



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020

*Some seed fell on rich soil
and produced their crop...
Listen, anyone who has ears!*

Sat 11 th <u>Vigil: 6pm</u>	People of the Parish
Sun 12 th <u>9.15am</u>	Bill Cookson (Ann)
<u>10.30am</u>	Mass at St Peter's
Sun 12 th Afternoon	St Peter's Intention
Mon 13 th	No Mass
Tue 14 th	Rose Jones (Ann)
Wed 15 th <u>8.30am</u>	Mass at St Peter's
<u>12 noon</u>	Private Intention
Thu 16 th	St Peter's Intention
Fri 17 th	Int's of Marcus & Catherine
Sat 18 th Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 18 th <u>Vigil: 6pm</u>	People of the Parish
Sun 19 th <u>9.15 am</u>	Janet Lloyd RIP
<u>10.30 am</u>	Mass at St Peter's
Sun 19 th Afternoon	St Peter's Intention

The underlined Masses will be celebrated in public.

Confessions: If you wish to go to Confession, this can be arranged on an individual basis, please give Fr David a ring.

A thought for Sunday: 'Imagine a sower going out to sow...' Jesus sets the scene for one of the best known illustrations of the 'mysteries of the kingdom of heaven'. The different places where the seed falls represent the reaction different people have to God's Word and whether or not there is a chance for it to grow and flourish. It can also serve to remind us of how each one of us can be at different stages or places in our lives. There are times when I know that I have let His word as it were bounce off me. I have been too busy, or taken up with something else, and His word just does not get a look in. This is the seed that falls on the path and birds eat it up straight away. Then there have been times when I have been enthusiastic and full of promise to start with, but there is little depth to my commitment, and soon my resolve has withered like the seed that falls on rocky ground and withers after shooting up straight away. Sometimes the word has had a good start but over time so many cares and concerns are allowed to crowd it out and it does not flourish. This is the seed that falls among thorns that grow and choke it. How often have I given the word chance to flourish so that it grows and produces good fruit? We need to be more consistent in how we prepare and respond to God's good word. We should pray for better soil – a heart more hungry and ready for his word that, by God's grace, will produce the fruit that God has made it for.



'Imagine a sower going out to sow...'

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).

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: Janet Lloyd.

Those who are sick: Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Canon Paul Embery, Nora Short, 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, Bobby Kelly, Judith Cross, John Weaver, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Jenny Orosun

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bill Cookson, Julia Mary DeCaux, Ann Murray, Phil Looby, Richard Wallace, Mary Lavinia Birtwistle, John Conroy, Fr John Hawkins, Lily Dronsfield, Kathleen Southern, Margaret Callaghan, Denis Kelleher, Margaret Battersby, Cath O'Brien, Joseph Leslie Tierney, Peter Doherty, Brian Sherrington



Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Feast Day 16th July

The story of Our Lady of Mt Carmel goes back into the Old Testament and the First Book of Kings, when Elijah the prophet was praying to God on mount Carmel to end the drought in Israel, his servant was sent to look for rain. At the seventh attempt he saw a small cloud like a human foot rising from the sea. Tradition has it that Elijah recognised the link with the book of Genesis when God promised the serpent that the offspring of the woman would crush its head, and this was signified by the foot that became a source of rain and therefore salvation for Israel. A community formed around Elijah on Mount Carmel. This became the Carmelite order. In 1251 on 16th July, St Simon Stock, a member of the order, was praying on Mount Carmel when Our Lady appeared with the Child Jesus, holding out the scapula – two square pieces of wool linked by cloth strings – a form of habit. She promised spiritual blessings for those who faithfully wore the scapula and conformed themselves to a religious life symbolised by its simplicity and purity. The Brown Scapula remains a powerful sacramental in the life of many Catholics to this day.

Church opening

St Joseph's is now open for public Mass for Sundays. The 6 pm Vigil Mass and the 9.15 am morning Mass are now celebrated publicly. The Sunday afternoon Mass will continue to be celebrated privately, and will be the only Mass for Sunday recorded and posted online. We are also open for Mass on Wednesday a 12 noon. Because of necessary restrictions for social distancing, seating capacity is limited in church. We must also keep a register of people who attend Mass. This is kept securely, with the contact details retained for 21 days for the purposes of possible track and trace enquiries. We thank those parishioners who help steward at each Mass and make it possible for us to have public Mass on Sunday in the week.

From Bishop Paul Swarbrick – on having to wait to return to Mass...

...The restrictions we experience are a consequence of us being citizens of a broader society, for whom we have a profound concern, and to whom we have a Divine Mission. Waiting and preparing have a place in the Mystery of Faith. Think of Christ's hidden years before His public Ministry, and His sharing of the Eucharist towards its completion. Think of His patience in delaying His Ascension to the Father. Think of the Apostles and Our Blessed Lady waiting for the descent of the Holy Spirit. Think of the Eucharistic fast, a time of waiting and preparation – definitely not time wasted!

Congratulations: Stan England has recently passed his Master's Degree in Chemistry with First Class honours. Well done Stan – a fitting reward for all your hard work!

The Voice for July: The latest edition of our diocesan newspaper can be found via this link: https://st-josephsandsell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_July_2020.pdf

Online Masses: <https://st-josephsandsell.net/videos/>, for recordings of Mass here at St Joseph's.

CAFOD Appeal: CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water + healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. In some developing countries there are almost no intensive care hospital beds or ventilators. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever, to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate as individuals online at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or by phone on 08085 85 88 85 *Thank you...*

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

An Act of Perfect Contrition: This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again. The following or similar formula should be used:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God have mercy.