

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 17th /18th		First Sunday in Lent	
Sat 17 th	5-5:50pm	St. Joseph's	Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 18 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	William and Mary Murray
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Michael King
	4-5pm	St. Peter's	Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon 19th	9am	St. Peter's	John Cavanagh followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Peter's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tues 20th	10am	St. Joseph's	Claire Critch followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
	7pm	St. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Wed. 21 st	9am	St. Peter's	Panagotis Chrisopoulos
Thurs 22 nd	10am	St. Joseph's	Dennis Turner
Fri 23 rd	10am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Bridie Ashton
	2pm	St. Peter's	Wedding Service for Emily and Mahmoud
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Weekend 24 th /25 th		Second Sunday	
Sat 24 th	5-5:50pm		Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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Sun 25 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Richard Smith
	10.30am		Sr. Helen Forshaw
	4-5pm	St. Peter's	Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week. Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, Tuesday 10:30-11am St. Joseph's Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks: Gift Aid £86 Non Gift Aid £268.90 St. Joseph's Care £100.20

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intention N.Hasson for healing

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Patricia Conroy, Bridie Ashton, Sheila Mary Hulme, Colin Woods, and Sr. Helen Forshaw SHCJ, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Lilian Lutas, Eileen Auty, Teresa Charles, Geoffrey Healey, Charles O'Neill, Margaret Wynne, Terence Glancy, Debbie Warner and Winifride

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Patricia Conroy, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, 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, Zivile Petraviciute, Bob Osachuk, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hyning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins, Mary Whittle, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (Even during Lent. 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 Commnion 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 24th/25th February

Readers
Sat Vigil: Anna Murgatroyd Sun 9.15am: Anne Waters

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker

Sun 9.15am:T. Cookson and M.Golightly

This Week's Readings: We gather to hear the word of God and draw near to the table of life that we may believe the Good News. First Reading Genesis 9:8-15 God makes a covenant with Noah and every living creature - the waters shall never again destroy the world.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 The waters of the flood brought destruction. Peter describes how the waters of baptism are life-giving and bring salvation.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Jesus endures forty days of temptation in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry.

Message from Fr. Peter: And so Lent has begun, and it was wonderful to see so many people at SJSP's and Stella coming to Mass to receive Ashes and make a great start to the season. Our Lenten disciplines begin in earnest this week, with extra time for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as Stations of the Cross on Mondays and Tuesdays, followed by a simple Benediction. The Stations of the Cross originally came into being to help those who were unable to pilgrimages to Jerusalem to make their own journey with Christ to Calvary, especially being formulated and encouraged by St. Francis of Assisi, who wished people to enjoin themselves to the sufferings of Christ, as he was especially linked to Christ's sorrows in receiving himself (possibly the first to do so) the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his own body, and by the end of the 18th century all Churches were permitted and encouraged to have their own 'Stations of the Cross'. Please join us for these most prayerful of celebrations round our Churches. Our Lenten talks at 6:30pm on Wednesdays at SPs begin this week; I'll be giving a talk on The Liturgical Year and the placing of Lent, and through out Lent our Deacons and Fr. Phil will be speaking about Marian and Eucharistic Devotions, and the Scriptures. All Welcome! As well as the usual, and extra as advertised, times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on March 1st at SJ's there will be a short service of Reconciliation, followed by the opportunity for individual confession and absolution, in conjunction with our friends at Our Lady Star of the Sea, a perfect time to fulfil our 'Easter duties'. And no doubt we have our own giving up and taking up, our opportunities to charitable giving - CAFOD fast day is approaching – as well as the usual weekly timetable. Let's make the most of this joyful season of Lent – and look forward to a joyful Eastertide.

Lent 2024 at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm and Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm (on certain weeks confession will available in this hour: details as advertised each week).

Stations of the Cross and Benediction:

Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm (starting next week)

Lenten Talks Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for Individual Confession:

Friday 1st March at 7pm at St. Joseph's.

Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.

Congratulations to Isaac, Wren, Kelly and Laura who were presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Saturday in preparation for their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

Trinity Collection: A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to our 2024 Appeal up to this point. Our collections over the past fortnight have raised a fantastic total of £2,035.53. In addition, our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept voluntary donations – large or small – throughout the month of February 2024. A further £240 plus £60 Gift Aid has been raised up to now through this. Our page can be found at: https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: This Friday 23rd February: This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can give using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

Red Mission Boxes: the Spring collection commences in March, please would you bring your box into church for emptying and counting. If you need your box collecting, please contact Pat Ormond 01253 733446 Thank you for your continued support.

Hail Holy Queen. During Lent our Marian Prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers each Day will be the Hail Holy Queen. In case you need the words: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Huge Thanks to everyone who organized came along to our Pancake Evening at SP's. It was a jolly evening and the pancakes were delicious! Keep your eyes out for more Parish Social events including...

St. Patrick's Day Party:

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long, the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun. St. Joseph's Hall, Sunday 1th March 6pm-9pm (early as it's a school night!)

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses

Women's World Dy of Prayer Service: Friday 1st March 2024 at 2pm St. Annes United Reform Church. The Service this year has been prepared by a group of Christian Women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian Faith began. All Welcome.

First Holy Communion 2024: application forms for the Course must be returned by today, Sunday February 18th.

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.