



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Aug Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Mike French
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Pamela Bradshaw

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Intentions of Sister Christine followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Wilf and Elsie Hindle preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 9:30am-9:50am
Wed.21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	John Nolan
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Margaret and Chris Saum

### Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Aug Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	John Scally
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Reginald Brocklesby

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**  
**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's; Tuesday 9:30-9:50am at St. Joseph's**  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for July:  
 Gift Aid £307.00 Non Gift Aid £906.60  
 Special Collections Gift Aid £158.00  
 Standing Orders £2961.50 St. Joseph's Care £203.87  
 Burkino Faso £65.00  
 Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

**Please pray for all who have died recently,** especially and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Elizabeth Flanagan, Colin Butterworth and Eileen Naylor.

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Barbara Delaney, Rosaline Fox, Cathy Gaughan, Patrick Gilligan, Pat Heeny, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Magdalena Jones, 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, 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. (*I'll need it. 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 Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

### Rotas for weekend 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> August Readers

Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton Sun 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton

### Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J and C. O'Neill

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M.Reid

**This Week's Readings:** We come together to celebrate Our Lord's gift of himself in bread and wine. The Eucharist we share is a pledge of the eternal life to be enjoyed by all who live in Christ.

**First Reading *Proverbs 9:1-6*** Wisdom invites the foolish to find life through drawing on her resources, freely given.

**Second Reading *Ephesians 5:15-20*** We should give thought to the way we live our lives, developing a thankful disposition through praise of God, rather than simply falling in with the culture around us.

**Gospel *John 6:51-58*** Jesus explains how the gift of eternal life is given to us through the Eucharist. By taking him into ourselves as food we draw life from him who draws life from the Father.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Today we have a tale of two boxes at the back of Church.

The first is marked 'School Stuff'. Last year a parishioner suggested to me that we begin the school year with a blessing of the children's school bags and pens and pencils and sports kits and so on, which we will do again at masses on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. When I was hunting round the internet for a suitable blessing, I discovered that this is very popular in American Churches (the blessing of backpacks), but there was also a blessing for **donated** backpacks – it's a tradition for Church communities but together school utensils and the like for children who aren't lucky enough to get new stuff at the start of the year. As we have children in need in our schools, if you are able to donate suitable school stationery items that can be distributed by our schools, please grab something when you are out shopping and pop it in the box, and it will be gratefully received. And blessed. And distributed.

The second box is marked 'Lourdes petitions' as our friend Father Philip is on Pilgrimage in Lourdes in September, and is happy to take written petitions of prayer to the grotto. He writes, *'Please place your written petition in an envelope, seal, and on the front write 'Lourdes Petition'. Your petition is private. Do NOT include money. Alternatively, you may wish to have a candle lit. Please place your offering (minimum £5 or multiples, in notes only) in a separate envelope from any petitions, seal, and on the front write 'Candles' and your intentions. Place in the box marked 'Lourdes Petitions' at the back of Church.'*

Two lovely ways in which we can aid the mission of the Church, practically and prayerfully, benefitting ourselves and others. *Saint Nicholas of Myra and Saint Thomas Aquinas (Patron Saints of Children, and of Students) and Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

**For security and safeguarding**, starting this week, **during the month of August Exposition and Confessions will take place at SJ's on Tuesdays before Mass from 9:30am**, with devotions concluding with Benediction, the Angelus, and the beginning of Mass. Confessions and Devotions continues at SPs after 9am Mass on Mondays till 10am.

**Burkina Faso.** Our 2024 appeal will run through to the end of August. There are envelopes on Our Lady's stand at the back of church, simply place your donation inside and return via the offertory collection. Thank you. *Edwina Gillett.*

**From the Jerusalem Bible to English Standard Version:** Luke 23:47

Jerusalem: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man'.

English Standard: Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent'.

*Even one word can you make you think very differently; look how 'great and good' becomes 'innocent', two very different translations for the Centurion's view of Jesus, which in Greek is 'dikaios', sometimes translated as 'righteous'.*

**Diocesan Pilgrimages:**

**The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St Mary's Church, Cleator, takes place on Sunday, 8th September at 3.00pm.** This year's theme is 'Our Lady, Guide of the Wanderer'. With so many in our world on the move seeking safety, peace, economic security and so many wandering and rootless in their moral and religious lives looking for guidance, we will pray for the intercession of Mary, the Holy Mother of God for healing and consolation. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass and lead the Blessing of the Sick.

**The annual pilgrimage to Ladywell takes place on Saturday, 21st September at 11.00am.** There will be Mass in St Mary's Church, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession down the lane to the Shrine for Benediction. Bishop Paul invites all Altar Servers to attend in their cassocks and cottas, with their Guild of St Stephen medals.

**Prayer Cards:** The Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster will commence on 23rd November 2024. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 10.30am on that day, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Centenary year will be marked by various celebrations on a Diocesan and more local level and will also serve to help us keep a fruitful Holy Year 2025. The Holy Year itself will open with Mass celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday 29th December 2024. At this stage, to help us with prayerful preparation for such a rich year of thanksgiving, a Centenary Prayer Card has been produced which Bishop Paul invites parishioners to take and pray each day.

**Mass Intentions**, for the deceased, the bereaved, for the sick, the Holy Souls, are always welcome, and offering envelopes are available at the back of Church, and Mass cards are available from the Holy Shops after Sunday Masses. **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.