



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A. Parish Mass book page Number 90.

### Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> December. The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Pat Eastham
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Norah Shortt
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Intentions of Peter Pearson <i>Exposition and Reconciliation till 10:am</i>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	Bill and Pauline Drake <i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation till 11am</i>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Maria McKay
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	George McKeon

## The Nativity of Our Lord Year A. Parish Mass book page Number 95-107.

### Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December. Nativity of Our Lord

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5.pm</b>	St. Peter's for Children	Sr. Celine McGuire
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Sr. Kay C.P
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	Bob Cookson
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	John Holdsworth
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	Philomena Cocker
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Deceased of Spafford and Stephenson Families
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	St. Joseph's	Margaret Nickson

### Weekend 31<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> January. Mary the Mother of God

Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St. Joseph's	Freda McGuinness
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Harold Thornton

### Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

**Monday 9:30-10am** at St. Peters, **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs (not Christmas week)  
Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

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## Christmas at St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

### Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

**6pm** at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas

*All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.*

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

**8pm** at St. Peter's CandleLit Mass of Christmas

With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

### Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

**9:15am** at St. Joseph's and **10:30am** at St. Peter's

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**COLLECTION COUNT:** for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £165.00  
Non Gift Aid: £379.66  
St. Joseph's Care £89.15  
CAFOD: £  
October Standing Orders: £2069.50  
**Many thanks** for your continued generosity.

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ivy Cunliffe, Theresa Green, Stanislaw Chevsky, Terry Jones, and Richard Cross

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: Elaine Acton-Reid, Rod Beirne, Margaret Brindle, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Brid José, Sr Kay, Margaret Long, Maureen Lundy, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Simon Muller, Molly Murphy Bob Osachuk, Tony Quigley, Alison Singleton Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), 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. *(Enjoy! I certainly do... 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? Please let us know and we can contact them. Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number so they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: [anne.waters@talktalk.net](mailto:anne.waters@talktalk.net)

**4th Sunday of Advent A**

Mary and Joseph are called to participate in God's saving plan. Let us imitate their reverence and generosity.  
**First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-14*** The future Incarnation is prophesied through Isaiah. God will come and dwell with his people.  
**Second Reading *Romans 1:1-7*** Paul writes to the Romans, telling them that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine.  
**Gospel *Matthew 1:18-24*** The prophecy is fulfilled as Mary conceives, and God is born into a real human family.

**Christmas Mass A**

In the quiet of this night a child is born. Into the darkness of this world a saviour comes. Let us gather round this child and welcome the Lord of life.  
**First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-7*** Isaiah, the prophet, describes the ideal king of Israel, a ruler who is wise and just, a prince of peace.  
**Second Reading *Titus 2:11-14*** Paul tells us what the birth of Jesus means — that salvation and holiness are possible for the whole human race.  
**Gospel *Luke 2:1-14*** Luke describes the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and how glory shone down upon the world.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** The third week of Advent really focused our Christmas preparations, not least with a tremendous Advent Service led by the upper school children – beautiful skinging and reading really brought home the Adven message. Well done to all involved. School closes now for the holidays, so we look froward to seeing the children ar our Masses next weekend. I hope your lastminute preparations go well, and I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas weekend together. Wherever you are, have a lovely elebraion of the bityjday of Jesus. Happy Christmas!

**Many thanks** to David Pope for leading he excellent Advent 'Sycamore' course o St. Peters. It was very thought provoking, and a wonderful few hours of calm and prayer in this busist of times.

**And many thanks** to Simon and his crew who put together the onwderful cooked breajfast last Sunday. Everyone had a great tine, and a filling breakfast – cindluing myself, who wasmost appreciative of the leftovers!

**Mass Intentions for the year ahead:** If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time to make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church

**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 Richard Jones on 01253727498 and he will show you the ropes!

**REPOSITORY:** Cards for all occasions available. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

**RED MISSION BOXES** Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the Sacristy. If you require it collected contact Pat Ormond on 733446 to arrange.

**WEDNESDAY WORD** available from the back of church to help prepare for next Sunday's readings.

**POPPIES SOCIAL:** Afternoon Tea and Chat for the Older Person with activities, weekly on a Friday in St. Joseph's Church Hall (Term time only). 2-4pm. To book tea or transport, Julie Webb on 07517 086530

**THE HOLY ROSARY:** Thursday at noon in Church.

*Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. **Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ's email** by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so **please make use of the noticeboards** at the back of Church. Cheers.*

**Rotas for weekend 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat Vigil: J Warwick Sun 9.15am D Morgan**

**Readers**

**Sat Vigil: D. Warwick Sun 9.15am: Anne Wormleighton**

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil: P. Hutchinson Edwina gillett Sun 9.15am:**

T.Cookson and MGolightly