



NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 1st October 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 30th September / 1st October, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 30th Sept 6pm St. Joseph's Michael Wren Hilton

Sun 1st Oct 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 1st Oct 10:30am St. Peter's Isobel Morrison

Mon 2nd 9am St. Peter's William Holland followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

Tues 3rd 10am St. Joseph's Deceased of the O'Dea Family followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11.00am

Wed 4th 9am St. Peter's Thomas and Annie Ainsworth

Thurs 5th 10am St. Joseph's Clare Critch

Fri 6th 2pm St. Joseph's In Memory of Mary Sumner

Weekend 7th / 8th Oct - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 7th Oct 6pm St. Joseph's Richard & Magdalena Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sun 8th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sunday 8th Oct 10:30am St. Peter's Intentions of the Gallagher Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's
Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Jesus came into the world not to condemn but to save what was lost. He was able to see the potential of the rebellious heart and point out the necessary steps for conversion. The particular shape that this conversion of life must take is unique and individual to each person.

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28 - The ways of the Lord are fair, condemning the virtuous person who turns to sin, forgiving the sinner who turns to do what is right.

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11 - When we are united in purpose and action, we share the mind of Christ who humbled himself even to death on the cross for our salvation.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 - When a person sees the error of their ways and repents, God forgives them. Prostitutes and tax collectors will precede the self-righteous into the kingdom of God.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: In last week's homily, I mentioned one of my favourite books, and several people asked me for more information, so here goes! 'In This House of Brede' is a novel by the English author Rimer Godden, a convert to Catholicism, who wrote several books about the Church (including 'Black Narcissus') all of which are incredibly well researched and fair minded in their treatment of religious life and events in the Church. 'In This House of Brede' tells the story of twenty-five years in a life of a fictional female Benedictine monastery in Sussex, beginning with the entrance of Sister (later 'Dame' as Benedictine nuns were addressed) Philipa, a widowed businesswoman who joins at the age of 43 in 1954. Her story is weaved through a whole detailed account of life in the monastery, which is impeccably researched, the author having been given special permission to 'go behind the grill' and enter the enclosed areas of Stanbrook Abbey when writing the novel. As well as Dame Philipa's story we hear about many other nuns in the monastery, and their different lives and callings which have led them to a life which to most is quite alien, perhaps especially in this day and age. But as well as these stories, we get to know all about life in a monastery, the journey from the novitiate to becoming a fully ordained nun, the Hours of prayer and the Mass, as well as beautiful descriptions of all the feasts and celebrations throughout the liturgical year - indeed if you want to learn about the liturgical year (especially a moving and beautiful explanation of the Easter Triduum) I don't think I could suggest a better book. The arrival of the Second Vatican Council and its aftermath in the monastery is also fascinatingly covered. But above all, the story is about an ordinary woman following an extraordinary vocation (or should that be 'extraordinary women following an ordinary vocation'?) Their serenity and prayer, their great love and devotion to God, and the deep joy they have for their ministry, through all the highs and lows of life in the monastery, shine out so beautifully and movingly. As I hope I've made clear, I love this book, and cannot recommend it more highly.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 24th September : £337.80.

Bishop's Administration Fund: £137.80.

Further Donations, Home Missions: £12.00.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Confirmation 2023: for the young people who have registered to join the course for this sacrament, the 1st meeting, with parents, takes place **this Monday at 6pm in St. Peter's Church Hall.** Please pray for all our candidates as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Special Days this week:

Mon: The Holy Guardian Angels.
Thurs: Feast : Dedication of the Cathedral, Diocesan Cal.
Fri: 1st Fri & CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.
Sat: Our Lady of the Rosary.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This Friday 6th October at 2pm at SJ's.

All Welcome to receive God's great Sacraments and celebrate with Tea & Cakes in the hall afterwards.

Message from Teresa Mallabone

SVP COFFEE, CAKE SALE & RAFFLE

The SVP will be hosting the coffee morning and cake sale after Mass on **Sunday 15th October**. This will be our fund raising for Christmas Hampers and gifts.

CAKE AND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

Message from Chris McIndoe

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 6th October 2023

Imagine if our homes were flooded and our families were getting sick. This Harvest, we are learning about Dr. Nasha's amazing mobile medical clinic, and how she got life-saving help to where it was most needed after the Pakistan floods. Your support will ensure families and communities can continue to get expert help when they need it most. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

After Mass we will have a CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal.

Message from Gretta Smeed

ST. PETER'S PARISH

HOLY ROSARY FOR PEACE

Our Lady asked us to say the Holy Rosary for Peace in our world. A group of St. Peter's parishioners say a daily decade of the Rosary for peace so when put together completes the Mysteries. Traditionally, the Church encourages us to say the Holy Rosary during the month of October, so why not join us with a daily decade and pray for lasting peace in our war torn world?

The Ecumenical Season of Creation has begun and lasts until October 4th. Pope Francis encourages: 'in this Season of Creation, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.' To tie in with this, the Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am - 3.00pm at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. For further information contact Sue Grubic on

ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Will members please note that the next CWL meeting will be on Thursday 5th October at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -
Red Lamps: "Special Intention - B"
& *"In memory of Brian Matthews"*.

Our Lady's Blue Lamp: "Tina - B"

To avoid disappointment, especially in the run up to Christmas, if you have any anniversaries or wish to thank Our Lord or Our Lady for any prayers answered (or perhaps needed) please get in touch with Sue with your booking.

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

Please pray for all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Alfred Bailey, Irene McMillan-Hamilton, Elizabeth Valentine, Derek Willis, John Gillett, Dawn Wilson, Mark Henry, Julie Taylor, Father Tony Foulkes, Father Kevin Lowry, Caroline Wilkinson, Alfred Bailey, Christine Ramsbottom, Tom O'Connor. *May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

MESSAGE FROM GEMMA & TRISH

After 60 years of work across the NHS and at Stella Matutina Care Home, Patricia has decided to hang up her uniform for the final time. To mark this milestone in her life, she would like to invite you to celebrate with her **after Mass on Sunday 21st October** for coffee and cake in the church hall. *Everyone is welcome.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Susan Walder, Winefred Byrnes, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter:

After their triumphant first performance at the Race Night (hopefully), **sessions re commence this Monday at 7pm in St. Peter's Hall.**

Responsorial Psalm for
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:
"REMEMBER YOUR MERCY, LORD"