



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Weekend 26th / 27th August

Sat 26 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Geoff Healey
Sun 27 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Barbara Rouse

Mon. 28 th	9am	St. Peter's	John Nolan <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues. 29 th	10:30am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Brid Jose
Wed. 30 th	9am	St. Peter's	Intentions of the Ashton Family
Thurs 31 st	10am	St. Joseph's	Liam Herron
Fri. 1 st Sept	2pm	St. Joseph's	Tony Crean

Weekend 2nd / 3rd September

Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Francis Joseph Smith
Sun 3 rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Joe Ainsworth

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition: Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:
Gift Aid £217.00 Non Gift Aid: £421.01
St. Joseph's Care £65.16

Please pray for all who have died recently especially Margaret Saum, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Eileen Naylor, Annabel Evans, Tony Crean, Michael Meyler, Thomas Roberts, Cecily Shaw, Catherine Reid and Elizabeth Kirkham

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 Bob Osachuk, Tony Quigley, Alison Singleton, Margaret Spillane, Susan Standing, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning), Greta Turner, Alan Watkins, Phil Winstanley, Kath Woods, Emmanuel Zammit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. All welcome (*Jolly good! 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, company or just someone to talk to? Someone who may, at times, need help with things? Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number they can contact us Tel: 07840112265 Email: anne.waters@talktalk.net

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, is on a Summer Break. Next Meeting September 6th.

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

Thursday at 10:30am in Church.

Rotas for weekend 2nd / 3rd September Readers

Sat Vigil: D. Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** James Wormleighton
Meet and Greet

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This Week's Readings: In our Gospel reading today, Simon Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Let us prepare ourselves to recognise that same Lord who comes to us in word and sacrament.

First Reading *Isaiah 22:19-23* Shebna, the master of the palace, has sought his own comfort and fame rather than serving the Lord. God promises to replace him with Eliakim who will be a true servant.

Second Reading *Romans 11:33-36* In this reading we are warned by Paul not to presume that we can understand the mystery of God. God is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20* Jesus questions his close disciples about the rumours surrounding him. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Peter then makes his profession of faith and is acknowledged by Jesus as having a unique role in the future Church.

Message from Fr. Peter: The playwright Alan Bennet once spoke of overhearing a woman talking about her husband's stay in hospital say, 'The priest came and gave him the last rites. But then the doctor came and revived him. But that's the NHS, no liaison'. He might have meant it amusingly, but it is still the fact that many people still think of, and indeed still refer to, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as 'the Last Rites' or even 'extreme Unction'. Technically someone's 'last rites' would refer to their final anointing, absolution and reception of communion before death. But the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick itself is not just something to be kept till 'the last'. The 'Pastoral Care of The Sick', which is the Church's manual for the Sacrament tells us that '*...through the sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens the faithful who are afflicted by illness, providing them with the strongest means of support,*' the support of physical healing if that is God's will, but also providing spiritual support, which we would argue is so important to physical and mental healing. 'Holistic Healing' is not something invented in the 1960's! As well as the gravely ill and the dying, the Sacrament is appropriate for anyone elderly, frail, recovering from a short term or long term illness, not forgetting mental illnesses and the many ways in which people can be affected by this, and for any sick children who have reached the age of reason. It is truly a beautiful Sacrament, and as this Friday is the First Friday of September, the Sacrament will be offered at the monthly mass on Friday afternoon at 2pm at SJs. Even if you do not feel in need of the Sacrament, it is a beautiful Mass and a lovely gathering for our two parishes. And to prove that the Church's ministry is truly 'holistic' it's followed by refreshing tea and delicious cakes in the Hall! Everyone is most welcome. In other news, '*If I have to explain the meaning of the Latin phrase 'ad nauseum' once more, I'm going to be sick*'. I'll get my coat.

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

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

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Saum will be Tuesday 5th September at 10.30am at St. Joseph's Church. R.I.P.

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph and St. Peter: Due to the Bank Holiday all are welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord on **Tuesday at 7pm in the presbytery**. Newcomers still most welcome!

St. Joseph's and St. Peter's Race Night: Saturday 30th September at SJ's hall after evening mass. Save the date!
Including the first performance from the SJSP Ukulele Orchestra. Full details and tickets available next weekend.

A Pilgrimage to Cleator will take place on Sunday 10th September at which there will be a mass and Blessing of the sick at 3pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. A coach will be leaving the parish with various pick up points. If you wish to book a place on the coach please sign up on the sheet at either St. Joseph's or St Peter's. Please bring the following items for your own comfort and convenience: Rosary beads, Waterproofs/umbrella, Food/Drink, Fare, £27.00. Payable on coach. Put money in an envelope and seal. Write YOUR name & amount on front. **PICK UP POINTS & TIMES** St. Joseph's, Woodlands Rd., Ansdell. 10.15am Holy Family Freckleton 10.30am The Willows 11.00am St. Joseph, Wesham. 11.15am, Comfort stop at Burton in Kendal. Leave Cleator at 5.30pm

Burkina Faso: Thank you for your very kind donations of over £400 received so far to help construct a Grotto to Our Lady and seating for the Bernardine Community. The appeal remains open until the end of August, so **this is the last weekend**. Envelopes for donations can be found and at the back of church and returned via the offertory collection.

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.

Apologies for anything not quite correct on the bulletin. Please try and get items for the bulletin to SJ's email by Wednesday PM. For reasons of space it may not be possible to put every request on the newsletter, so please make use of the noticeboards at the back of the Churches. Cheers.