



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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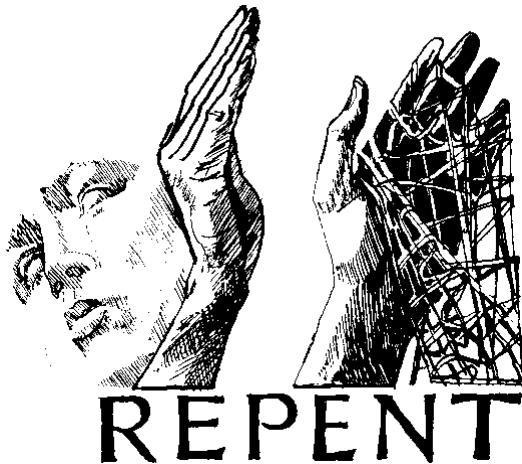
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Weekend 20 th /21 st		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 20 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Samantha Rawstron (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun 21 st	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Deceased of the O'Dea Family
Mon 22 nd	9am	St. Peter's	Margaret Fearn <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 23 rd	12.30pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Cliff Walsh
Wed. 24 th	9am	St. Peter's	Donor's Intention
Thurs 25 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Intentions of Grace and Archie Hill
	11am	Stella Mattutina	Requiem Mass for Sr. Anne O'Connor
Fri 26 th	11am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Frances O'Connor
Weekend 27 th /28 th		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 27 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	William and Mary Murray
Sun 28 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Tony Waters
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Audrey McSherry

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:
Gift Aid £246 Non Gift Aid £575.55
Special Gift aid 118.50 Non Gift Aid £23.46
St. Joseph's Care £151.49
Calvary Appeal £1350 Flowers 20.00

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the Cathy Gaughan who is unwell

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Cliff Walsh, Sr. Anne O'Conoor, Frances O'Connor, Louis Gill, and Alan Turner and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Fr. Stephen Cross, Ann Morton, Irene Crook, Anne Mary Hawkes, Tony Haliday, Agnes Burns, Eric Fletcher, Michael O'Neill, Fr. Tom Ward, Tony Waters, Eileen Dillon and William Howarth.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, 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.
(And left over haggis. 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 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, 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.

Thursday at 10:30am in Church.

Rotas for weekend 27th/28th January

Readers

Sat Vigil: Mary Wren Hilton **Sun 9.15am:** Wanda Kruszynska
Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila and Paul

|Sun 9.15am: T. Cookson and M. Golightly

This Week's Readings: God calls us together to hear his word and to invite us to renew our discipleship. As we call on the Lord's name, let us renew our commitment to work for God's kingdom.

First Reading *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* Reluctantly, Jonah finally agrees to deliver God's message of repentance to Nineveh, and the people respond.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31* Paul encourages the people of Corinth to live in the knowledge that the kingdom of God is close at hand, so they should respond without delay.

Gospel *Mark 1:14-20* In a very concentrated passage, we hear the core of Jesus' message and the beginning of Jesus' ministry, with the call of the disciples.

Message from Fr. Peter's SISTER (from Australia, who along with her husband and children are spending their summer holidays here in Lytham and Ansdell). *I moved to Australia on April 2nd 2009, almost fifteen years ago. Since then many births and deaths on both sides of the world have given me both joys and sadness and a keen sense of how distance changes, but happily does not and cannot erase bonds of love and family. I left my brother and mother and became part of a (much larger) family I had only ever met on brief holidays. Coming home (England is still home) leads me to reflect on how the meaning of family and love develops. You remind yourself that people have long memories and experiences with you, and, to quote my father, 'your heart just gets bigger'. Professionally I have worked with people forced into familial separation by war and poverty, and it makes me realise how, although the Clarke family spans the globe (our brother and his family have lived in Hong Kong for over thirty-five years) we have, as a gift from our parents, a strong bond of love and laughter which hasn't broken. We are also always made welcome by Peter's Parish 'Family', and being here for Christmas masses always brings me 'home'. At the end of the month I will return to Australia more fully 'me'. My family and colleagues down under always notice my sense of renewal (and retuned accent!) having had my top up of love from my extended Northern-Hemisphere family - which will see me through the Australian winter (yes, we do have one!) to my next visit.*

First Holy Communion 2024: application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses. Forms must be returned by Sunday February 18th.

Trinity Hospice Fund Raising: St Peter's and St Joseph's Parishes have been long-time supporters of Trinity Hospice. Indeed a Hospice Fund 200 Club was run for over 30 years at St Joseph's until Covid restrictions stopped this. In 2024 we plan to co-ordinate our support and launch a joint fundraising appeal in both parishes to run during the month of February. This will feature a 'Just Giving' page and bucket collections at the end of masses in both parishes for the first two weekends in February. More information will be provided next week. If anyone would like to volunteer with the Trinity collections, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

This Week Is Christian Unity Week: and at the 10:30am Mass at St. Peter's this Sunday we welcome members of the Churches in Lytham Group, formally Lytham Ecumenical Partnership, on the fortieth anniversary of the original partnership and twenty-five years since St. Peter's joined. Let us echo the words of Jesus *'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'* (John 17:20)

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. Anniversaries in the bulletin are composed of information from two sources: A list in the parish office going back many years and the list of funerals conducted by Fr. Peter throughout the year.

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.