



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Parish Mass book page Number 125.

### Weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Beryl Symonds
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	Michael Cookson
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> No Services.

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> No Services

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 9am St. Peter's William Harrison

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> **10.00am** St. Joseph's Pat Smith

### Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	Richard Smith
	10.30am	St. Peter's	The People of the Parishes

### No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

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

### COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £74.00

Non Gift Aid: £174.94

St. Joseph's Care £128.33

December Standing Orders £2169.50

**Many thanks** for your continued generosity.

### Please pray for all who have died recently especially Rod

Beirne, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Terence burke, Elizabeth Meyler, Anne Finegan, Margaret Mary Pinder, John Cookson, Michael cookson, Harold Cross, Tony Waters, Thomas Sangster, Irene Mair, Charles Ingham, Michael Melody, Hilda Sempersand Brian Davies

### Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,

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

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

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week. (*You know you want to... 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 THANK YOU** to everyone who brought their Red Mission Box into church or donated in some other way. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The next collection will be in March 2023. For further information contact 01253 733446

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

**POPIES 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.

### Rotas for weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat Vigil:** S. Stevens **Sun 9.15am** R. Page

#### Readers

**Sat Vigil:** Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

#### Meet and Greet

**Sat Vigil:** C. Williams and M. Taylor **Sun 9.15am:** P. Benning and M.Herron

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

We come together as the holy people of Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, with water and in the Holy Spirit, we are a new creation called to prayer and worship of the Lord our God.

**First Reading *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*** The prophet Isaiah reveals how God chose the people of Israel to serve as a light to the nations so that the message of God's saving love might reach the ends of the earth.

**Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*** St Paul greets the Christians in Corinth by reminding them of their vocation to holiness and to prayer.

**Gospel *John 1:29-34*** John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus as the Chosen One of God, the one who baptises with water and the Holy Spirit.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Well, the Christmas holidays are well and truly over, and certainly last week seemed to be meeting after meeting - with lots of baptisms and funeral services to be prepared, which entails meeting lots of wonderful families, which, whatever the topic of the meeting, is always lovely - it means that people are still happy to turn to the Church in need, and hopefully we will always be there for them. This week I was also (finally!) formally inducted as a member of the chaplaincy team at Clifton Hospital, along with our Deacon-to-be David Pope, which mainly seemed to entail getting a parking permit, which I am told are like gold dust - which makes my walking round the parishes rather than driving another plus, as well as the additional health benefits (which hopefully keep me out of hospital as I go to the hospital - if that makes sense). *The Anglican chaplain challenged me to a game of hide-and-seek; I found him in ICU. I'll get my coat...*

**Friday January 19th is the Memorial of Saint Wulstan.** He lived from 1008 to 1095, and during those dates saw huge changes in the history of England, becoming a Bishop in 1062, just before the Battle of Hastings, and indeed has the singular honour of being the only Bishop to serve before and after the Norman Conquest of 1066. Today we particularly honour him for his role in speaking out against, and ultimately bring about the end of, the Slave Trade from Bristol, whereby English Slaves would be sold by Norse Traders to people in Ireland. *God our Heavenly Father, Your servant, Bishop Saint Wulstan, Sought to serve you by serving your people, Especially those most vulnerable and those in need. Help us to speak out, in your name, Against the injustices in society, That your will may be done on earth as in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Pancake Celebration:** Lent will soon be upon us, but before that we hope to have a Pancake Evening in the presbytery at SJ's on **Tuesday 21st February, from 6pm - 8pm.** Pancakes will be ready from 6pm, and there'll be a quiz, raffle and children's game (the ancient Lancastrian Art of Cheese Rolling) from 7pm. Tickets to gauge numbers and cover costs will be available after Masses next week. All welcome.

**First Holy Communion:** our First Holy Communion Course will be starting towards the end of February, and to that end, if you have a child in Year 4 or above, and you would like them to prepare for this important stage in the sacramental life, please take and complete an Enrolment Form. Forms will be available from next week before and after Masses at St. Joseph's and St. Peters, and should be returned to Father Peter by the 5th February. Many thanks, and looking forward to a lovely course.

**Message from Our Lady Star of the Sea School:** *Please can we say a huge thank you to you and all the members of St Joseph's Care (and all the parishioners who support it), for organising Aldi vouchers for some of our most vulnerable families. We were just delighted with the vouchers which, following discussion with the Head teacher and SENCO, we distributed to those we knew most needed help. We cannot thank you enough for this kind initiative which spread some much needed Christmas cheer to those who so needed it. Thank you, on behalf of our whole school community*

**FoodBank:** Many thanks for your continued contributions to the FoodBank collection at the back of Church. It is most welcome, and always most appreciated. Also huge thanks to those who organise and distribute this much needed food. Blessings to you all.

**Mass Intentions for the year ahead:** If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time to make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Offertory Collections:** It would help greatly therefore if you would consider moving over to making your offering by Standing Order. Forms are available at the back of church if you think you might be able to help us in this way. Completed SO forms should be forwarded to your bank. Only Gift Aid applications should be returned via the offertory basket. Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows charities (including churches) to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer. This means every donation will be worth 25% more, at no extra cost to the giver. For example, with Gift Aid the charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated, which makes a huge difference. If you would like to support the church with Gift Aid, you simply need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration. Forms are available at the back of church and should be returned via the collection baskets. A Gift Aid Declaration is the giver's declaration that they wish for the church to reclaim tax on their gift.

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

*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 the Churches. Cheers.*