



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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3rd (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent - Year C

12th December 2021

*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me
He has sent me to bring
the good news to the poor.*

Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

(Vigil)	6.00pm	Bernard Woods RIP
	9.15am	The Parish
	10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
	5.05pm	George & Mary Moss (Ann)
Mon 13 th		No Mass
Tues 14 th	10.00am	The Cassidy Family
Wed 15 th	9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
Thu 16 th	9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
Fri 17 th	9.00am	Bill Drake RIP
	2.00pm	Funeral Service: Bernard Woods
Sat 18 th	10.00am	Mass at St Peter's
Sunday 19 th December 4 th Sunday of Advent		
(Vigil)	6.00pm	Tony & Kelly Godden (Gold Wedd)
	9.15am	Joe Waters RIP
	10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
	5.05pm	The Parish

CONFESSIONS: Available after the 10am Saturday Mass at St Peter's, and the 10am Masses at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also, by arrangement with Fr David. Tel. 737037

ONLINE MASSES:

For live-streamed Sunday Mass, go to:
<https://bit.ly/3fkB30I> or
<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/> recorded videos

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

	Offertory	Poor Missions Fund
Gift Aid	£ 383.45	£109.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 740.44	£119.15
	<u>£1123.89</u>	<u>£228.15</u>

St. Joseph's Care £402.10

Christmas Flowers £10

Thank you for all your kind contributions.

READERS

For Weekend 18th/19th December

Sat Vigil: K & T Godden Sun 9.15: J Wormleighton

Sun 5.05: A Waters

PRAYER FOR 'A NEW CREATION': This prayer was written by Fr Charles Rue SSC:

'Lord, may your promise of a New Creation become a reality in our lives and our world. Help us to be converted to solidarity with your Earth and all it upholds as our kin. May our words of care and love flow through to actions. Amen.'

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: Bernard Woods

Those who are sick: Margaret Brindle, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hyning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, 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, Richard Smith, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Christopher Hickson, Pat Moss, Peter Davies.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Theresa Green, Kathleen Cooper, Ethel Strickland, Eileen Evans, Vera Lyons, Frances Mercer, Brian Connolly, Eileen Robson, Rodney Sutton, Ivy Cunliffe, Philip Eastwood, Anne Gaffney.

BACON BUTTIES: PLEASE NOTE that there will be no butties, coffee or craft club this Sunday only.

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

Help for the refugees: St Joseph's Care would like to say a great big thank you for your kind donations to help the refugee families. It has been delivered to Home-start, the collection centre on St Alban's Road. They were really grateful for everything and passed on their thanks.

FOODBANK: Thank you for your continued generous donations. All items go to support people in our local community.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Unfortunately, we are unable to offer our inhouse Christmas Dinner this year but working together with local churches we can offer a Christmas Dinner and Light Tea delivered to your door. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Edwina on 736630. There is a choice of menu.

REPOSITORY: Call in for your Christmas Cards and small Christmas gifts. We also have a wide selection of cards for all occasions.

TIMES OF MASS AT CHRISTMAS: Mass times for Christmas Day will be as follows:

St Joseph's: 6.00 pm Vigil, 10.00am am Morning and also **12 Midday**. It is necessary to book a place in Church for any of the Christmas Masses. Please see the lists at the back of church.

ADVENT – A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR:

Let's make this journey through Advent together. Each week we will explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: THE CANDLE OF LOVE.



In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert, denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught us that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. (Light the candle) Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Jesus.

Let us pray. Lord God, your witness, John the Baptist, grew strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptised them in the river Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. **Amen**

HOW CAN WE SHOW LOVE? It's in the small moments of each day, chance meetings and things we do. Bring someone to mind and radiate love to that person. Share a joke. Take the time to talk to anyone who strikes up a conversation; actually do something you have been meaning to do or putting off doing. Smile. Pray. Surprise your family or a friend or a stranger with an act of kindness. Donate to a charity or food bank. Be thankful.

UNPICK THE GOSPEL: Come and reflect on next week's Gospel in the Hall Wednesday 10am until 11am. Listen and consider what Jesus is saying to us today! Come along and just try it, you will be surprised at how the Gospel comes alive.

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TRINITY HOSPICE 200 CLUB: As you know, St Joseph's Parish has traditionally raised funds for Trinity Hospice each October via the Hospice 200 Club. COVID restrictions have prevented us from safely doing so during 2021, yet we remain eager to raise funds for this truly deserving cause. With this in mind, our fundraising in 2022 will involve us setting up a *Just Giving* page through which donations can be made to Trinity Hospice. It will run throughout the month of February 2022. I will provide more details in the New Year. With thanks for all your support for Trinity Hospice, Dennis Duignan.

4thSUNDAY OF ADVENT: Radio Lancashire's Sunday Service will be broadcast from Hying Monastery at 8am on Sunday 19th December, please tune in.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE Visit teracycle.com for information about recycling many things including: razors and blades; pen and writing implements.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY has not restarted yet because it is felt that there is still a high level of infection around, especially in school children. Also, the rooms we use don't have sufficient ventilation. We are also very short of liturgists. If you would like to join the team, please leave your name with Fr. David.

WHAT A GREAT EFFORT! Every day in November, two parishioners from St Peter's - Ann Aitken and Pia Ashton, both nurses - took on the *Cold Water Challenge* for Cancer Research. Every day they took a dip somewhere different: in a farm cattle trough; a fire station water trough; in a green waste bin; Fairhaven Lake; Lowther Pond; in the sea at Blackpool; and in Grasmere and other lakes. They have raised almost £22000 for Cancer Research! What a great effort - well done them (especially at this time of year!).