



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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1st Sunday of Advent - Year C

28th November 2021

*When these things begin to take place,
stand erect, hold your heads high
because your liberation is near at hand.*

Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent

(Vigil) 6.00pm Pat Smith (Ann)
9.15am Ben Cawthorn (Ann)
10.30am Mass at St Peter's
5.05pm The Parish

Mon 29th No Mass

Tues 30th 10.00am Stuart Peacock (Ann)
6.00pm Confirmation Service

Wed 1st Dec 9.00am Mass at St Peter's

Thu 2nd 9.00am Mass at St Peter's

Fri 3rd 10.00am Int's of Sr Eileen
7.00pm Mass at Saltcotes Chapel

Sat 4th 10.00am Mass at St Peter's

Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

(Vigil) 6.00pm The Plant Family
9.15am Jean McLaughlin (Ann)
10.30am Mass at St Peter's
5.05pm The Parish

CONFESSIONS: Available after the 10am Saturday Mass at St Peter's, and the 10am Masses at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also, by arrangement with Fr David. Tel. 737037

ONLINE MASSES:

For live-streamed Sunday Mass, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3fkB30I> or

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/> recorded videos

COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:

	Offertory	Sick & Ret'd Priests:
Gift Aid	£ 395.00	£127.10
Non-Gift Aid	£ 639.43	£103.80
	£1034.43	£230.90

St. Joseph's Care £138.03

Foodbank £10.00

Thank you for all your kind contributions.

READERS

For Weekend 4th/5th December

Sat Vigil: A Murgatroyd Sun 9.15: C Woods

Sun 5.05: A & D Duignan

PRAYER FOR 'A NEW CREATION': This prayer was written by Fr Charles Rue SSC:

'Lord, may your promise of a New Creation become a reality in our lives and our world. Help us to be converted to solidarity with your Earth and all it upholds as our kin. May our words of care and love flow through to actions. Amen.'

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Margaret Brindle, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hyning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, 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, Richard Smith, Teresa Mulvey, Patrick Gilligan, George Morgan, Christopher Hickson, Pat Moss, Peter Davies, Bernard Woods

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Fr. Patrick O'Dea, Eric Wormleighton, John Cross, Pat Metcalfe, Brian Clarke, Bob Murphy, Frederick Dronsfield, Sarah Ball, Adrian Shaw, Jean Challoner, John Le Saint, Thomas Flanagan, John Davies, Margaret Connor, Pat Smith, Stuart Peacock, Jean McLaughlin.

BACON BUTTIES ARE BACK! Simon is back in the kitchen after Mass on Sunday morning, so why not call in for a bite and coffee! The children's craft club is also underway again.

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

FOODBANK: Thank you for your continued generous donations. All items go to support people in our local community.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Unfortunately, we are unable to offer our in house Christmas Dinner this year but working together with local churches we can offer a Christmas Dinner and Light Tea delivered to your door. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Edwina on 736630. There is a choice of menu.

REPOSITORY: A restocked Repository including cards and gifts for Confirmation is now available. The toys etc currently stored in the Repository have been washed, sanitised and moved on. During this period of the Pandemic, it would be unwise for toys etc to be shared during services.

ADVENT – A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR:

Let's make this journey through Advent together. Each week we will explore ways we can prepare for the coming of the light of the world. First, place a candle where you can sit quietly and think and pray.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: THE CANDLE OF HOPE.



God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, and how a saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. He would rule wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon earth. (*light the candle...*) Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of the candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus.

Let us pray. God of Abraham and all the patriarchs of old, You are our father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus your son. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us to do your will by sharing hope with others. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen**

HOW CAN WE SHOW HOPE? Life is never perfect. It always has ups and downs. It is during difficult times such as these that a word of encouragement and gestures of kindness are most helpful. This week let us take time to reach out and bring hope into the lives of others. Let your friends and family know that they are loved and cared for. If you know a friend or neighbour or anyone who needs any type of help be there for them. Show appreciation. If someone has done something good or has accomplished something, take the time to let them know. A pat on the back brings a smile to the face. Stay connected. Take time to make a phone call to someone who is alone and let them know they are not forgotten.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Paul Swarbrick will come to St Joseph's this Tuesday evening at 6.00pm for a Service at which young people from our parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our young people, their families and the catechists, that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to be disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ in these challenging times.

THE HOLY SPIRIT: Fr. David has kindly agreed to talk to us about the Holy Spirit during Advent starting Friday December 3rd. This will be on Zoom. If you would like to join in please ring Wanda on 07426 834464 and let me know your email address.

AN ADVENT MEDITATION: St Anne's Community Choir will present an Advent Meditation here at St Joseph's church featuring seasonal favourites and reflective readings, on Wednesday 8th December at 7pm. Admission £5.00.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! Smugglies on St. Alban's Road, St. Annes sell eco and fill and refill products. They are open 12pm to 5.00pm on weekdays and 12pm to 4,30pm on Saturdays. It is a real treasure trove of a shop.

LIBERTY DOYLE is selling handmade Christmas decorations made from wood. Lots of the wood has been gathered from our garden, so they are a great environmentally friendly gift. She is raising funds for Brian House as part of a school project. All of the money given will be passed to Brian House Children's Hospice. She will be here in church on Sunday 28th November.

ST. JOSEPH'S CARE- Help for the refugees: Can you help? We have been in touch with the people at the collection point on St Alban's Road about things they need help with for refugees. Over the next couple of weeks there are going to be a couple of families moving into this area. They will need: Towels, Bedding, (duvet covers & pillowcases- single & double), Duvets, (single & double), Pillows, Towels, Tea towels, Pots, Pans, Crockery, Cutlery. All these need to be NEW rather than second hand. They also always need: Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary pads & tampons). Nappies, Children's clothes NEW, not second hand. We will be collecting any of these items donated on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December** before and after each Mass. Many thanks in advance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY has not restarted yet because it is felt that there is still a high level of infection around, especially in school children. Also, the rooms we use don't have sufficient ventilation. We are also very short of liturgists. If you would like to join the team, please leave your name with Fr. David.

UNPICK THE GOSPEL: Come and reflect on next week's Gospel in the Hall Wednesday 10am until 11am. Listen and consider what Jesus is saying to us today! Come along and just try it, you will be surprised at how the Gospel comes alive.