



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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The First Sunday of Advent - Year B

29th November 2020

*Stay awake, because you do not know
when the master of the house is coming*

<u>Sat 28th (Vigil)</u>	St Peter's Intention
<u>Sun 29th Morning</u>	John McGuirk (Ann)
Private	The Parish
Mon 30 th	No Mass
Tue 1 st	Gail McDowell RIP
<u>Wed 2nd</u> 9.00am	Mass at St Peter's
<u>Thu 3rd</u>	St Peter's Intention
<u>Fri 4th</u>	David Harrison RIP
Sat 5 th Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 5th Vigil 6.00pm	The Parish
Sun 6th 9.15am	Jean McLoughlin (Ann)
10.30am	Mass at St Peter's
<u>Recorded</u>	Special Intention

Masses underlined are recorded, and should be available online

The church can open for public Mass again from Wednesday 2nd December. There is a Requiem Mass here on that day, so, the first public Mass will be the Vigil Mass next Saturday, 5th December at 6pm.

Holy Communion visits to the sick: can only be made when someone is very ill or in danger of death,

Online Masses:

<https://st-josephsansdell.net/videos/>, for recordings of Mass here at St Joseph's.

Donation by Standing Order: If you wish to donate to the parish by Standing Order, please email us at st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com, requesting a standing order form. If you are a taxpayer and are not already Gift-aiding your contributions, please consider this. It is a great support to the parish. Forms for Gift-aid are available as above.

CATHOLIC VOICE FOR DECEMBER: The latest edition of our diocesan newspaper can be found on the parish website or at the following address:
https://st-josephsansdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_December_2020.pdf

Please pray for:

Lately dead: Gail McDowell, Barbara Lax

Those who are sick: Nora Shortt, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hyning), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaile, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Judith Cross, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne, Molly Murphy, Anne Cawthorn. Fr Bill Bootle, Sr Kay, Elaine Acton-Reid, Bernadette McGladdery

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

John McGuirk, Joseph Le-Saint, Mgr P.G. O'Dea, Eric Wormleighton, Fred Dronsfield, Bob Murphy, Thomas Anthony Flanagan, John Cross, John Davies, Pat Metcalfe, Margaret Connor, Barbara Brandford, Bernard McKenna, Rita Patterson, Leslie Sandiford, Elizabeth Billington, Peter Hulme, Thomas Morgan, Eileen Draper.

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: If you, or someone you know is in need, St Joseph's Care has a helpline and we have volunteers who will be in a position to provide basic support such as shopping. The number is: 07840 112 265 (9am – 7pm daily). In these difficult times many people may be worried or concerned about a loved one. If you would like to ask for prayers, please ring St. Joseph's Care phone line or send an e-mail to: st.josephs_ansdell@btinternet.com. A list of prayer requests in addition to the sick, lately dead and anniversaries will be on the bulletin each week.

We continue to support needy families in the South Shore area with food and clothing vouchers.

Christmas Day – in conjunction with local churches we can this year offer delivery of a 3-course Christmas Dinner and a light supper if you are elderly or on your own in the Lytham St Annes area. Booking by 10th December is essential. Please telephone Edwina on 736630 for the menu and to make a booking.

Support - we are very grateful for your continued financial support; contributions can be deposited in the safe at the back of church or put in an envelope clearly marked St Joseph's Care and posted through the presbytery door or dropped in the basket as you leave church at weekend.

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. (*Now 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.

TIME FOR AN ADVENT CHAT? Would you like to meet up for a virtual tea/coffee and chat during Advent as we prepare for Christmas? We are proposing a Zoom chat on the first Wed of Advent at 10.30. If you would like to join, please call or text Wanda on 07426 834464 with your name and email.

FAMILY IDEAS FOR ADVENT: Follow the link below for ideas for exploring Advent with the family:
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/ministrysites/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2018/11/14162803/Family-Advent-Guide.pdf>

MORE ADVENT IDEAS: If you feel creative this is a fun activity that is an evangelising activity too, (not just for children), go to:

<https://www.rotation.org/topic/celebrating-advent-and-christmas-at-home-during-the-2020-covid-pandemic-ideas-and-resources> . Nativity rocks consists of painting a simple picture of baby Jesus on one side of a smooth rock, plus a Bible verse on the back, then scatter them about your community, on park benches, ATM machines and counters and other places, for people to find. Also, check out the following links for Advent ideas:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/advent-and-christmas-2020/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/adventchristmas2020>

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/?utm_source=cfflist&utm_medium=email&utm_content=202011&utm_campaign=cff

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/sacred-advent-a-to-z-series/>

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING: The True Spirit of Christmas Giving 2020 & the perfect gift for your family & friends Simply buy a CAFOD World Gift & you will also change lives across the world, in this time of extreme need. From a "Net that Protects" at just £7, or "Teach Someone to Read" at £10, to a "Health Mum & Baby" gift card at £30. You will receive a beautifully illustrated card; and you can send an e-card, or post it directly to your loved one. For more info go to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or Call : 08081 400014.

ADVENT RETREAT DAYS: Hying Monastery is offering 2 retreat days via Zoom. Thursday 3rd December and Saturday 12th December 2020. The overall theme will be **HOPE**, much needed at this time! Start time both days is 10:15am concluding with Vespers at 4:30pm. Please contact Sr. Mary Bernard on hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk or 01524 732684 or 01524 989380 before **Monday 30th November** to book. There is a voluntary contribution of £10 for the day, but the Sisters would not want anyone who wishes to join to be left out because of finance.

RISE - AN ONLINE YOUTH GROUP: RISE is an online group for young people (Years 7-9 or equivalent age) - an opportunity to explore faith and make friends. To sign up go to: <https://lancasteryouthservice.churchsuite.com/events/Owf7lay>