



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The Third Sunday of Advent

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*They will come to Zion shouting for joy
and sorrow and lament will be ended.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAM: We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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| SUN | 6.00pm | The Parish |
| | 9.15am | Grace Carver-Goulding (Ann) |
| | 10.30am | Mass at St Peter's |
| | 5.05pm | Special Intention |
| MON 16 th | | No Mass |
| TUE 17 th | 9.00am | Alan Hesketh RIP |
| WED 18 th | 8.30am | Mass at St. Peter's |
| THU 19 th | 8.30am | Mass at St. Peter's |
| | 10.30am | Funeral Service at St Peter's |
| FRI 20 th | 9.00am | Eileen Mary McConnon (Ann) |
| SAT 21 st | 10.00am | Mass at St Peter's |
| 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent | | |
| | 6.00pm | The Parish |
| | 9.15am | Kate & John Golightly RIP |
| | 10.30am | Mass at St. Peter's |
| | 5.05pm | George McKeon RIP |

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS:

HOLY ROSARY: 20 mins before weekday Mass
Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sat 4.30 – 5.30pm (and on request.)

Fr. David's Holy Communion visits to the sick will be in St. Peter's Parish.

Thank you for the collection last week

Offertory
Non-Gift Aid £563.65
Gift Aid £350.08
£913.73
St. Joseph's Care £

| 21 st /22 nd | Readers | Ministers |
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| Sat 6.00pm | E Gillett | Group A |
| Sun 9.15am | C Woods | Group D |
| Sun 5.05pm | G Browne | R Page & A Spedding |

WELCOMERS Next weekend:

6.00pm B & U Cooper
9.15am M Cookson & T Cookson
5.05pm P Gough

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Please see the poster at the back of church and Christmas Cards.

TEA/COFFEE is served in the hall after 9.15am Mass every Sunday. Please come along and enjoy a chat. All welcome. After this Sunday there will be no more coffee until the New Year.

22nd Dec: T Cookson, M Cookson, M Golightly.

NEXT SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER kids Christmas party, with entertainer Davie Dee, a visit from Santa and pizza. Free for all children. Please write your child's name on the form at the back of church so Santa has enough presents for everyone.

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING we would like to invite all children attending Mass to bring an unwrapped gift. This will be taken up to the altar at the offertory. The presents will then be gathered up and given to less fortunate families. The message being that it's good to give as well as to receive at this time of year.

Please pray for:

Lately dead: Ursula Almond, Mary Eccles, Mary Petrou, Fr James Langan SJ

Those who are sick: Sr. Josephine Mary (Hying), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Joyce Russell, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaille, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Elodie Wainwright, 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, Tony Waters, Irene Brierly, Maimie Hayworth.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Thomas Morgan, Brian Connolly, Peter McDonnell, Ellen Drake, Elizabeth Greaves, Eileen Robson, Rodney Sutton, Ivy Cunliffe, Philip Eastwood, Anne Gaffney, Stanislaw Chevsky, Terry Jones.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Please would you take a Christmas card for each of your communicants on behalf St. Joseph's Care to offer them Christmas greetings from the priest and people of the parish. These can be found in a box at the back of Church.

REPOSITORY: Christmas cards now on sale, boxed sets and single cards. We also have a stock of 2020 Catholic diaries that include The Order of Mass.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION: All proceeds this year will go to St Joseph's Care to help us to continue all our outreach activities to those who are vulnerable and in need.

Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice!

Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to live Christmas in an authentic way. In this last part of Advent, we entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. She is "the cause of our joy", not only because she is the Mother of Jesus, but because she continually leads us to Him – Pope Francis

ADVENT: Last chance, one or two copies of the popular *Advent Extra* is available from the Repository at a reduced price of £1.50. Also available is *Advent Celebrate* a publication especially for children at £1 only which includes an Advent Calendar.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Thank you to all the volunteers who attended a short meeting last week. Plans are well underway and we are expecting around 25 guests.

HMP KIRKHAM: The annual Carol Service for residents and their families will be held on this coming Mon 16th Dec at 6 for 6:30pm. If you have signed up to go please remember to leave your mobile 'phone locked away in your car and bring along some form of identification, e.g. passport or driving licence.

FOODBANK: This weekend and for the rest of Advent we are collecting for St Cuthbert's SVP who help those struggling in their area, particularly the homeless and those living in bedsits.

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: Thank you to the children who helped to fill 40 bags of shopping in the Hall after Sunday morning Mass last weekend. The bags have already been delivered to St Cuthbert's primary school for distribution to needy young families. Since then we have had very kind donations of 3 more hampers, (a private donation and two hampers courtesy of BAE), which will be delivered next week.

CLOTHING: There was an absolutely overwhelming response to our appeal for outdoor clothing resulting in four car loads of goods being transported to Blackpool last week. A tremendous response thank you. We will advise you later when the next collection will be.

"I am the Bread of Life ...this is the bread which comes down from heaven," John 6

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are delighted to announce that the list for young people who desire to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 is open. Children in Year 3 at St Peters will receive a letter through school. Other candidates are invited to collect a form from one of the catechists after Mass. Completed forms should be returned either to St Peters School or to a catechist by Wednesday 29th January. Our catechists are Stacey Wormleighton and Cordelia.

THE HALL: Unfortunately we shall no longer be able to offer a managed service for the Hall after December. Dave and Olive Yates who have done a fantastic job in managing the facility are stepping back from the role. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work and for all the improvements they have made. This means that from January the Hall will revert to 'Parish use only'. More details about the new arrangements will be issued soon.

CELEBRATING THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: Do you want to discover more about the Bible and the different ways of reading it? Join in one of our regular Scripture weeks at Boarbank Hall. Our theme this year is 'What is Prophecy about?', with a focus on Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah. The weeks will be led by Fr Richard Taylor, Dr Geoffrey Turner and Sr Margaret Atkins (30 May-6 June and 3-10 October). Sr Margaret will also be leading a week exploring St Augustine's use of Scripture (22-26 June). Non-residents are welcome to join us on a donation-only basis. For residents, we charge the standard Guest House fee, and ask for a donation to cover the costs of the course. For more information, please see www.boarbankhall.org.uk or email Sr Margaret on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

DID YOU KNOW? some brave individuals and communities around the world risk everything to speak up for the environment, peace and human rights. Individuals such as Batista the son of a rural family who are deeply connected to the land. He hadn't planned on being a lawyer but this changed after rural leaders he knew were being routinely assassinated. For over 20 years, Batista has worked for CAFOD's partner, the Pastoral Land Commission, defending the rights of landless communities in the Brazilian Amazon. Brazil is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for land and environmental defenders. This Advent, amid the busyness of the season, the waiting in joyful expectation, remember that they are waiting too – for justice and safety.

HOSPITAL: If you, or someone you know, is going into Blackpool Victoria Hospital please inform the RC Chaplain on 01253 956299 giving the name as known by the hospital and the ward. Should the Chaplain be required urgently please ask the ward staff to contact the on-call RC Chaplain.

ROSARY Thu 12 Noon **BELL RINGING** Thu 7.00-8.30pm