



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 10th /11th		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 10 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Ted Gillett
Sun 11 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Margaret Saum
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes
Mon 12 th	9am	St. Peter's	Roque Francisco D' Cruz <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 13 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Shaw Family
Wed. 14th Ash Wednesday			
	9am	St. Peter's	Moira Wood (Mass and blessing and distribution of ashes)
	10am	St. Joseph's	Tony Quigley (Mass and blessing and distribution of ashes)
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Joseph Hawkins (Mass and blessing and distribution of ashes)
Thurs 15 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Joan Green
Weekend 17th /18th		First Sunday in Lent	
Sat 16 th	5-5:50pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 17 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	William and Mary Murray
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Michael King
	4-5pm	St. Joseph's	<i>Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, No exposition at SJ's due to Deanery Conference

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

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £86 Non Gift Aid £289:80

St. Joseph's Care £120

Sanctuary Lamp see overleaf.

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Bridget Ashton, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Sr. Catherine Lafferty, Jean Carlisle, Mary O'Rourke Jean Taylor and Robert Virace.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Patricia Conroy, 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 Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), 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. *(Last chance if you're giving up meat for Lent. Fr.P)*

This Week's Readings: We gather as followers of Jesus our Lord, who showed special concern for sick and vulnerable people.

First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46* Once a priest has diagnosed a person with leprosy, that person is regarded as unclean and must live apart from the community.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1* Think about others, imitate Christ and glorify God in all that you do.

Gospel *Mark 1:40-45* Jesus touches and cures a leper - regarded as an unclean person - and in so doing breaks a serious religious taboo.

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, next meeting Wednesday January 10th in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

Rotas for weekend 17th /18th February

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: P. Huskinson and D. Warwick

Sun 9.15am: M. Skene and M. Lehman

Message from Fr. Peter: Well we only put the crib away in our churches last Friday, and just twelve days later we bring out the purple vestments as this Wednesday we begin the season of Lent; six weeks of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for our great celebrations of the death and resurrection of Christ at the end of March. And, after sharing pancakes at St. Peter's on Tuesday evening, we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**. The tradition of Ashes goes right back to the earliest days of Christianity (and actually even before) when penitents, or those preparing for entry into the Church, would wear ashes, and traditionally sackcloth, throughout Lent, right up until Maundy Thursday. When the tradition died out, the beginning of the season of Lent was marked with the whole congregation acknowledging their sinfulness, their mortality, and their need and gratefulness for the forgiveness, and way to heaven, which is celebrated at Easter, through the very public sign of Ashes on our forehead, a symbol of sharing in Christ's cross of love and suffering. The Ashes, made from the burnt blessed Palms from last year's Palm Sunday, will be blessed and distributed at all our masses on Wednesday (as well as Mass I'll be celebrating at Stella Mattutina in the afternoon, and next Monday at School, when the children return from their half term holiday). Ash Wednesday is also one of the two days of Fasting and Abstinence (the other being Good Friday, of course) when we are called not to eat meat, and have only one full meal and two snacks (which together should not constitute a full meal). This personal sacrifice is a reminder of how we should share in Christ's suffering, and express our desire for forgiveness. After Ash Wednesday we have a whole program for Lent, with Stations of the Cross in each of our Churches, as well as Lenten talks on Wednesday evenings, extra time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation, as well as opportunities for charitable giving, and our own personal Lenten observances. The Church describes Lent as a joyful season - joyful preparation for Easter - so together let's make the most of these next six weeks, and look forward to a joyful Eastertide. Incidentally, *For Lent I'm giving up procrastination. Well, I might, I'll see how it goes, maybe will, maybe won't. I'll get my coat. Possibly.*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Everyone welcome for a pancake and refreshments,
a children's game, a raffle and general chit chat and mingle!

This Tuesday 13th February at St. Peter's Hall from 6pm-7pm All welcome!

Please sign up on the notice at the back of Church so we know how much butter to whisk up!

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

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

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
(on certain weeks confession will available in this hour: details as advertised each week).

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm (starting next week)

Lenten Talks Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm (starts February 21st).

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

First Holy Communion 2024: application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses. **Forms must be returned by Sunday February 18th.**

Social Events: Last Tuesday a group from SJ's and SP's met together to discuss social events and fund raising gatherings. As well as our Pancake Evening at 6pm on Tuesday at SP's, we can look forward to a St. Patrick's night, a Bingo, a BBQ and lots more. If you have any suggestions for an event to bring us together in fellowship, please do let us know! Many thanks to everyone who organises and supports these great events.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Diocese, is transferred to this Monday 12th of March; Please pray for the Bishop and all our Congregations on this day as we ask Our Lady's intercession for the mission of the Church in Lytham and Ansdell, and this Diocese of Lancaster. **The 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** details and application forms are available at the back of Church.

Trinity Hospice Fundraising 2024: The Hospice Fund Committee are delighted to announce that we collected £430.21 for Trinity Hospice last weekend. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to our 2024 Appeal up to this point. We will be collecting again after the masses this weekend and our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept voluntary donations – large or small – throughout the month of February 2024. This page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>. Trinity Hospice needs £11m each year to provide their services. Please donate to this worthy cause if you can. Taxpayers can boost the amount of their donation by choosing to add Gift Aid to the value of their donation. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

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.