



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year C

19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*Blessed is she who believed  
that the promise made her by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

(Vigil) 6.00pm Tony & Kelly Godden (Gold Wedd)

9.15am Joe Waters RIP

10.30am Mass at St Peter's

5.05pm The Parish

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> No Mass

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Alan Hesketh RIP

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Mass at St Peter's

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Mass at St Peter's

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> No Morning Mass

### The Nativity of the Lord

6.00pm Kate Golightly (Ann)

8.00pm Mass at St. Peter's

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Bob Cookson (Ann)

10.30am Mass at St. Peter's

12 Noon Harold & Doris Burns (Ann)

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family

9.15am Marie & Ted Gillett RIP

10.30am Mass at St Peter's

5.05pm The Parish

**There will be no weekday Masses between**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January Mary Mother of God

10.00am Mass at St Peter's

12 Noon Barbara Kelly - Dec'd Rel's

**N.B - No Vigil Mass this Saturday evening**

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

9.15 am The Parish

10.30am Mass at St. Peter's

5.05pm Philomena Cocker RIP

Please note there is no vigil Mass for Sunday on

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### ONLINE MASSES:

For live-streamed Sunday Mass, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3fkB30I> or

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/> recorded videos

**CONFESSIONS:** Available after the 10am Saturday Mass at St Peter's, and the 10am Masses at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also, by arrangement with Fr David. Tel. 737037

### COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

	Offertory	Poor Missions Fund
Gift Aid	£ 383.45	£109.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 740.44	£119.15
	<u>£1123.89</u>	<u>£228.15</u>

St. Joseph's Care £402.10

Christmas Flowers £10

### Please pray for:

**Lately Dead:** Bernard Woods, Sacha Furnell

**Those who are sick:** Margaret Brindle, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hyning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Richard Smith, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Christopher Hickson, Pat Moss, Peter Davies, Tony Quigley.

### Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Peter McDonnell, Ellen Drake, Elizabeth Greaves, Stanislaw Chevsky, Bob Cookson, Nora Blake, Terry Jones, Eileen Mary McConnon, Angela Dawson, Richard Cross, Kate Golightly, Thomas Shaw, Mary Jo O'Carroll, Elizabeth (Lily) Gillett, Bernard Kidd, Kitty Braithwaite, Dr. Peter McDonnell, Maurice Barber, Cornelius Qualter, Peter Benson, Joseph Colgan, Florrie Unsworth, Agnes Broughton, Margaret Baines, Jack Nickson, Agnes Fox, Hilda Taylor, Alison Capella, Wilfred Stevens, Czeslaw Rogowic. John Stevens, John Mannion, Ann Dollard, Edith Mary Mee.

**BACON BUTTIES ARE BACK:** Simon is back in the kitchen after Mass on Sunday morning, so why not call in for a bite and coffee! The children's craft club is also on.

**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)

**FOODBANK:** Thank you for your continued generous donations. All items go to support people in our local community.

**REPOSITORY:** Call in for your Christmas Cards and small Christmas gifts. We also have a wide selection of cards for all occasions.

### READERS

#### For Weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> January

**Sat Vigil:** C Ralston **Sun 9.15:** P Benning

**Sun 5.05:** S Hornshaw

**TIMES OF MASS AT CHRISTMAS:** Mass times for Christmas Day will be as follows:

**St Joseph's: 6.00 pm Vigil, 10.00am am Morning and also 12 Midday.** It is necessary to book a place in Church for any of the Christmas Masses. Please see the lists at the back of church.

**ADVENT – A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR:**

Let's make this journey through Advent together. Each week we will explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: THE CANDLE OF JOY.**



When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with joy. She sang a song beginning with the words, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.' Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace and love grows joy. (*Light the candle*) Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus.

**Let us pray.** Thank you, God for the joy you give us. As we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, we ask that you would remain present with us. Help us today and everyday to worship you, to hear your word and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem and is born in our hearts. **Amen**

**HOW CAN WE SHOW JOY?** Joy is infectious. We can't help but share it. Let your heart pause with thankfulness as you prepare for Jesus' birth. Look at the manger scene with fresh wonder. Kneel before the crib. Look into the eyes of the divine Infant. Consider all the changes this year has brought and invite Him into your changes. Let joy fill your soul then go in haste like Mary to Elizabeth and help someone who waits for you.

**UNPICK THE GOSPEL:** Come and reflect on next week's Gospel in the Hall Wednesday 10am until 11am. Listen and consider what Jesus is saying to us today! Come along and just try it, you will be surprised at how the Gospel comes alive.

**HELP FOR THE REFUGEES:** St Joseph's Care would like to say a great big thank you for your kind donations to help the refugee families. It has been delivered to Home-start, the collection centre on St Alban's Road. They were really grateful for everything and passed on their thanks.

**TRINITY HOSPICE 200 CLUB:** As you know, St Joseph's Parish has traditionally raised funds for Trinity Hospice each October via the Hospice 200 Club. COVID restrictions have prevented us from safely doing so during 2021, yet we remain eager to raise funds for this truly deserving cause. With this in mind, our fundraising in 2022 will involve us setting up a *Just Giving* page through which donations can be made to Trinity Hospice. It will run throughout the month of February 2022. I will provide more details in the New Year. With thanks for all your support for Trinity Hospice, Dennis Duignan.

**4<sup>th</sup>SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Radio Lancashire's Sunday Service will be broadcast from Hying Monastery at 8am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, please tune in.

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE:** Try using tissue paper to wrap your Christmas presents and ribbon rather than tape.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** has not restarted yet because it is felt that there is still a high level of infection around, especially in school children. Also, the rooms we use don't have sufficient ventilation. We are also very short of liturgists. If you would like to join the team, please leave your name with Fr. David.

**AN APPEAL FOR HELP:** Gemma and Phoebe Rowlings at St Peter's are collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Bone Cancer Research Trust, who can turn them into vital funds for life saving research (1kg of stamps can fund 1 hour of research!). Please remember to leave a 1cm (or ½ inch) border around the stamps when cutting them from the envelope or parcels. There will be a collection point in the porch at Church. Please, help Gemma and Phoebe make a difference to the future of bone cancer research and treatment. And please spread the word - tell all your family and friends.

**WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!** Every day in November, two parishioners from St Peter's - Ann Aitken and Pia Ashton, both nurses - took on the *Cold Water Challenge* for Cancer Research. Every day they took a dip somewhere different: in a farm cattle trough; a fire station water trough; in a green waste bin; Fairhaven Lake; Lowther Pond; in the sea at Blackpool; and in Grasmere and other lakes. They have raised almost £22000 for Cancer Research! What a great effort - well done them (especially at this time of year!).