



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ansdell

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Pentecost Sunday

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As the Father sent me, so am I sending you...

Receive the Holy Spirit.

The following are the Mass intentions that Fr David will offer in private during this Week:

Sat 30 th Vigil:	St Peter's Parish
Sun 31 st Morning	St Joseph's Parish
Sun 31 st Afternoon	Isobel Quinn (Ann)
Mon 1 st	Private Intention
Tue 2 nd	Ellen McKenna RIP
Wed 3 rd	St Peter's Intention
Thu 4 th	St Peter's Intention
Fri 5 th	Marie Ellwood RIP
Fri 5 th (Evening)	Holy Souls
Sat 6 th Morning	St Peter's Intention
Sat 6 th Vigil:	Joe & Anne Waters (60 th Wedd)
Sun 7 th Morning	St Peter's Parish
Sun 7 th Afternoon	St Joseph's Parish

Mass Intentions may be posted through the door at St Joseph's Presbytery

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

A thought for Easter: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'. These words Jesus spoke to his disciples 'in the evening of the first day of the week' – the very day of His resurrection from the dead. It is His first appearance to them as a group and, already, He is giving them the Holy Spirit. How does this differ from the day of Pentecost? An indication is to be found in the phrase 'He breathed on them...' This calls to mind another phrase, this time from the book of Genesis, where God forms the first man: 'Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.' Man was endowed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and with grace from the beginning; but these he lost because of sin. Now God the Son, risen from the dead, is restoring man to life, breathing the Spirit once again into him, and to these men in particular - the first priests - giving them the power to bring others back from death – the death of sin. As He said to the paralytic: 'Your sins are forgiven you' before setting him on his feet. The Spirit is first given to the Church to deal with sin before the power is given to set humanity on its feet again with the fulness of His gifts.



'Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them'

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). We thank those extra volunteers who have given their names and are prepared to provide help for those who need it.

Please pray for:

Lately Dead:

Ellen Javed, Marie Ellwood

Those who are sick: Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Canon Paul Embery, Nora Short, Sr. Josephine Mary (Hying), Brid José, Kitty O'Dea, Michael Cookson, Pat Quaille, Simon Muller, Susan Standing, Margaret Spillane, Maureen Lundy, Christopher Hill, Christopher Hunter, Pat Marion, Paul Meskell, Anne Meyer, Phil Winstanley, Frances Kendrick, Bobby Kelly, Judith Cross, John Weaver, Andrew Cox, Roseanne Evans, Alex Walker, Emmanuel Zammit, Bob Osachuk, Rosaline Fox, Alan Watkins, Alison Singleton, Vincent Lutas, Rod Beirne.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Caith Keelan, Patrick Joseph McConnon, Pauline Walton, Clara Cartmel, Anne Frith, James L Smith, Brother Broadhurst, Charles William Drake, Joane Farrell, Frederick Henry Large, Esther Watkinson, Marie-Louise Armer, Joan Elliot, Eileen Woodall, Mary Dilworth, Eileen Annesley, Jack Fallon, Mary Murray.

This Sunday – National Rosary Rally 9 am - 9 pm

This Sunday, there will be a Rosary Rally held throughout England & Wales and Scotland for an end to the Corona virus crisis and various other spiritual and temporal goods. Each hour from 9 am to 9 pm is assigned to various dioceses for them to lead the rosary with individuals, families, parish and other groups. Our diocese of Lancaster has been assigned the hour from 5 pm until 6pm together with Westminster and Argyll & the Isles. The intentions are:

- for faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations
- an end to the virus and its effects that prevent us from living life in abundance
- the protection of the common good and people's economic livelihoods
- preservation from disaster and war.

I will endeavour to get live-stream going from the office in the presbytery. If it works, you should be able to find the live-stream on the parish's Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKb-kz99VqCuB2o8S0lvsMg>

One Million Rosaries!

If you still have any stamina left after an hour of the rosary from 5 – 6 pm, there is an international effort to get one million people across the globe praying for an end to the Corona virus crisis, for peace and life. This is co-ordinated by Mexican actor Eduardo Verastegui with the support of the Mexican bishops and under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be led from the Cathedral in Mexico City, and will commence at 7 pm our time. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/eduardoverasteguitv>

The Voice for June: The June edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available online. Go to: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5264fad3e4b077de0404a67b/t/5ed14e11fae0797396332089/1590775347067/LancasterJune2020FinalProof.pdf> - copy this address and paste it in to your web browser.

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

CAFOD Appeal: CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water + healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. In some developing countries there are almost no intensive care hospital beds or ventilators. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever, to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate as individuals online at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or by phone on 08085 85 88 85 *Thank you...*

'When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.' (Acts 2:1-11)

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

An Act of Perfect Contrition: This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again. The following or similar formula should be used:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God have mercy.