



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 16th/17th September

Sat 16 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Marie Gillett
Sun 17 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Margaret McCusker
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

Mon. 18 th	9am	St. Peter's	No Mass
Tues. 19 th	10 am	St. Joseph's	No Mass
Wed. 20 th	9am	St. Peter's	Joan Horton Birthday Intentions
Thurs 21 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Margaret Saum

Weekend 23rd/24th September

Sat 23 rd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Knights of the Holy Sepulchre
Sun 24 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Intentions of Deacon William, Dorothy and Emma

No Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £154.90 Non Gift Aid: £541.24

St. Joseph's Care £62.40

BurkinoFaso Total £1245.00

Please pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Basil Karam, Annie Patten, Marie Gillett, Joan Hulse, Fr. Michael Kirkham and Peter Thornton,

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, 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 Bob Osachuk, 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. All welcome (*Makes a great Sunday Lunch too! 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? Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: 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 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, each Wednesday in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

Rotas for weekend 23rd / 24th September

Readers

Sat Vigil: Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: E. Gillett and P Huskinson

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Herron

This Week's Readings: We come together to celebrate the God who loves and forgives us all. As a community of faith we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

First Reading *Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7* We are warned of the dangers of resentment and lack of forgiveness, while being reminded of the commandments and of God's mercy towards us.

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9* No one lives for themselves, and Christians live for the Lord. The risen Christ is Lord of both the living and of the dead.

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35* Jesus' parable of the cancelled debt tells us that, as we have been forgiven, so we should forgive.

Message from Fr. Peter: In last weeks homily, when speaking about some of the discordance in the early church, I made a brief speculation about the future of our parishes. Well some of the events of the past couple of weeks, especially with regard to our wonderful children, families, teachers and catechists have provided much food for hopeful thought! The school year began with a beautiful mass for the whole of the school at St. Peter's, with many parents, family and parishioners joining us. Our blessings on the school year were doubly portioned on Sunday when in both churches many of our young people - including a couple of those heading off to university - brought their pencil cases and school bags (and in one case, a dad told me, football boots and kit) - for a special prayer. Children's liturgy continues at both our parishes, thanks to our wonderful leaders who week by week carry out a hugely important ministry in sharing the Word of God with our children. On Monday I met with parents from Year 4 to introduce the First Holy Communion programme to them, which will formally begin after Christmas, and we look forward to Bishop Paul coming in November, as we ask our young people to come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation, both Sacraments been led by a great team of catechists. How blessed we are in our Parishes to have so many people working for a great and glorious future of our Church! Please keep all our families, parents, teachers and catechists in your special prayers - in doing so you are actually praying for *all* our futures. And a great and glorious Amen! to that! *A parent in church was telling their child to be quiet during the sermon. 'Is that because everyone is asleep?' the child asked. 'No,' the parent said, 'It's because if Fr. Peter loses his place he'll have to start all over again...' I'll get my chasuble...*

Red Boxes: The Autumn collection is commencing this month. Please could you bring your box into church and leave in the sacristy. If you need your box collecting, please contact Pat Ormond tel. 01253 733446 many thanks for your continued support.

Burkina Faso: Our annual appeal is now closed and the sum of £1,245 will be transferred shortly to cover the cost of constructing a Grotto for the Bernardine Community in Burkina. **Thank you so much for your generous donations.**

COCKROACH RACE NIGHT! *(Yes, that's right. FrP)*

A Parishes Get-Together on Saturday **30TH SEPTEMBER 2023, 7pm** in St. Joseph's Church Hall.

£5 entrance, which includes supper. Tickets are limited so please get them early!

Drinks bar available on the night at discounted prices. Tickets available after Masses.

The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Paul will be coming to our Parishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation on November 21st at 7pm** at St. Peter's. The Sacrament is open to young people from Year 6 and above, and if you wish to find out more and enrol for the Sacramental Course beginning in October, **please see Father Peter or Deacon David for an application form.**

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph and St. Peter: Monday at 7pm in the presbytery. We're still twanging away! No musical experience necessary (or preferable). First Performance at the Race Night! (See above).

The Ecumenical Season of Creation has begun and lasts until October 4th. Pope Francis encourages: 'in this Season of Creation, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.' To tie in with this, the Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am – 3.00pm at St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. For further information contact Sue Grubic on ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417

Next weekend is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in England and Wales and Bishop Paul has instructed us to have a **mandated Second Collection** for this work. He tells us: *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.* <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

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.