



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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### Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> April

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Clare Critch
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Joe Ainsworth
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Joy Warwick followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	1:15pm		<i>Carleton Crematorium Service for Tony Willis</i>
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Anita Walsh followed by <i>Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	Ted Hudson
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. Joseph's	Deceased of O'Dea Family
	12:30pm	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Brian Craig

### Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> April

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Cathleen Sanders
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Andrew Towler

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**  
**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, Tuesday 10:30-11am St. Joseph's**  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for March:  
 Gift Aid £412.50 Non Gift Aid £1154.15  
 Standing Orders £2855.50  
 St. Joseph's Care £210.24  
 Cafod St. Peter's and St. Joseph's £1285.86

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially, Tony Willis, Brian Craig, and Tom Charnley and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Pat Quaile, Mary Paul, Mary Whittle, Nadia Garsed Taylor, Walter Plant, Patricia Fanning, Peter Earnshaw, Brian Green, Harry Lawrenson, Philip Booker and Malcolm Liptrot.

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: 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. (*Jusr what's need on a Sunday Morning*)

**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 Commnion 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 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> April

#### Readers

Sat Vigil: Ann Murgatroyed Sun 9.15am: Children

#### Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: C. Williams and M. Taylor Sun 9.15am: M Cookson & P Benning.

**This Week's Readings:** The image before us today is of the shepherd with his sheep. Many of us may not think of ourselves as docile sheep. Others may find it hard to relate to a rural image. Yet the readings are about good leadership and service, vital requirements in our world today.

**First Reading Acts 4:8-12** Peter and John have spent a night in jail after causing a disturbance by healing a paralysed beggar. Peter tells the judges the following day that the healing was by the name of Jesus. His boldness, attributed to the Holy Spirit, amazes the Jewish leaders.

**Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2** If we seriously follow Jesus, we will not be popular in mainstream society, yet we shall be children of God.

**Gospel John 10:11-18** Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life. He contrasts the good shepherd to someone who is simply hired to look after the sheep. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare. Jesus, on the other hand, will always be there with the sheep.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Well we are now around half way through Eastertide, and that means we are about half way through our Eastertide first readings at each Mass taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Written by St. Luke as a sequel to his Gospel, Acts is a great adventure story, taking us from Easter Sunday, through Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the beginnings of the Church, leading the Apostles, to which becomes added Saint Paul, to spread the Church throughout the world from Jerusalem, and finding its new centre in the city of Rome. This week we hear about the first Great Council of Jerusalem, the first of many great Councils of the Church, when leaders of the Church would gather to discuss and formulate and correct teaching and theology, to ensure that the Catholic is truly that, Catholic meaning universal – the last Council, of course, being Vatican II in the 1960's. The First Council especially discussed entrance rites into the Church, especially for those coming from Judaism. It's a fascinating glimpse of the history of the Church, but also shows the holiness and determination, as well as the humanity and fallibility, of those first leaders of the Church, and also their great devotion to the formation of the Sacraments as instituted by Jesus, and their deep focus on prayer – indeed I don't think there is a single chapter in Acts which does to contain either a prayer or some reference to the disciples praying. As the disciples spread the word of Jesus and introduced the Church to a misunderstanding and unwelcoming world, not unlike our own, perhaps we might echo the prayer of Peter in Acts 4: *'Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.'* Amen.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Next class in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday at 6pm, where our candidates will be looking at the Offertory and how we prepare for the Eucharistic Prayer. Please pray for our twenty children on this important step in the faith journeys.

**Parish Young People Going to Lourdes with the Diocese Fund Raiser:** Come and join us for a fundraising event in St Joseph's Hall on 4th May at 7 pm until 9 pm. This family games night is sure to be great fun and a little bit competitive. We are raising money to assist two of our parish youth members to attend the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The evening will involve playing a number of family friendly board and card games and a light pizza supper. Drinks will be available to purchase and a raffle will take place. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for under 10's. Please come along and help raise funds for to support our young parishioners. Tickets will be available after mass each week. Tickets will not be available on the night.

**Lancaster Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July 23rd – 30th). The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris (22nd July- 1st August). Further details are available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or youth email: [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

**Offertory Envelopes for the New Year** are here! Please take your box from the back of Church. If you would like to Gift Aid your offerings or receive a box of envelopes, please use the forms at the back of Church. Many thanks for everyone's continued support and generosity.

**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.