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the Donor's Intentions

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Joy Warwick, Fr. Billy Bootle, Thelma Gallagher, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Kathleen Cooper, Vera Lyons, Brian Connolly, Eileen Robson, Ivy Cunliffe and Theresa Green

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, Louis Gill, 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, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Greta Turner, , Alan Watkins, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(*Saving the sausages for the pigs in blankets. 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 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, 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 16th / 17th December

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Saoirse Altham

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul

Sun 9.15am: P & M Whittle

This Week's Readings: The coming of God's kingdom is a truly liberating event. We are called to prepare the way by turning daily to the Lord who sends his Spirit to help us.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 The exiles in Babylon are being led by God, as by a shepherd, back to their own land, with great rejoicing.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14 The kingdom of God will break fully into the world when Christ returns, at an unknown time. The writer encourages the people to be found leading good lives.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 John prepares the people by baptism for the kingdom of God, which will be ushered in by the one who will send the Holy Spirit upon them. Preparation requires a change of life and a radical break from sin.

Message from Fr. Peter: Every year I say that Advent is my favourite season in the life of the Church, and the important words there are 'in the Church'. Whilst everything outside can be a frenzy of business and a Christmas which seeks to replace Christ with party food and presents, within the Church the liturgies are so beautiful, and filled with hope. And not just the hope of the coming Messiah, but of the better world that the Messiah will bring about, and which we are called to bring about with words and actions with the teaching and presence of Jesus in our lives. The first nine days of Advent focused on the great prophecies of Messiah and how they were fulfilled in the person of Jesus. We then move this coming week to look at John the Baptist and his great role in heralding the public ministry of God's son. Finally, from the 17th we start to read the Christmas narrative, which takes us up to the fourth Sunday of Advent – on the evening of the 23rd and morning of the 24th, with the usual Sunday Masses, before our great celebrations beginning with a mass for our children at 6pm at SJ's, a CandleLit mass at SP's at 8pm, and Christmas Morning Masses. Please take one of the Parish Mass Time Cards, but perhaps hand it to someone else to invite them to our Christmas celebrations, and remind them of what Christmas is truly about. And don't forget that on the afternoon of the 17th at 4pm at SJ's we'll have a half hour's singing of Carols and Readings, before going out to the newly erected Calvary to sing 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' (and then coming into the presbytery for a drink and a mince pie). In the midst of the busy-ness of the next few weeks, let's give a little time to what it's really about. Incidentally, *did you know that a mince pie in Jamaica costs £1.50, a mince pie in Barbados costs £1.60 and a mince pie in Trinidad costs £1.80. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.* I'll get my coat. And Santa hat.

Walk With Me Advent Prayer Books for Children and Adults are available at the back of Church at £1, a great help to spiritual preparation for Christmas! **2024 Diocesan Directories** are also available priced £7. See where the Bishop has moved all your favourite priests to!

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra meeting in St. Joseph's Hall at 7pm this week. All Welcome.

Posada Update: Mary and Joseph are travelling around the Parish: *Our travels began in Landsdowne Road, moving on to Ring Dyke Way. At both these houses our hosts were extremely reluctant to have us leave. Saltcotes and Kielder Court followed, and the first week of our journey ended in The Boulevard via Edwinstoe Road. 15 days of travelling still head of us, bringing blessings to the homes still to be visited.*

Children's Christmas Present Appeal: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember the true spirit of Christmas - the spirit of giving, love, and compassion. We are humbly asking for you to participate in our **Children's Christmas Present Appeal**. We are collecting **new** toys and gifts for children to be given to Amazing Graze in Blackpool who are well-positioned to identify families in need during the festive season. **Donations can be left at the back of St Joseph's church and hall, and in the Presbytery, or brought to The Ansdell Institute** (please drop with Emma Cox at Lytham Candles). We kindly ask that you consider gifts for all age groups, especially teenagers who are often overlooked (*and, from previous experience, teenage boys in particular, FrP*). Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you abundantly. *Emma Cox (If anyone wants to leave money or gift vouchers with me, I can sort them out and pass them on. FrP)*

NEXT Sunday 17th December at 4pm at SJ's:
Short Advent Meditation and Carols
followed by a Carol Around Calvary
with a drink and mince pie in the Presbytery afterwards.

Sunday 24th December:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Masses the usual weekend times: SJ's Vigil at 6pm, SJ's at 9:15am and SP's 10:30am

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Mass Times

6pm at St. Joseph's: Children's Christmas Mass All children are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or sheep, to create a 'living crib'. All Welcome!

8pm at St Peter's: CandleLit Christmas Mass With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

Monday 25th December: 9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's: Christmas Morning Mass

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.