



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December. The Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	The Murphy Family
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Brenda Windsor

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	John Matthews <i>Exposition and Reconciliation till 10:am</i>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	William and Mary Murray <i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation till 11am</i>
	2:45pm		<i>Carleton Crematorium Service for Mick Hare</i>
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	<i>St. Peter's School Advent Liturgy</i>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Eileen Wall
	6:30pm	St. Peter's	<i>St. Bede's School Advent Liturgy</i>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	Alan Hesketh
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Maureen Hydes

### Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December. The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Pat Eastham
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Norah Shortt

### Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

**Monday 9:30-10am** at St. Peters, **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs.

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

### COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £196:50  
Non Gift Aid: £504:85  
St. Joseph's Care £327:49  
Christmas Flowers £20:00

**Many thanks** for your continued generosity.

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially Maureen Hydes and Mike Hare, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: James Murphy, Hugh Patrick Ghee, Kathleen Cooper, Vera Lyons, Brian Connolly and Eileen Robson

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: Kath Woods, Peter Jones, Margaret Brindle, Brid José, Michael Cookson, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Tony Quigley, Fr Harry Holden, Margaret Long, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at Sunday Morning Mass!

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week. (*With even more this week, me thinks... 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? Please let us know and we can contact them. Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number so 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 Richard Jones on 01253727498 and he will show you the ropes!

**REPOSITORY:** Cards for all occasions available. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

**RED MISSION BOXES** Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the Sacristy. If you require it collected contact Pat Ormond on 733446 to arrange.

**WEDNESDAY WORD** available from the back of church to help prepare for next Sunday's readings.

**POPPIES SOCIAL:** Afternoon Tea and Chat for the Older Person with activities, weekly on a Friday in St. Joseph's Church Hall (Term time only). 2-4pm. To book tea or transport, Julie Webb on 07517 086530

**THE HOLY ROSARY:** Thursday at noon in Church.

*Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ's email by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so please make use of the noticeboards at the back of Church. Cheers.*

### Rotas for weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat Vigil: C O'Neill Sun 9.15am T. Cookson**

#### Readers

**Sat Vigil: Catherine Ralston Sun 9.15am: Libby/Evangeline Doyle**

#### Meet and Greet

**Sat Vigil: M & D Ghee Sun 9.15am: T.Cookson and MGolightly**

### 3rd Sunday of Advent A

Today we rejoice to see how Jesus fulfils the ancient prophecies that God himself would come and free his people. Let us pray that the world may recognise Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God.

**First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6.10*** Isaiah prophesies that one day God will be seen on earth and will save his people, especially the poor and troubled.

**Second Reading *James 5:7-10*** James urges us to live in peace, to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

**Gospel *Matthew 11:2-11*** Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah, strengthens John's faith and reminds us of the kingdom of heaven, our final home.

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## Christmas at St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

### Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

6pm at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas

*All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity:*

*Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.*

8pm at St. Peter's CandleLit Mass of Christmas

With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

### Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Saturday 17th December, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**St Peters: Sat 17th 11am-12noon St Josephs: Sat 17th 4:30pm-5:30pm**

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**Message from Fr. Peter:** Gaudete! The Third Sunday of Advent is known as 'Gaudete' or 'Rejoicing' Sunday- to remind us that the coming of Christmas is very near – although that might strike a note of fear into some people, instead! This week has been Nativity Week, with children from a local nursery singing Carols and telling the Christmas story on Tuesday afternoon, and St. Peter's School leading their Nativities in school – I managed to catch the 'dress rehearsal' which was wonderful. This week sees both our Primary and Secondary schools leading Advent Services at St. Peters, and once again we are grateful to our children, their families and their teachers in helping us spiritually prepare for our celebrations. In these busy times do also take note of extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a beautiful way to really put into action John the Baptist's cry to 'Prepare Away For the Lord'. *You have to feel sorry for John the Baptist – meditating as he walked sorely barefoot through the desert eating wild locusts which gave him bad breath. He was indeed a super-callused-fragile-mystic-vexed-with-halitosis.* I'll get my coat...

**Christmas Breakfast Today!** Have a great time and a great breakfast. Huge thanks to Simon and co. for putting themorning together! Save a saugae for me! Cheers!

**Advent Spiritual Preparation for Christmas:** A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church. The last session is this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St. Peter's. Everyone welcome.

**Carols... and sherry?** Some of the choir will be popping into the presbytery next Sunday at 4pm to sing a few carols in preparation for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join them singing, and join them in a glass of sherry too. **The presbytery next Sunday at 4pm, all welcome.**

**Hospital:** Please remember to let us know if you or one of your family is being admitted hospita