



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 25th/26th November Christ Our Universal King

Sat 25 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Norah Shortt
Sun 26 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	John Joseph McGuirk
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

Mon. 27 th	9am	St. Peter's	Gabriella Spedding Hobbs <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions</i>
Tues. 28 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Pat Smith <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions</i>
Wed. 29 th	9am	St. Peter's	Kath Wilding Birthday Remembrance
Thurs 30 th	10am	St. Joseph's	In memory of Mary and William Sumner
	11.30am		Lytham Crematorium Funeral Service for Geraldine Anne Taylor
Fri 1 st Dec.	2pm	St. Joseph's	Sue O' Mahoney (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick)

Weekend 2nd/3rd First Sunday of Advent

Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Speedy recovery of Rose Bickerstaffe
Sun 3 rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Gwen Spedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's, Tuesday 10:30am-11am at St. Peter's

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £150 Non Gift Aid £575.36

Cafod £10

St. Joseph's Care £106.84

Special Collections: Sick Priests £118.66 All Saints: £70.55

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the deceased of the Jones and Joslowski family

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Deacon Graham Lavery, Sister Teresa Malone and Sister Margaret Murphy, May White, Geraldine Anne Taylor and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Brian Clarke, Jean challoner, John Joseph Le Saint, Fr. Patrick O'Dea, Eric Wormleighton, Frederick Dronsfield, Maureen Hydes and John Cross

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, 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 (Hynning), Greta Turner, Joy Warwick, Alan Watkins, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Albert Zammit, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week.
(A great way to celebrate Christ the King! 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, each Wednesday in the Church Hall at 10am.

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

Rotas for weekend 2nd / 3rd December

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Wanda Kruszynska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O & J Baker

Sun 9.15am: M Cookson and M Herron

This Week's Readings: On this last Sunday of the Church's year, we "round up" the celebration of the mysteries of salvation by saluting Christ as Lord of all; the beginning and the end.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The good shepherd watches over his flock with loving care, rescuing them from dangers.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Where Christ has gone before, all who belong to him are to follow, so that he can gather us into the kingdom of his Father.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 For those who have humbly served the fellow servants of the kingdom, a warm welcome awaits.

Message from Fr. Peter: Well what a week it has been! It began with the sad news of the death of much loved Fr. Billy Bootle, retired and living in our parish, who latterly was Parish priest for many years in St. Joseph's Wesham. When I first began training for the priesthood Fr. Bootle was in charge of money in the diocese, and I had to send all my receipts for books and travel to him! We will be privileged to host his Requiem at St. Joseph's in the next couple of weeks, and we send our love and prayers to his housekeeper, Sheila. Saturday saw a great crowd of us, accompanied by the Ukulele Orchestra, having great fun singing Carols outside St. Peter's, and reminding everyone who had come to see the switch on of the lights in Lytham what Christmas is truly about. Well done to everyone involved. At the weekend we welcomed several families of the bereaved, as we solemnly prayed for the repose of the souls of their loved ones, and this was followed by Mass for the deceased priests of the Deanery, with all the local priests joining us for the Mass. And Tuesday evening we welcomed the Bishop to St. Peter's for our Mass of Confirmation in which fourteen of our young people received the fullness of God's Holy Spirit in the beautiful Sacrament. On Wednesday we had Mass in Saltcoat's Cemetery Chapel, a beautiful occasion which is destined to become a monthly fixture on our liturgical timetable. Huge thanks to everyone who took part in all those special occasions and made them possible. So! Onward to First Friday Anointing Mass, First Sunday 'Food Sunday', and Advent and Christmas! Yes, four weeks today (Sunday) it's Christmas Eve... time to put the sprouts on... PS Many thanks for the anonymous letter from the self-styled 'Phantom Parishioner'. It was beautiful and very touching. Much appreciated. And I will act upon your advice. *Although the bishop's advice is never to reply to anonymous letters.* Think about it...!

First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick: This Friday 1st December at 2pm at St Joseph's

All welcome to receive God's great Sacraments, and celebrate with Tea and Cakes in the hall afterwards.

First Sunday is Food Sunday: next week, the First Sunday of the Month, could we make a special effort to bring non-perishable food items, and toiletries, to Church over the weekend, which can be distributed to those in need at these times. As it's coming up to Christmas, chocolate and other family festive items would also be appreciated.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra: it's been decided that, due to increasing numbers, we will continue practising every week in **St. Peter's Hall at 7pm**. All Welcome.

An Advent Journey: We hope to repeat the tradition of commemorating the journey of Joseph leading a donkey carrying Mary travelling from house to house around the Parish which we began last year during Advent. The tradition originated in Mexico where it is known as '**Posada**' meaning Inn or lodging. The set of figures make their way from home to home around the Parish arriving at the Parish Church for the Mass on Christmas Eve, and are a reminder of how important we are to each other. As a large Parish we cannot hope to know everyone well, and taking part is an opportunity to get to know others better as the figures pass from house to house with a special prayer, which will be provided. There will be a list at the back of Church please add your name if you would like to take part. **Please add your name by Sunday 26th November if you wish to take part.** *Dave and Olive.*

Message from Diocesan Youth Service: This weekend, we celebrate the young people in our communities and we pray for them. In this diocese, our Youth Service which is based at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, is working for our young people all year round. We welcome thousands of young people to Castlerigg each year and when time allows we get out to visit them in their parishes and schools around our diocese and beyond. If you want to know more about our work, you can follow us on social media (usually @castleriggmanor) or check out our website castleriggmanor.com. Please keep us in your prayers; please tell the teens in your life about our open retreats and, if you can, consider making a donation.

Family Christmas Fair at St Peter's on Sunday 3rd December after 10:30am Mass:

with coffee, tea, cakes, decorations and a children's Treasure Hunt.

Do Come Along and Join us!

Christmas Quiz & SingAlong. Saturday 16th December 7pm in SJ's Church Hall.

£5 per ticket, £2:50 for children includes Quiz entry and a HotPot supper.

The Ukelele Orchestra will be playing and leading the sing-along!

Tickets are available after Masses – and are limited due to numbers, so get in quick!

Advance Notice of our Christmas Mass Times: Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve. St. Joseph's 6pm Children's Mass of Christmas, St. Peter's 8pm Candlelit Christmas Mass with Carols and Readings from 7:30pm.

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.