



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The 3rd (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent - Yr B

13th December 2020

*I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation.*

Sat 12 th (Vigil)	Philomena Cocker RIP
Sun 13 th Morning	The Parish
10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
<u>Recorded</u>	Special Intention
Mon 14 th	No Mass
<u>Tue 15th</u>	Stuart Peacock RIP
Wed 16 th	9.00am Mass at St Peter's
12 noon	The Plant Family
<u>Thu 17th</u>	St Peter's Intention
Fri 18 th	Gail McDowell RIP
Sat 19 th Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 19 th Vigil 6.00pm	Int's of Sr Philomena Allen
Sun 20 th	9.15am Kate & John Golightly (Ann)
10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
<u>Recorded</u>	The Parish

Masses underlined are recorded, and should be available online

Holy Communion visits to the sick: can only be made when someone is very ill or in danger of death.

Online Masses:

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

Donation by Standing Order: If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com, requesting a standing order form. If you are a taxpayer and are not already Gift-aiding your contributions, please consider this. It is a great support to the parish. Forms for Gift-aid are available as above.

CATHOLIC VOICE FOR DECEMBER: The latest edition of our diocesan newspaper can be found on the parish website or at the following address:

https://st-josephsansdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_December_2020.pdf

COLLECTION COUNT: for the last few weeks:

	Offertory	Retired Priests
Gift Aid	£815.00	£ 2.00
Non Gift Aid	<u>£634.78</u>	<u>£60.00</u>
	£1449.78	£62.00

Diocesan Youth £7.00

Poor Missions £22.00

November Gift Aid £1221

Please pray for:

Lately dead: Stuart Peacock

Those who are sick: Nora Shortt, 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, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Fr Bill Bootle, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Bernadette McGladdery, Richard Smith, Patricia Sumner

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Peter Mc Donnell, Ellen Drake, Eileen Evans, Vera Lyons, Stanislaw Chevsky, Frances Mercer, Brian Connolly, Eileen Robson, Rodney Sutton, Ivy Cunliffe.

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). In these difficult times many people may be worried or concerned about a loved one. If you would like to ask for prayers, please ring St. Joseph's Care phone line or send an e-mail to:

st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com. A list of prayer requests in addition to the sick, lately dead and anniversaries will be on the bulletin each week.

We continue to support needy families in the South Shore area with food and clothing vouchers.

Support - We would be grateful for any donations to assist our Christmas effort in supporting needy families in the South Shore area and more locally here in Lytham St Annes. Your offerings can be deposited in the safe at the back of church or in an envelope clearly marked St Joseph's Care and placed in the retiring collection. Thank you!

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

St Joseph's: 6.00 pm Vigil, 9.15 am Morning and also **12 Midday**. Midnight Mass will not be public, but will be recorded and available online - a little after Midnight. **The 6.00pm and 9.15am Masses are fully booked.** If you would like to come to the 12 Midday Mass please ring Edwina Gillett on 736630, or see the form at the back of church.

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

Let's continue this journey through Advent together. Each week we explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world. First, place a candle where you can sit quietly and think and pray.

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.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Pope Francis has proclaimed the year beginning this last Tuesday, 8th December, as the year of St Joseph. It is the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX declaring St Joseph to be Patron of the Universal Church. The pope has marked the start of this year of our parish's patron saint with an Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* ('with a Father's heart'). In the letter the pope writes: '*Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all*'.

'THANK YOU' FROM BURKINA FASO: Sr. Josephine Mary from Hynning writes: '*Thank you very much for your extremely generous gift of £750 for our monastery in Burkina. It is all the more generous in this time of covid-19, when so many are experiencing hardships in many different ways. Our sisters in Burkina are continuing to live very courageously, and to develop their activities as well as they can. They have become a pastoral centre for the diocese, and welcome many lay people, catechists, religious and priests for retreats, conferences or just a rest! The church is a real joy, not just for the sisters but for all who go to pray there. On Sundays the church is usually full of local families and especially children, who join in everything with great enthusiasm. The sisters are also continuing to provide work on the land for local people. The people in Diébougou, the nearest town, have not suffered too much from the virus. And so far, they have not been caught up in the real problems caused by the insurgents, who are in the North of the country. But the situation remains precarious, as in so many parts of Africa. I do not know yet just how your contribution will be used, but it will certainly help them. It is also true to say that your generosity encourages them to persevere when times are tough.*

I hope you have managed to avoid the virus. You can be sure of our prayers here at Hynning and those of the community in Burkina. We wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas, despite the restrictions'.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING: The True Spirit of Christmas Giving 2020 & the perfect gift for your family & friends. Simply buy a CAFOD World Gift & you will also change lives across the world, in this time of extreme need. From a "Net that Protects" at just £7, or "Teach Someone to Read" at £10, to a "Health Mum & Baby" gift card at £30. You will receive a beautifully illustrated card. You can send an e-card, or post it directly to your loved one. For more info go to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or Call : 08081 400014.

JAMES KNIGHT: We have welcomed James into our parish this last week. He is discerning a vocation to the priesthood, and is spending a year at college in Valladolid as a preparation for further formation at seminary. When he is back in the diocese, this will be a base for him. So, we will be seeing him around the parish from time to time. I know you will make him welcome; and do keep him in your prayers. We need more young men like James to come forward!