



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 25th / 26th May

Sat 25 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 26 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Deceased of O'Dea Family
	10.30am	St. Peter's	John Nolan

Mon 27 th	9am	St. Peter's	Frank Holland <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 28 th	10am	St. Joseph's	A Serious Operation <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
	4pm	Stella Matutine	Reception Mass for Mildred Myerscough
Wed. 29 th	9am	St. Peter's	Frank and Winnie Mulligan
Thurs 30 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Pat Costello

Weekend 1st / 2nd June The Body and Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sat 1 st	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Isobel Quinn
Sun 2 nd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Repose of the Soul of Teresa Mee SHCJ

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 April:
Gift Aid £314.45 Non Gift Aid £909.83
Standing Orders £1365.50 St. Joseph's Care £259.50
Sanctuary Lamp: Baxendale and Holliday Families

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Julie Meechan, Mildred Myerscough and John Downing and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Francis Harrison, Alexander Morrison, Brother Peter Broadhurst, Mary Anne Morgan, Stephen Gilgrass, Netta Judson and Michael Sheppard

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!

No COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*More All Bran for lunch! Hey ho... FrP*)

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 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 1st /2nd June

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick Sun 9.15am: James Wormleighton

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: J & C O'Neill Sun 9.15am: M Cookson & M Reid

This Week's Readings: God is not isolated or remote. God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a community of love.

First Reading *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40* A homily in praise of God, for giving such majestic teaching to the people of Israel.

Second Reading *Romans 8:14-17* Freedom from every kind of slavery is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20* From a mountain in Galilee the Gospel goes out to the whole world.

Message from Fr. Peter: The mystery of the Holy Trinity. Three persons in one God. One God, three persons. One big mystery. So how an earth can I possibly say anything about this great mystery? What *do* you say? Even the great St. Augustine had problems with it. There is a story that one day St. Augustine – incidentally, I'm not sure whether it was St. Augustine of Hippo, or St. Augustine of Canterbury. Years ago when I was in Lourdes I was chatting to a couple of people and I asked which Church they were from, and they said, 'St. Augustine's'. And I asked 'Of Canterbury or Hippo,' and they said, 'Preston'. Anyway, one of the two St. Augustines was walking along the sea shore one morning trying to fathom out and come to an understanding of the Mystery of the Trinity, when he saw a young girl in the sand, digging a hole with her hands and running to the sea and filling the hole with water. He asked her what she was doing, and she said, 'I'm trying to empty the ocean into this hole'. Augustine said, 'You'll never be able to do that,' and she said, 'No, and you'll never be able to understand the mystery of the Trinity.' And with that she disappeared. A lesson for us all. Some of God's mysteries are unfathomable and are they to be simply and humbly loved and celebrated. *I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity; By invocation of the same. The Three in One, and One in Three, Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.*

The Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster. This year sees our 2 parishes age in years. SJ's will be 116 years old and SP's will be 185 years old. Both parishes are older than our own Diocese of Lancaster. We were both parts of Liverpool Diocese as our own Diocese of Lancaster didn't exist until 1924. Our diocese will enter its 100th year in November. Bishop Paul wants to mark the Centenary of the Diocese with a year of celebrations commencing on the Feast of Christ the King in November and lasting until the Feast of St. Luke, 18th October 2025. The Centenary Year also coincides with the Holy Year that Pope Francis has decreed. Bishop Paul has asked that parishes and deaneries organise events and liturgies to mark this special time. **We will begin our preparations by praying Evening Prayer together with Benediction on the first Monday of each month alternating between our two Churches. We start on Monday 3rd June at 7pm in SP's.** Each month will have a different theme. Using psalms, scripture readings, hymns and prayers of intercession we come together in unity with the whole Church. **Please do join us and spread the word. Please keep an eye out for further news on the Centenary.**

Safeguarding: All volunteers who DO NOT require a DBS check must receive and sign for a **Safeguarding information sheet. Please note that this is mandatory.** Safeguarding representatives will attend all masses to give out the leaflets to people such as Bell ringers, cleaners, counters, collectors and greeters. Many thanks. *The Safeguarding Team.*

Summer Term Social Events for Everyone: please come along and get involved in our social fund raisers: get the dates in your diary now!

SJSP's Got Talent: A showcase of Our Parishioner's Talents all in one evening. It's Friday 14th June at 7pm in our hall. We need as many people to sign up to do an act as possible. It's not a competition – no judging or anything like that - just a bit of fun. All ages welcome! If you would like to take part – whatever your act or ability, please check in with Simon on legendsofastoria@gmail.com for us to put a programme together! More information soon! Any suggestions as to what FrP's actual talent *is* are most welcome...

It's Race Night at St. Peters on Friday 19th July at 7pm. Bring your drinks and nibbles, and get ready for the tote! Eight Races with Eight Horses, which you can sponsor and bet upon on the night! If you'd like to sponsor a horse or a race, please see Ali Croft or Cath Powell, and look out for more information soon.

Burkina Faso. Our 2024 appeal will run through to the end of August. Last year we raised sufficient funds for the construction of a Grotto for the Bernardine community. We are waiting on news of which project the Sisters would like us to help with this year but we can make a start with our collection. There are envelopes on Our Lady's stand at the back of church, place your donation inside and return via the offertory collection. Thank you. *Edwina Gillett.*

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.