



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A. Parish Mass Book page Number 262.

Weekend 29th/30th April.

Sat 29 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	Darren Yeates
Sun 30 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Marion Wilson

Mon 1 st May	9am	St. Peter's	Fr. Frank Flynn <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 10am</i>
Tues 2 nd	10am	St. Joseph's	Intentions of John Nolan <i>followed by Exposition and Confessions till 11am</i>
Wed 3 rd	9am	St. Peter's	Hilda Harrison
Thu 4 th	10am	St. Joseph's	Peter Earnshaw

Weekend 6th/7th May.

Sat 6 th	6.00pm	St. Joseph's	People of the Parishes
Sun 7 th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Len Frew
	10.30am	St. Peter's	Thomas Henry Daw

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



COLLECTION COUNT: for recent weeks:
 Gift Aid £164.00 Non Gift Aid: £552.14
 St. Joseph's Care £186.50

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially and and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Green, Anne Chatterton, Cyril Kelly, Norman Walker, Bernadette Farish, Doris Hawarth and Marjorie Smith

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish, especially: Elaine Acton-Reid, Paul Bunyan, Michael Cookson, Andrew Cox, Judith Cross, Roseanne Evans, Rosaline Fox, Patrick Gilligan, Christopher Hill, Harry Holden, Christopher Hunter, Peter Jones, Brid José, 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 (Hying), 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. *Vegetarians are welcome to bring their own avocados.*

ST JOSEPH'S CARE: Do you know of anyone in our community who is in need or might need a little more support? ompany 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** etc 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 amd discussions, Wednesdays in the Hall at 10am

THE HOLY ROSARY: every Thursday after 10:30am Mass in Church, for this beautiful prayer. All welcome.

Rotas for weekend 6th and 7th May

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat Vigil: S.Stevens **Sun 9.15am** C. Hill

Readers

Sat Vigil: David Warwick **Sun 9.15am:** Peter Benning

Meet and Greet

Sat Vigil: Sheila & Paul **Sun 9.15am:**M.Cookson & W Doyle

Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday.

God goes ahead as our Good Shepherd to lead us through his world. Today we listen afresh to his call and pledge ourselves to obey it.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41 Peter explains how people who are conscious of their failings can know God's forgiveness and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25 The way Jesus responded to his persecutors was not only the means of our salvation but also provides us with a model for our own reactions.

Gospel John 10:1-10 Jesus explains that he is our spiritual leader and therefore worth following and trusting.

Message from Fr. Peter: Today, the fourth Sunday of Eastertide, is Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel (John 10:1-10) Jesus tells us that 'The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of his flock... the sheep hear his voice, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.' We tend to think of the image of the Good Shepherd as gentle and caring, and this is indeed one aspect for this title that Jesus gives himself. But we should remember that at the time of Jesus being a Shepherd in Palestine was not an easy job. Thieves and brigands roamed on the mountainsides, hence the need to guard the sheep twenty-four seven. Similarly the teaching and actions of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, brought Him into danger, leading to his crucifixion, because he cared for us so much. The image of the Good Shepherd is, primarily, one of a loving, caring man, seeking to look after his flock and lead them to the truth. And that is a most wonderful and beautiful image to hold before us. But we should never forget what the Good Shepherd had to endure to share and live out that truth with us. It's also a reminder that living out these teachings ourselves in the world today may bring us into discord with others who disagree or want to water down our faith. And firstly, we have to have listened and recognized the voice of the Good Shepherd in the first place, to have that faith to share. So, did we hear that? *In other news, if I had time I would tell you a convoluted joke about a golf club, a sheep, a stinging insect, a tree, and that scary clown movie... The question is, Wood ewe bee leaf It? I'll get my coat...*

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III:

NEXT Sunday 7th May After 9.15am mass. Coronation Big Breakfast.

£2 per person. Places are limited so please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Everyone welcome. Suitable patriotic attire and flag waving expected!

This week at St. Peter's we celebrate the First Holy Communion of a group of a children. Please pray for them and their families. The rest of the group will make their first reception of this great Sacrament **at St. Josephs at 9:15am on Sunday 14th May.** Continued thanks to our great team of Sacramental Catechists.

The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope. We look forward to David being ordained to the sacred Diaconate at Lancaster Cathedral on July 8th at 1pm.

David will make his formal **Procession of Faith during a Service of Evening Prayer, at St. Josephs at 7pm.on Monday May 15th.** All welcome. There will be **refreshments in the Presbytery** afterwards.

There will be a **coach to David's ordination on July 8th,** picking up at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's, and if you wish to join the coach (around £10) **please sign up** at the back of Church to gauge numbers.

The newly Rev. David will lead **Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at St. Peter's on Sunday 9th July at 3pm.,** followed by strawberry scone and cream tea with **refreshments in the Hall.** (We will gauge numbers near the time).

Please make a note in your diary for these celebrations, and keep David in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his diaconate and appointment as Deacon to St. Joseph's and St. Peters.

The Gift Aid envelopes are now at the back of church ready for collection. If you are gift aiding through the weekly envelopes please take one of the boxes numbered 1 - 70 and write your name on the list at the back of church. If you are making your offering by standing order, are paying gift aid, and would like a special collection box please take one of the boxes numbered between 150-199 and write your name on the Special collection list, also at the back of church. Many blessings for your continued help and support.

Beautiful Sounds! Ed - husband of Zivile in the choir - has offered to use his planned walking pilgrimage to the shrine of St James in Santiago de Compostela, Northern Spain as an opportunity to raise funds to contribute to the cost of the **new sound system in Church.** A JustGiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjosephsoundsystem>) will be set up for those who would like to sponsor Ed online and there will be a sponsor sheet at the back of church for anyone who is not able to (or would prefer not to) sponsor online. **Huge thanks in anticipation,** and well done to Ed!

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.