



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 16th/17th November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 16 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Norah Shortt
Sun 17 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	The People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Margaret Foden
	1-6pm	St. Joseph's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 5:50pm

Mon 18 th	9am	St. Peter's	Ray Cross <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 19 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Samantha Rawstron <i>preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9-9:55am</i>
Wed 20 th	9am	St. Peter's	Deceased Family and Friends of Smeed Family
Thurs 21 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Roseanne and Patrick Scott

Weekend 23rd/24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King

Sat 23 rd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	John Joseph McGuirk
Sun 24 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Ben Cawthorn
	10.30am	St. Peter's	The People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.
Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tuesday 9:30-9:55am at St. Joseph's
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



COLLECTION COUNT: for October:
 Gift Aid £358.00 Non Gift Aid £1069.23
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 St. Joseph's Care £167.71
 CAFOD Family Fast: £658:28

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr. Alf Parker and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Cath Hibbert, Agnes Livingstone, Joanne Lanza, Margaret Malcolm, Doreen Fay, Christine Marsh, Leotine Botta and Filip Nowaczyk.

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), Alan Watkins, 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. (*Well worth the two week wait. 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 23rd / 24th November

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden 9.15am Anne Waters

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul

Sun 9.15am: W&E Doyle

This Week's Readings: As the Church's year draws towards its end, we are invited to think about the end of the world and the end of our own life in a spirit not of fear but of confidence.

First Reading *Daniel 12:1-3* This passage, written in the second century BC, is the first clear promise in the Old Testament of resurrection from the dead and eternal life.

Second Reading *Hebrews 10:11-14. 18* Jesus has offered the "one single sacrifice" that has achieved the salvation of the whole human race.

Gospel *Mark 13:24-32* Jesus will return in glory, though it is fruitless to speculate on the day or hour of his coming.

Message from Fr. Peter: My mate Fr. Ed visited this week: he is Vicar General for the Diocese of Nottingham, and this week the annual meeting for Vicars General (which is the correct plural) was being held in Lancaster, so he stayed over here (drumming up support for his Rome Pilgrimage next year on his way). Ed is Parish Priest in Lincoln, at the Church of St. Hugh of Lincoln. St. Hugh is the Patron Saint of his Diocese, and this Sunday 17th is the day of the Feast Day of Saint Hugh, who was actually born in France, sometime in the 1100s, and was a Carthusian Monk before becoming Bishop of Lincoln in 1186. Despite acting a Counsellor to several Kings, including Richard II, he was an incredibly pastoral Bishop, being amazingly supportive to his priests and people. He was renowned for organizing funerals for the poorest of people, making sure everyone had a decent send-off. But beyond his own faithful, he also went out of his way to protect the Jewish community, which was suffering much antisemitism at the time. He truly sounds like a Bishop for our times. One of his biggest jobs was rebuilding the Magnificent Cathedral in Lincoln after it had been wrecked by an earthquake. It is a wonderful building – I've been lucky enough to see some of the best theatrical events I've ever seen actually staged inside the Cathedral, including a breathtaking version of Disney's Hunchback of Notre Dame. Throughout his life Saint Hugh was accompanied by a swan, from the village of Stow, apparently, who used to eat from his hand, and try to attack anyone who came near him – it's not known whether he adopted the swan or vice versa, but it remains his symbol. He died in the year 1200. *O God, who endowed Your servant Hugh with a wise and cheerful boldness and taught him to commend to earthly rulers the discipline of a holy life: give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel, putting our confidence in Christ alone, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.* Incidentally, *A swan walks into a pub. The barman says, 'I named my pub after you!' The swan says, 'You named your pub Dave?' I'll get my coat.*

PLEASE NOTE the Diocese is changing all email addresses. The one email for our two parishes is now sjsp.lsa@lrcd.org.uk Please do whatever you have to do to use this email from now on. Cheers.

Today is our Parishes' Bereavement Sunday: 17th November. All those who have died in the past year will be remembered at All Weekend Masses. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ.

Deanery Forty Hours of Watching In Preparation for the Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This Weekend November 17th St. Joseph's. 1-6pm, with Benediction at 5:50pm**

Next Weekend is the Feast of Christ the King: 24th November

Our New Lectionaries will be blessed at all our Masses.

Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Beginning of the Centenary of the Diocese

Sunday evening St. Joseph's at 6pm, followed by celebration drinks in the Presbytery. All Welcome.

November List: please write the names of your loved ones who have gone before us on the papers at the back of Church and place in the Box on the Sanctuary to have these names remembered in our masses throughout this month of the Holy Souls.

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.

A Note from our HeadTeacher, Mrs. Gilli-Ross: In line with Bishop Paul's vision for Catholic education in the Diocese of Lancaster, the Governing Body of St Peter's Catholic Primary School is currently undertaking a period of consultation regarding joining the Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust (BEBCMAT) in Autumn 2025. For more details please visit the School website <https://st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk/>

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: This latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide is to be debated and voted upon on 29 November and it is vital that MPs receive as many e mails/letters as possible opposing this bill. There are various simple tools on-line to facilitate contact with MPs – see www.spuc.org.uk/assistedsuicideuk and www.cbcew.org.uk for more information and to read the pastoral letter of Cardinal Nichols on this subject.

Sunday 1st December is the First Sunday of Advent: look out for news of our Advent and Christmas Events next week, beginning with **Advent Vespers on Monday 2nd December at 6pm in St. Peter's, and Christmas Bingo on Friday 6th at 7pm in SP's Hall.**

SJ's Annual Christmas Breakfast: Sunday 22nd December after SJ 9am mass. Adults £5, children £3. Sign up sheet at the back of mass. Be quick, places are sure to fill up fast!! (*Keep me a sausage bun! FrP*)

Save the Date in Your Diary for these Upcoming SJSP Social Events: Next event: Sunday 1st December after 10:30am Mass at SP's: Blessing of the New Crib followed by Refreshments! Friday 6th December 7pm in SP's Hall: Christmas Bingo with Mince Pies! Sunday 8th December 3pm in SJ's Church: Children's Storybook Nativity with cakes in Fr.Ps house! Saturday 18th January 7pm in SJ's Hall: SJSP Late Late Christmas Party with food and entertainment!