



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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<b>Weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	William and Mary Murray
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Tony Waters
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Audrey McSherry
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b>	St. Peter's	John Conway <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
	2.45pm	Carleton Crematorium funeral service for Alan Turner	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Wilma Bealey <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for John Lyons
Wed. 31 <sup>st</sup>	9am	St. Peter's	People of the Parishes
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Mass Today</b>		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Mass and Sacrament of the sick</b> Philomena Cocker
	7pm	St. Joseph's Evening Prayer and CandleLit Procession to Calvary	

<b>Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	David Assheton
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Anne O'Connor

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.**  
**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peters, Tuesday 10:30-11pm at St. Joseph's**  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel. 737037



**COLLECTION COUNT:** for recent weeks:  
 Gift Aid £246 Non Gift Aid £575.55  
 Special Gift aid 118.50 Non Gift Aid £23.46  
 St. Joseph's Care £151.49  
 Calvary Appeal £1350 Flowers 20.00

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit for the Cathy Gaughan who is unwell

**Please pray for all who have died recently** especially James Frederick Carter, Frances Connor and Alan Turner and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Frances Kendrick, Alan Robinson, Alexander Livingstone, Mary Beatty, Olive Shepherd, Ben Jakes, Jackie Little, Michael Armer, Fr. Bill Dowds, Kathleen Totten, Thomas Melling and June Anne Dillon

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish,** especially: Bridie Ashton, Paul Bunyan, Patricia Conroy, 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 Meskill, 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. (*Not this weekend, I'm afraid. 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, next meeting Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 10am.

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

**Rotas for weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Readers**

**Sat Vigil:** Edwina Gillett **Sun 9.15am:** Rosemary Page

**Meet and Greet**

**Sat Vigil:** M and D Ghee

**Sun 9.15am:** P Benning and M.Herron

**This Week's Readings:** We are gathered together to celebrate this Mass, in which we meet Christ in both the liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist.

**First Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*** Moses informs the people of Israel that one day God will provide them with a prophet like himself from among them.

**Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*** St Paul writes of the virtues of the unmarried state in order to persuade the people of Corinth to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel *Mark 1:21-28*** Jesus heals a man possessed of an unclean spirit and astonishes the people present by his exercise of what they term new teaching with authority behind it.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** We are blessed here at SJSP's to have many people who share the faith with our children. Every week we have children's liturgy to help our little folk come to a knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Having celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation a couple of months ago, we will shortly begin the Holy Communion Programme, led by a group of dedicated catechists. We are blessed that so many Parents fulfil the vows they took at the children's baptism and truly do bring them up in the practice of the faith. And we have our schools, which really are a part of parishes where the love of God is shared and where our children are allowed to grow and mature in the faith. Well, January ends with the Feast of the lovely St. John Bosco, Patron of Young People and their Teachers in the Church. He was born in North Italy in 1815, and founded the Salesian Order, named in honour of St. Francis of Sales (whom we celebrated earlier this month). It is said that in his early teens John studied some travelling circus folk, and learning juggling and other skills, John would put on shows for his peers, always starting with prayers and some catechesis. Having been deprived of an education himself, John sought to teach young people about the faith and ensure an education for those who were unable to access schooling. His Salesian teaching order ensured this, and his work continues to this day. He died on January 31st 1888, and was canonised by Pope Pius XI and given the title 'Father and Teacher of the Youth'. *God our Heavenly Father, the priest Saint Bosco was an outstanding Pastor and educator of the young. May we learn from him, from his life and from his teaching, and ensure an education for all our young, and a sharing of the faith with all your children, young and old Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick: This Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at St Joseph's**  
All welcome to receive God's great Sacraments, and celebrate with Tea and Cakes in the hall afterwards.

**Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation,  
CandleLit Procession and Blessing of the Calvary by Bishop Paul  
This Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm at St. Joseph's.  
Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

It will also be a chance to pray in thanksgiving to the people who generously donated to the movement of a statue, for which we are all very blessed.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses. Forms must be returned by Sunday February 18th.

**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.

**Trinity Hospice Fund Raising:** St Peter's and St Joseph's Parishes have been long-time supporters of Trinity Hospice. Indeed a Hospice Fund 200 Club was run for over 30 years at St Joseph's until Covid restrictions stopped this. In 2024 we plan to co-ordinate our support and launch a joint fundraising appeal in both parishes to run during the month of February. This will feature a 'Just Giving' page and bucket collections at the end of masses in both parishes for the first two weekends in February. If anyone would like to volunteer with the Trinity collections, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

**Look Ahead to Lent: Ash Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> February: Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** Saturdays in Lent at St. Joseph's 5pm-5:50pm and Sundays in Lent at St. Peter's 4pm-5pm (on certain weeks confession will be available in this hour: details as advertised each week). **Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** Mondays at St. Peter's at 7pm and Tuesdays at St. Joseph's at 7pm; **Lenten Talks** (on a variety of subjects, further details each week) Wednesdays at St. Peter's at 6:30pm-7:30pm (starts February 21<sup>st</sup>).

**Mass Intentions for the year ahead:** If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time to make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Anniversaries in the bulletin are composed of information from two sources: A list in the parish office going back many years and the list of funerals conducted by Fr. Peter throughout the year.

**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.