



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The First Sunday of Advent Year A.

Weekend 26th / 27th November. The First Sunday of Advent

Sat 26 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Greta Nickson
Sun 27 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Bayne and Gwen Spedding

Mon 28 th	9.00am	St. Peter's	Florence Matthews <i>Exposition and Reconciliation till 10:am</i>
Tues 29 th	10.00am	St. Joseph's	Intentions of Patricia Moss <i>Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am</i>
	12.00pm	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for John Patrick McNicholas
Wed 30 th	9.00am	St. Peter's	Mary Arthur and Kathleen Horton
Thu 1 st	10.00am	St. Joseph's	Robert Davenport
Fri 2 nd	11.00am	St. Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Margaret Nickson
	1.15pm	St. Joseph's	Lytham Crematorium Service for John McWard

Weekend 3rd/4th December. The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 3 rd	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	The Delaney Family
Sun 4 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Paddy Corrigan
	10.30am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's (note change of day), **Tuesday 10:30-11am** at St. Josephs.

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

Gift Aid £165.00
 Non Gift Aid: £379.66
 St. Joseph's Care £89.15
 CAFOD: £
 October Standing Orders: £2069.50
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please pray for all who have died recently especially, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Pat Metcalfe, Stuart Peacock, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard McKenna, Rita Patterson, Eileen Draper, Peter Hulme, Jenny Milner and Maria Carlotta D'Cruz

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Kath Woods, Peter Jones, Ted Mulvey, Margaret Brindle, Brid José, Michael Cookson, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Pat Moss, Tony Quigley, Fr Harry Holden, Margaret Long, Sr Michaela Toulmin (Hynning).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sunday Morning Mass!

COFFEE & BACON BUTTIES after 9.15am Mass this week. (*Enjoy! I certainly do... 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? Please let us know and we can contact them. Or you can give them our St Joseph's Care phone number so 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 Richard Jones on 01253727498 and he will show you the ropes!

REPOSITORY: Cards for all occasions available. If you are interested in joining a rota for either of the weekend Masses please contact Margaret on 07711698195

RED MISSION BOXES Please would you bring your box to church and leave in the Sacristy. If you require it collected contact Pat Ormond on 733446 to arrange.

WEDNESDAY WORD available from the back of church to help prepare for next Sunday's readings.

POPPIES SOCIAL: Afternoon Tea and Chat for the Older Person with activities, weekly on a Friday in St. Joseph's Church Hall (Term time only). 2-4pm. To book tea or transport, Julie Webb on 07517 086530

THE HOLY ROSARY: Thursday at noon in Church.

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 Church. Cheers.

Rotas for weekend 10th /11th December

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: J O'Neill Sun 9.15am M. Cookson

Readers

Sat Vigil: Kelly and Tony Godden Sun 9.15am: Wanda Kruzynska

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: O. Baker and J. Baker Sun 9.15am: P. Benning and M.Herron

1st Sunday of Advent A

A new dawn breaks on our journey with God as we enter this time of Advent. Called together to pray, to listen, to share and to be fed, we open our hearts to the coming of Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 God's future is for all people. In God's reign all divisions will be broken down, strife will be healed and harmony will flourish.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14 The early Christians are reminded to stay focused on the life of the Gospel. Anything that is done in darkness should be left behind - followers of Jesus live in the light.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 Jesus tells many stories to describe the need to be alert and ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Christmas at St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

6pm at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas

All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

8pm at St. Peter's CandleLit Mass of Christmas With Carols and Readings from 7:30pm

Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Saturday 17th December, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **St Peters: Sat 17th 11am-12noon St Josephs: Sat 17th 4:30pm-5:30pm**

Message from Fr. Peter: Well following Christ the King I don't know about 'Our God Reigns' but certainly there was plenty of 'raining' going on - I got soaked twice on Monday, not so much from the rain, but from the water soaked roads, which made Venice look like it's the dry season! Hey ho! As we begin the season of Advent, Christmas preparation is beginning (or continuing), with our spiritual course down at St. Peter's, which was very thought provoking last week (and is on Tuesday this week), and the setting up of banners and books, and Advent Wreaths ready to count us down to Our Lord's birth. This week also saw a discussion at SJ's about future social events beyond Christmas... watch thisspace! Please make a note of the Christmas Timetable, and do invite family and friends to join us for our celebrations. Christmas Cards will be available next week. Which reminds me... only about another fifty more cards to write... usually accompanied by the seminal Christmas music CD 'Dolly Parton's Holly Dolly Christmas'. Well it always gets me feeling festive!

Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Advent are available at the back of Church

Advent Spiritual Preparation for Christmas: A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church, **this week is on TUESDAY 29th at 6pm** at St. Peter's. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Breakfast: On Sunday 11th December after 9.15am Mass we are holding a Big Breakfast in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are £2 each (payable on the day) and places are limited so hurry and put your name down on the list at the back of church. There will be a special visitor on the day for any children who attend, and they will receive a gift from him (if they are on the Nice List of course!). If you have any questions please ask Si Cox on 07900 225364.

An Advent Journey: A tradition of small figures of Mary, Joseph, and the donkey travelling from house to house during Advent is becoming popular in the UK. The set of figures make their way from home to home around the Parish arriving at the Parish Church on Christmas Eve. It would be wonderful if 28 households each had a room for the figures each night of Advent, beginning on the 27th November. Please add your name to the list if you would like to take part. *D.&O. Yates*

Christmas Dinner: It is hoped to lay on Christmas Dinner in the Hall again this year. To reserve a place please enter details on the list at the back of church or telephone Edwina on 736630. Similarly, if you are in a position to volunteer help on the Day please complete the Volunteer list, we shall need help on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day itself. *E.Gillett*

Spring Bulbs: Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we will have to defer this project until Autumn next year. Thanks to those who volunteered to help.

Foodbank: Since Covid, we have been working in partnership with St Pauls, Fairhaven. Here is a breakdown of community donations: April 2021 - March 2022 : 1340 kgs 3190 meals £3175 in monetary value April 2022 to date 805kg 1916 meals £1907 in monetary value. The organisers wish to pass on their very grateful thanks on behalf of the recipients. The demand for help from the foodbank continues to rise but you will see that in the last 6 months donations have been on the decline, probably as a result of the economic climate. Please do what you can to support people in need in our local area as the cold weather starts to bite. We have been asked, in particular for male and female toiletries, long life milk, juice, tinned fruit, veg and meat as well as cereals. If everyone donated just 1 item each just think of the impact that would have.

Hospital: Please remember to let us know if you or one of your family is being admitted hospital.