



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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

20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

*'I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary  
'Let what you have said be done to me.'*

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil)	Int's of Sr Philomena Allen
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Kate & John Golightly (Ann)
	10.30am Mass at St Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u> The Parish
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Mass
<u>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Stuart Peacock RIP
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Peter's
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	No Morning Mass

### The Nativity of the Lord

	6.00pm Harold & Doris Burns (Ann)
	8.00pm Mass at St. Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u> Paul Jackson RIP
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Bob Cookson (Ann)
	10.30am Mass at St. Peter's
	12 Noon The Parish

### 26<sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family

	6.00pm Marie & Ted Gillett RIP
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am The Parish
	10.30am Mass at St. Peter's
	<u>No Recorded Mass</u>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> to Thur 31 <sup>st</sup>	No Mass
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Mary, the Mother of God</b>
	10.00am Mass at St Peter's
	12 Noon Alan Hesketh RIP
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm Pat Eastham RIP
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am The Parish
	10.30am Mass at St. Peter's
	<u>Recorded</u> Elizabeth Cantoni (Ann)

**Masses underlined are recorded, and should be available online**

**Holy Communion visits to the sick: can only be made when someone is very ill or in danger of death.**

### Online Masses:

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/>, for recordings of Mass here at St Joseph's.

**COLLECTION COUNT:** for the last few weeks:

	Offertory	Retired Priests
Gift Aid	£815.00	£ 2.00
Non Gift Aid	<u>£634.78</u>	<u>£60.00</u>
	£1449.78	£62.00

Diocesan Youth £7.00

Poor Missions £22.00 November Gift Aid £1221

**Please pray for:**

**Lately dead:** Teresa Green

**Those who are sick:** Nora Shortt, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hying), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaile, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Fr Bill Bootle, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Bernadette McGladdery, Richard Smith, Patricia Sumner

### Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

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

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE:** If you, or someone you know is in need, St Joseph's Care has a helpline and we have volunteers who will be in a position to provide basic support such as shopping. The number is: 07840 112 265 (9am – 7pm daily). In these difficult times many people may be worried or concerned about a loved one. If you would like to ask for prayers, please ring St. Joseph's Care phone line or send an e-mail to: [st.josephs\\_andsell@btinternet.com](mailto:st.josephs_andsell@btinternet.com). A list of prayer requests in addition to the sick, lately dead and anniversaries will be on the bulletin each week.

**We continue** to support needy families in the South Shore area with food and clothing vouchers.

**Support** - We would be grateful for any donations to assist our Christmas effort in supporting needy families in the South Shore area and more locally here in Lytham St Annes. Your offerings can be deposited in the safe at the back of church or in an envelope clearly marked St Joseph's Care and placed in the retiring collection. Thank you!

**FOODBANK:** Volunteer needed from 10<sup>th</sup> January to deliver foodbank items left at church to local collection point, a car will be needed. Full details available from Edwina 736630. Thank you.

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

**St Joseph's: 6.00 pm Vigil, 9.15 am Morning** and also **12 Midday**. Midnight Mass will not be public, but will be recorded and available online - a little after Midnight. **The 6.00pm and 9.15am Masses are fully booked.** If you would like to come to the 12 Midday Mass please ring Edwina Gillett on 736630, or see the form at the back of church.

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

Let's continue this journey through Advent together. Each week we explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world. First, place a candle where you can sit quietly and think and pray.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** A word of grateful thanks to all of you for your kind and generous good wishes, cards and offerings. It is very much appreciated. It has been a very challenging year for all of us, and we all pray and hope for a peaceful and joyful Christmas - even in the midst of all the restrictions. We must also pray for a blessed new year for 2021; for an end to the current covid-19 crisis; and, especially, for those who have suffered in any way, directly or indirectly, from its effects. God is with us through it all; and the celebration of Christ's birth reminds us that He has joined us in and won the victory over suffering and death. Nothing can separate us from His love. My His blessing be upon you all and your loved ones, now and always.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Jenny Green & Samuel Evans were married here las Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> Dec). We wish them every happiness in their life together.

**DONATION BY STANDING ORDER:** If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at [st.josephs\\_andsell@btinternet.com](mailto:st.josephs_andsell@btinternet.com), requesting a standing order form. If you are a taxpayer and are not already Gift-aiding your contributions, please consider this. It is a great support to the parish. Forms for Gift-aid are available as above.

**OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE:** The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting this link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CAFOD:** Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers over the last year. 2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for so many. In this year like no other, our prayer as a global community has been more important than ever. The support you have given has meant that together we've been able to reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world. As we move towards the Christmas season, we are reminded that no one is beyond the reach of God's love. We wait with joy for the Lord, the hope of the world. Thank you again for all you do with CAFOD. As we look back on the year, you can find our annual review here: <https://cafod.org.uk/About-us/How-we-work/Annual-reviews>.