



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

Parish Priest: Fr. David Burns.

St. Joseph's Presbytery, Woodlands Road, Ansdell,
Lytham St Anne's, FY8 4EP. Tel: 01253 737037

Website: www.st-josephsansdell.net Email: st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com



The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

*Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered
will be uncovered, and everything now hidden
will be made clear.*

The following are the Mass intentions that Fr David will offer in private during this Week:

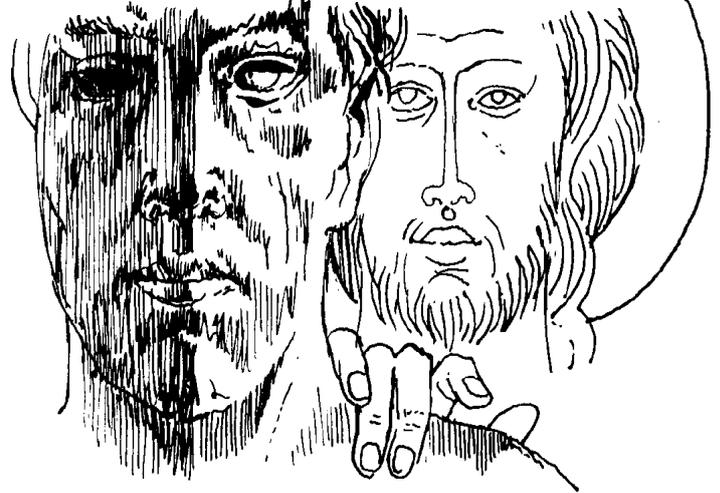
Sat 20 th Vigil:	St Peter's Parish
Sun 21 st Morning	St Joseph's Parish
Sun 21 st Afternoon	Andrew Quinn (Ann)
Mon 22 nd	Private Intention
Tue 23 rd	Brenda McHugh RIP
Wed 24 th	St Peter's Intention
Thu 25 th	St Peter's Intention
Fri 26 th	Sheila Burns RIP
Sat 27 th Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 27 th Vigil:	St Peter's Parish
Sun 28 th Morning	St Joseph's Parish
Sun 28 th Afternoon	Fr John Hartley (Ann)

Next Sunday is the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Mass Intentions may be posted through the door at St Joseph's Presbytery

A thought for Sunday: We might think, to listen to this Sunday's first reading that we had jumped back into the middle of Lent: 'All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge."' It sounds very much like the readings for Palm Sunday or Good Friday. Then we hear 'Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the souls of the needy from the hands of evil men'. In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: 'Do not be afraid'. In Holy Week the focus is on the passion and death of Jesus. Here, Jesus is telling His disciples that they must follow in his steps: as He would suffer, so they who follow him will suffer also. But whatever they must endure will come to an end. They are in God's hands – their souls will be safe if they are faithful to Him. St Paul tells us: 'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us'. What seems hidden in our present age will come to light when Christ comes, when the fullness of the Kingdom and all its glory are revealed. May God give us the grace to seek His Kingdom first, and its righteousness, that we may be found worthy to reign with Him.

DO NOT BE AFRAID



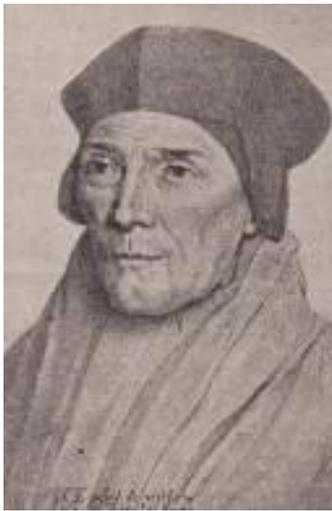
*'The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero, ...
for I have committed my cause to you.'*

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). We thank those extra volunteers who have given their names and are prepared to provide help for those who need it.

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Canon Paul Embery, Nora Short, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hynning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaille, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Bobby Kelly, Judith Cross, John Weaver, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne.

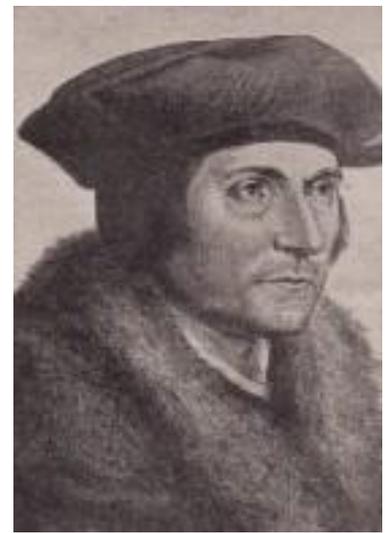
Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Andrew Quinn, Mary Josephine Ball, Mary MacMahon, Nancy Charles, Frankie Hughes, Jane (Jenny) Greg, Mary Ramsden, Evelyn Mary Thacker, Fr John Hartley.



Saint John Fisher

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

This Monday the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. These two English martyrs were men of great courage and integrity who stood up in their day for the rights of the Church. John Fisher was the Bishop of Rochester. He lived a simple lifestyle, but was a theologian and had refused to recognise Henry VIII's claim of supremacy over the Church. For this he was imprisoned, as was Sir Thomas More, who was a lawyer and a scholar. He rose to be Chancellor, but resigned because he could not recognise the King's claim. Both were executed: Fisher on 22nd June, More on 6th July, both in 1535.



St Thomas More

Church re-opening

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to act as stewards for the re-opening of the church. We are hoping to open sometime this week. There has been a new development in this regard, because the Bishops of England & Wales have now agreed to open our churches for simple funeral services (not Requiem Mass). There would be a limit of 20 people – this would have to be family members only, or close friends if there is no family. There would be no singing at this stage. If you wish to help please contact Fr David on 737037. The opening times will be posted this week

Church Collection

During this time of locked churches, the most serious impact is that of not being able to go to church for Mass or for prayer. The latter we hope to alleviate in a few weeks, the former will be some time longer. Even though we are closed, there are still expenses that have to be met. We are very grateful for those who have put envelopes through the letter box or have sent cheques, etc. If anyone wishes to set up a standing order arrangement, or just make payments via online banking, please contact Fr David.

The Voice for June: If you haven't already seen it on the parish website, this is the link: https://st-josephsansdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_June_2020.pdf

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

CAFOD Appeal: CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water + healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. In some developing countries there are almost no intensive care hospital beds or ventilators. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever, to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate as individuals online at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or by phone on 08085 85 88 85 *Thank you...*

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

An Act of Perfect Contrition: This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again. The following or similar formula should be used:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God have mercy.