



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.*

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> <u>Vigil: 6pm</u>	Pat Eastham RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> <u>9.15am</u>	People of the Parish
<u>10.30am</u>	Mass at St Peter's
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon	St Peter's Intention
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Trainer RIP
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> <u>8.30am</u>	Mass at St Peter's
<u>12 noon</u>	Jo Rogers RIP
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Intention
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Philomena Cocker RIP
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> <u>Vigil: 6pm</u>	Pearson Family Intentions
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> <u>9.15 am</u>	People of the Parish
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**The underlined Masses will be celebrated in public.**

**Confessions:** If you wish to go to Confession, this can be arranged on an individual basis, please give Fr David a ring.

**A thought for Sunday:** In the 1956 Hollywood epic *Giant*, James Dean played his final role as a down at heel and lonely ranch hand called Jet Rink, living in the shadow of the wealthy ranch owner Vic Benedict and his wife (Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor). When Vic's sister dies, she leaves Jet a small piece of land from her share of the ranch. The Benedict's try and persuade Jet to sell, but he is determined to keep it; and goes on to prospect for oil, which he finds in great abundance. He ends up with far greater wealth than his former employer, but his joy is short lived. Jet's wealth does nothing to solve his loneliness. At the end of the film he cuts a rather pathetic figure, still jealous of the happiness of Benedict and his wife. The deepest yearnings of the human spirit can never be satisfied from anything we could find in this world. We are made for God: to know Him, love Him and serve Him, and to love one another. The greatest prize we can find is to know that He, God, loves us. This gives us, and our lives, inestimable value. The greatest prize is to know that we are prized and loved by God. It is a source of life that never runs out. And it is worth everything we could ever have, and all we can give, to possess the greatest gift that God bestows.



*'The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
looking for fine pearls...'*

**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).

**Please pray for:**

**Lately Dead:** Charles Trainer.

**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, Molly Murphy, Jenny Orosun

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Bertha Leigh, John McNicholas, Louise Sykes, Anne McKenna, Thomas Sidney Johnson, Elsie Terry, Eunice McKenna, Rena Lee, Catherine McKelvey, Alice Margaret Harman, Lillah Ogden, Mary Saum, Mary Hull, Winifred Walsh, Henry Magee, Fr Sean Hogan, John Smith, Sr Mary Corroll SCJM, Deacon John Stanning, William Robert Barnes, Teresa Crilly, Cecelia Hopkinson, Eric Herbert Sutton.



St Ignatius Loyola

### St Ignatius of Loyola & St Alphonsus Liguori

This week we celebrate the feasts of two great saints of the Church. St Ignatius had been a soldier, and after being injured in combat discovered that, during his recovery, his reading of books about Christ and the saints brought him a deeper and more abiding joy than stories of soldiers and their adventures. He developed a system of discernment: the spiritual exercises. He gathered around him a group that became the Society of Jesus, dedicated to converting and saving souls. St Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). He wrote many works, including those on moral theology, of which he is acknowledged as the master.



St Alphonsus Liguori

### Our Lady is back!

For some time now, Our Lady's statue has been missing from St Joseph's memorial garden. She was damaged when a strong wind blew her over in the winter time. The damage consisted of quite a large hole in the front of her gown. She has been kept in the piety stall since before the lockdown. Adrian Denye from St Peter's took her to his workshop this week, and kindly an excellent repair. Adrian is a boat builder, and applied his considerable skills to restoring Our Lady's statue to its former condition. She is now returned to watch over the garden – now, securely bonded in position on the flag stones. We thank Adrian for his effort and generosity. It is good to have Our Lady back watching over our parish!

### From Bishop Paul Swarbrick – on a virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes...

The Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee will present a virtual pilgrimage during the week of 24th July - 1st August 2020, when we would have been in Lourdes. The attached itinerary shows the Masses and Services planned for the week. The virtual pilgrimage will primarily be accessed through the pilgrimage facebook page with prompts and reminders being posted before events: <https://www.facebook.com/LancastersLourdesPilgrimage>. Links will be posted on the pilgrimage website at [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) and the Diocesan website. Our Lady of Lourdes is the Patroness of our Diocese. This is an opportunity for us to honour her.

**The Voice for July:** The latest edition of our diocesan newspaper can be found via this link: [https://st-josephsandsell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice\\_Lancaster\\_July\\_2020.pdf](https://st-josephsandsell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_July_2020.pdf)

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

**CAFOD Appeal:** CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope).

**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.*