



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Sept Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

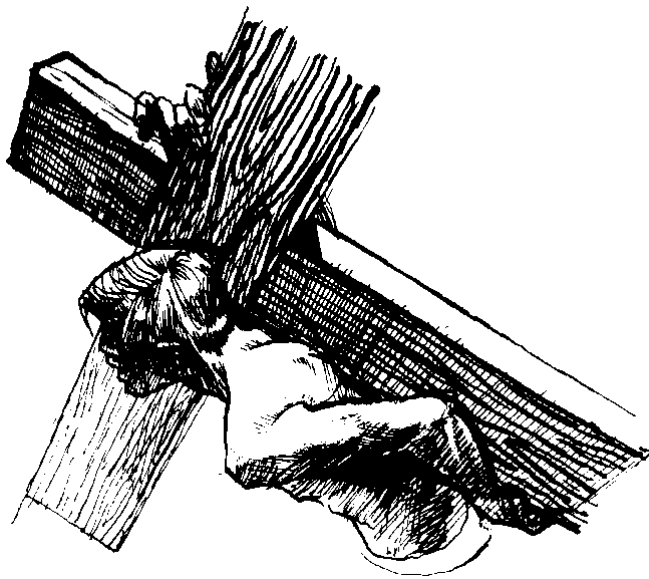
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Rosanne and Patrick Scott
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	For a Dear Sister

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	E. Quinlan (Special Intentions) followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Isobel Morrison preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9:30am-9:50am
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	May White
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	John Whitehead

### Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Donor's Intention
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	John Worsley Birthday Remembrance

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**  
**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's**  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for August:  
 Gift Aid £3476.00 Non Gift Aid £1048.31  
 Special Collections Gift Aid £38.00  
 Standing Orders £2794.50 St. Joseph's Care £366:23  
 Burkino Faso £134.00  
 Flowers: £20

**Please pray for all who have died recently**, especially Barbara Delaney and Jean Marie Brannan, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially James Joseph Fowler, Basil Karam, Annie Patten and Marie Gillett

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish**, especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Sr Kay, Caroline Ledward, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob

Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins, Mary Whittle, Brenda Wilmot, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

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

**COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES** after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Lovely. FrP*)

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE:** Do you know of anyone in our community who is in need or might need a little more support, and would like either a friendly a visit, or Holy Communion at Home? Please let St. Joseph's Care Visiting Team know by emailing or phone the Parish on the above contact details.

**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 Tower Captains James (07743684900) and Stacey (07921032390) and they'll show you the ropes!

**REPOSITORY:** Cards and gifts for different occasions available, including first communion cards and Rosary beads. Orders for other items can be taken, too. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

**LECTIO DIVINA** Scripture prayer and discussions in the hall on Wednesdays at 10am.

**THE HOLY ROSARY:** every Thursday after 10am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

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

#### Readers

Sat Vigil: Richard Golding Sun 9.15am: Maria hall

#### Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: P. Huskinson and D. Warwick

Sun 9.15am: M. Skene and M. Lehman

**This Week's Readings:** Each time we come to Mass we proclaim the Lord Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Father, and give thanks for all he has done for us.

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:5-9 The Lord comes to the help of the suffering servant.

**Second Reading** James 2:14-18 Our faith is revealed in our good deeds.

**Gospel** Mark 8:27-35 Peter recognises Jesus as the Christ but misunderstands what this means.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Last week a parishioner was telling me about a 'small initiative' of their young cousin, who, deciding to raise money for children with cancer who had lost their hair due to their treatment, grew her own long (very long, apparently) and then had it cut off to make wigs for children but was also sponsored and raised a whole heap of money too. Brava to her for a great idea. It set me thinking about St. Agnes of Rome. In the early years of the Church she practised Christianity much to the disdain of her family, who were trying to contract a suitable husband for her. To punish her she was dragged naked through the streets of Rome, but a miraculous growth of hair protected her - although she was later beheaded, and a Church was built over her place of execution in the famous Piazza Navona in Rome. She is one of the Patron Saints for young girls, and for Women afflicted by violence. St Martin de Porres is actually the Patron Saint of Barbers and hairdressers, as in his youthhood was apprenticed to a barber (who also acted as a surgeon as they did in olden days), and used his skills in his monastery, selfless serving the sick, and also cutting the monk's hair. Saint Wilgefortis is the Patron Saint of Beards - she (yes, she) was a beautiful woman, who miraculously grew a beard in order to prevent an unsuitable suitor from trying to marry her. Three useful Saints to know, I think you'll agree. Well, I think so. In other news, *I'm actually in a beard growing contest with a friend. Right now it's neck and neck. I'll get my coat. And my razor.*

**This Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am Mass at St. Peter's** we will be joined by our School for a Start of Year Blessing Mass. All welcome, as always.

**Burkina Faso:** Thank you for your generous offerings! The Appeal is now closed, and we will have the final Grand Total next week. *E. Gillett.*

**Save the Date in Your Diary for these Upcoming SJSP Social Events:**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm in SJ's Hall: Family Beetle Drive with Food!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7pm in SJ's Hall: Autumn Quiz and HotPot with bar!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December after 10:30am Mass at SP's: Blessing of the New Crib followed by Refreshments!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm in SP's Hall: Christmas Bingo with Mince Pies!

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3pm in SJ's Church: Children's Storybook Nativity with cakes in Fr.Ps house!

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7pm in SJ's Hall: SJSP Late Christmas Party with food and entertainment!

**Deanery Forty Hours of Watching In Preparation for the Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster,**

In a different Church of the Deanery each Sunday from 1-6pm: September 29<sup>th</sup> St. Alban's; October 6<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph's Wesham; October 12<sup>th</sup> St. Anne's Westby; October 19<sup>th</sup> The Willows Kirkham; October 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Family Warton; November 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Peter's Lytham; Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Star of the Sea; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph's Ansdell.

**Red Mission Boxes:** the Autumn collection from the boxes will commence in September. Please would you bring your box into church and leave in the sacristy. If you need your box collecting or would like a box, please contact David Warwick 07541 914811

**SJSP Ukulele Orchestra** Monday evenings at 7pm in St. Peter's Hall. All welcome - especially newcomers of any age!

**Diocesan Annual Ladyewell Pilgrimage:** 11am this Saturday 21st September. Mass and procession with the Bishop.

**Lancaster Diocese Centenary Ball:** Friday 3rd January 2025, from 6pm at The Villa, Levens (near Kendal). Black Tie/Formal. Tickets £50 or £550 for a table of twelve. Please contact [info@lancastercentenaryball.com](mailto:info@lancastercentenaryball.com) for further details and ticket reservation.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer: *God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the 'pearl of great price' which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the 'mother of countless children' and be given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.* This prayer is to be prayed every day for 100 days from the Feast of the Assumption. Prayer cards are available at the back of church.

**From the Jerusalem Bible to English Standard Version: From the Prodigal Son Luke 15:13-16**

**Jerusalem:** A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have fed his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything.

**English Standard:** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything.

*'Feel the pinch' always sounded wrong to me, and very English. Husks becomes pods. Our familiar versions of parables can sometimes bring us up short in the new translation, and make us rethink what might have been familiar since childhood.*

**Mass Intentions,** for the deceased, the bereaved, for the sick, the Holy Souls, are always welcome, and offering envelopes are available at the back of Church, and Mass cards are available from the Holy Shops after Sunday Masses. **Sanctuary Lamp:** If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please place the details and date wanted in an envelope with a £20 donation and clearly note Sanctuary Lamp on the outside. This can be placed in the offertory collection basket. The lamp will burn for a full week From Sunday to Saturday, and the intention will be published on the Newsletter.