



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 16th/17th Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 16 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Chris Salisbury
Sun 17 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Deceased of the O'Dea Family

Mon. 18 th	9am	St. Peter's	Alan Hesketh
Tues. 19 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Imelda MacGee followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
	2pm		<i>Carleton Crematorium Service for Patricia Heffey</i>
	3:30pm		<i>Carleton Crematorium Service for Ian Houseby</i>
Wed. 20 th	9am	St. Peter's	For One in Great Distress
Thurs 21 st	No Mass today		
Fri 22 nd	11am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Mary Davies

Weekend 23rd/24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 23 rd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	George McKeon
Sun 24 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Intentions of Simon Waddington

Christmas Masses:

Sun 24 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Robert "Bob" Cookson
	8pm	St. Peter's	Deceased of Murphy and Mason Families
Mon 25 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Harrison Bretherton
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Sister Teresa Malone
	12noon		<i>Mass at Stella Mattutina</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition: Tuesday 10.30-11am at St. Joseph's.

This week Fr. Peter will be available for confessions for half an hour before 9am Mass at St. Peter's

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

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £150 Non Gift Aid £575.36

Cafod £10

St. Joseph's Care £106.84

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the Donor's Intentions

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Ian Housby, Patricia Heffey, and Mary Davies, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Stanislaw Chevsky, Christopher Norman, Terry Jones, Richard Cross, Kate Golightly and Thomas shaw

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, Louis Gill, 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, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(And lots more this weekend, I understand... 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, 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, next meeting Wednesday January 10th 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 December

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden **Sun 9.15am:** Anne Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: E. Gillett and P.Huskinson

Sun 9.15am: T. Cookson and M Golightly

This Week's Readings: In a spirit of profound joy and gratitude to God we gather to celebrate our Eucharist. It is the presence of the Messiah among us, Jesus Christ, that fills our hearts with hope on this day of Advent.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 In the joy of the Lord, the prophet Isaiah calls on the people to help build a new kingdom of justice and peace for all.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 St Paul exhorts the community to be happy and grateful in the Lord, as they await the return of Jesus.

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28 The prophetic mission of John the Baptist is to point to the saving presence of the Messiah, who already stands among the people.

Message from Fr. Peter: With Christmas Day being on a Monday, this year's season of Advent could not be any shorter - really just three weeks and as day, that last day being the weekend of the 23rd/24th, which, incidentally, is still an obligatory Sunday for us all (for which masses are at the usual weekend times). But however long or short Advent is, the last seven days of Advent are always the same, because on the 17th of December the Church moves into what is called 'Advent II' in which our readings follow closely the supernatural events taking place which lead us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Using the 'infancy narratives', as they are called from the Gospel's of Matthew and Luke, we hear on Monday how Joseph was encouraged in a dream to take Mary as his wife, on Tuesday of the annunciation of the birth of John, to his disbelieving Father, Zachariah; Wednesday gives us the beautiful story of the Annunciation of Jesus and Mary's wonderful ascent to being the Mother of God; Thursday the Visitation; Friday Mary's exultant song of praise at the impending birth of her Son in the Magnificat, and Saturday the birth and naming of John the Baptist, while the Gospel of the 24th being a Sunday morning, gives us once again a reminder of the Annunciation. And thus liturgically everything is ready for our celebrations of the birth of Jesus; let's make sure that we are spiritually prepared too, as we look forward to our wonderful Christmas masses. Maybe as part of your spiritual preparation you might like to invite someone to our services, perhaps using your social media. And we have a short Advent Celebration on Sunday at SJ's at 4pm. Christmas is one celebration that everyone is invited to - let's help everyone to respond. Incidentally, *how did Scrooge win the football match? The Ghost of Christmas passed. I'll get my coat... and my Christmas cracker...*

TODAY Sunday 17th December at 4pm at SJ's:
Short Advent Meditation and Carols & a Carol Around Calvary
with a drink and mince pie in the Presbytery afterwards.

Sunday 24th December:
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Masses the usual weekend times:
SJ's Vigil at 6pm, SJ's at 9:15am and SP's 10:0am

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December:

6pm at St. Joseph's: Children's Christmas Mass All children are asked to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, a Shepherd, a King, or an Ox, Donkey, or sheep, to create a 'living crib'. All Welcome!

8pm at St Peter's: CandleLit Christmas Mass *With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm*

Monday 25th December:
9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's: Christmas Morning Mass

St. Peter's School Advent Service: Tuesday at 6pm at St. Joseph's. All Welcome to celebrate the season with our children.

Walk With Me Advent Prayer Books for Children and Adults are available at the back of Church at £1, a great help to spiritual preparation for Christmas! **2024 Diocesan Directories** are also available priced £7. See where the Bishop has moved all your favourite priests to!

Posada Update: The Holy Family Journey Around the Parish: A tiring first week for Mary & I had included arriving at an inn which was unoccupied, and proved to be the wrong destination. The second week of our journey has continued in weather which will in years to come be described as 'biblical'. We arrived at a home in Hilton Avenue which appeared to be full of angels! From there we journeyed to Arnside Avenue, another warm and welcoming place, and Arundel Road was our final and comfortable resting place for the week. We await with joyful anticipation the blessings to come in the final week of our journey.

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.