



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 1st May 2022, 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year 'C'
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 1st May	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Easter - Mass 10.30am Children will be making their 1st Holy Communion
Monday 2nd May	-	No Mass
Tuesday 3rd May	-	<i>10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's</i>
Wednesday 4th May	Hilda Harrison (Ann)	Mass at 9.00am
Thursday 5th May	Olga Fedak	Mass at 9.00am
Friday 6th May	Souls of those buried in Cemetery	Mass 7pm in Saltcotes Chapel
Saturday 7th May	Richard Patrick Sisson RIP	Mass at 10.00am Exposition & Confessions from 10.30 - 11.30am
Sunday 8th May	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter - Mass 10.30am Children will be making their 1st Holy Communion
St Joseph's Mass details: Sun (Vigil) - Mass 6pm. Sun 1st May - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm. Mon 2nd May - No Mass Tues 3rd May - Mass 10.00am <i>Wed 4th May - Mass at St Peter's 9.00am</i> <i>Thurs 5th May - Mass at St Peter's 9.00am</i> Fri 6th May - Mass 10.00am Sunday (Vigil) - Mass 6pm Sunday 8th May - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm		This week's Feasts & Memorial: Mon: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial). Tue: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles (Feast) Wed: The English Martyrs (Nat Calendar - Feast) <i>(see overleaf).</i> Fri: First Friday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to some of our children who will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday. There will be a further group of children next Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. We thank the catechists who have worked hard with the children to prepare them for this important step in their journey of faith. If any of the children making First Holy Communion would be interested in becoming altar servers, please contact one of the catechists, or speak with Fr David.

'Thank you'

Collection Sunday 24th April:- **£507.24.**
 Further Easter Offering:- **£20.00.**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

TWO REMINDERS :

(1) Next Sunday (8th May) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a special collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

(2) Members of the Catholic Women's League - the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 5th May in the Parish Hall at 2pm.

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SHAKESPEARE

Do you enjoy singing? Would you consider joining us in the choir to help lead and develop the music in the liturgy? Don't worry if you haven't much time to spare, or you are not here every week, or not confident reading music.

Interested?
 Come up and have a chat after Mass or contact us through the parish website. *David*

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp:
"Edith Webb - Rest in Peace"

&

Our Lady's Lamp: "Phoebe - for ongoing Recovery"

To book, please email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED;
Hilda Harrison (Ann)
Peter Harrison (Ann) {23rd May}
Norah Shortt RIP

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Gordon Dickinson, Mary Thompson, Robert McMahon, Rita Goggins, Winifred Hardman, Frances Shore, Eileen Hibbert, Robert Harrington, Sister Hyacinth CP, Margaret Byrne, Margaret Walton, Joe Gallagher, Sister Brid McCaughen CP, Hilda Harrison, Nora McDonnell, Margaret Baldwin. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

THE MONTH OF MAY is dedicated to the
Blessed Virgin Mary -

the entire month is represented by the liturgical
colour white - the colour of light,
a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

You are all beautiful, O Mary!

*You are the glory, you are the joy,
you are the honour of our people!*

**A LOVELY REMINDER OF WHAT TAKES
PLACE AT THE CONSECRATION:**

*The bread and wine are changed into the
Body and Blood of Christ, when, at the
Consecration, the Holy Spirit over shadows
the Priest and the offerings and infuses into
them the same elements as into the womb of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for:

Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Florence Kirelly, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Harold Thornton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents.

May God give them His healing grace.

*If you have requested for someone to go on the 'sick list'
and that person has happily recovered, please let Mary
Waddington know. Thank you.*

**Responsorial Psalm for
3rd Sunday of Easter
and the response is:**

I WILL PRAISE YOU.

LORD, YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

May 4th

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the English Martyrs, and call to mind not only the forty priests, religious and lay men and women canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970, but the further two hundred and forty-two declared 'blessed' and those many unknown Catholics who died defending the faith in a period of around 150 years following the Reformation.

For most of us practising our faith in this country today, the idea of laying down our lives for the supremacy of the Pope, the unity of the Church, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is a remote concept. True the Church here has its struggles - where does it not - but few of us would worry about persecution unto death and it is for this very reason that Wednesday's feast is of such importance. It reminds us of the selfless sacrifice made by so many that the faith might live in England through the shedding of their blood, and of the continuing sacrifice made by so many in less tolerant areas of the world today.

Pope Paul VI in his homily at the canonisation of the forty martyrs wrote;

*"The blood of Christians is the seed that is sown.
As it was with the shedding of Christ's own blood,
so it is with the sacrificial offering of her
Martyrs in union with His:
a source of life and of spiritual fruitfulness
for the Church and the entire world".*

ONGOING REMINDERS:

GIFT AID -

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

FOOD BANK: To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home.

SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS - If you would like to especially remember a loved one's anniversary, or perhaps thank Our Lord or Our Lady for a special favour received, both red lamps burn 24/7 next to Our Lord in the tabernacle and the blue lamp burns in front of Our Lady's beautiful statue 24/7. Bookings are from Sunday to following Saturday. Sue has spare dates for your bookings in her diary and is waiting to hear from you!

PIETY STALL: Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.