



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
 Parish Website www.stpeterslytham.co.uk



FOR
Sunday 1st December 2019, First Sunday of Advent, Year 'A'
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 Time</i>	<i>Reader/s</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
TODAY Sunday 01/12	People of the Parish	Mass 10.30am Welcomers: Anne & Michael Hayes Baptism at midday	Becky Spall & Sue Newsham	Michael Elston, William Whiteside, Emma Riley, Richard Hazeldine
Wed 04/12	Maria Carlota D'Cruz (Ann)	Mass 8.30am	Mary Waddington	Teresa Mallabone & Lucy D'Souza
Thurs 05/12	Peter Mulligan (Ann)	Mass 8.30am	Sister Dominic Savio	Sister Christina King & Adrian Denye
Fri 06/12	Souls of those buried in Cemetery	1st Friday Mass at 7.30pm in Saltcotes Chapel	-	-
Sat 07/12	Johnny Matthews (Ann)	Mass 10.00am, followed by Exposition & Confessions 10.30-11.30 followed by Rosary & Angelus	Mary Chesworth	Anne-Marie & Michael O'Malley
Sunday 08/12	People of the Parish	Family Mass 10.30am Welcomers: The Beacham Family Baptism at midday	Children will Read	Pauline Elston, Anne-Marie & Michael O'Malley, Mary Waddington

St Joseph's Mass times:
 Sunday 1st: Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.
 Tuesday 3rd: Mass 9.00am
 Wednesday 4th: Service of Reconciliation at 7pm at St Joseph's, Ansdell.
 Friday 6th: Requiem Mass at 11.00am
 Saturday 7th: Vigil Mass 6.00pm.
 Sunday 8th Dec: Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.

This Week's Memorials:
Tue: St Francis Xavier, Priest, Day of Prayer for Migrants.
Wed: St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor.
Fri: St Nicholas, Bishop.
Sat: St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor.

 Monday 9th December Solemnity (transferred)
 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY -

- there will be a Special Collection for **Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.**
- SVP members will be holding their meeting in the parish hall at midday.
- Please see over page re **SVP Sudan Appeal.**

LAST WEEK : Attendance: 182.
 Collection: **£593.50.**
 Diocesan Youth Service: **£179.20.**
Thanks to all who contributed.

LATELY DEAD: Violet Bennet.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her may she rest in peace. Amen.

OUR OVERSEAS MISSION : £1052.37 Gift Aid, **£2500** sent to VES. *Happy Christmas, ACE!*

DEANERY SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT:
 will take place at St Joseph's, Ansdell at **7pm on Wednesday, 4th December.** There will be hymns, readings and reflections, with the opportunity for individual Confession provided by a number of our priests from around the deanery.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rt Rev Thomas Wulstan Pearson (1st Bishop of Lancaster). David Harrison, Joseph Threlfall, Sheila Gooden, Marion Milligan, Adeline Mary Wheatley, John Matthews, Fr Edward Collins, Hilda Wilkes, Kathleen Horton, Pauline Pavely, Harry Rigby, Richard Ingham, Edith Birtwistle, Brian Clarke, Maria Carlota D'Cruz. *May they rest in peace.*

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:
 Peter Mulligan (Ann). Johnny Matthews (Ann).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK please continue to pray for - Joan Keefe, Ciro Buono, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Robin Upton, Mattie Simpson, Irene Brierley, Margaret Fearn, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS:

The Catholic Women's League would appreciate gifts of new and good quality used toys for the benefit of needy children by Sunday 8th December. All donations will be gratefully received and can be left at St Peter's Piety Stall. *Many thanks in anticipation.*

ST PETER'S PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, VICTORY HALL, ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday 8th December from 2pm - 4pm.

The above party is for children of primary school age and downwards (children under school age to be accompanied by an adult). **There is a list on the porch notice board for the name(s) of your child and food donation (this is to avoid ending up with too much of the same food) (please note warnings about food allergies).** There will be a DJ, lots of fun and games and when Father Christmas arrives he will have a present for each child, so it will, as in the past, be a wonderful party. **The list of names will be removed from the notice board after Mass TODAY.**

SVP SUDAN APPEAL

Sudan has suffered a long history of conflict that has left behind a trail of destruction of unimaginable proportions together with untold human misery. **TODAY**, Deacon Michael will appeal for help in Sudan, particularly asking you to give life & hope in the Baby Feeding Project (it costs less than £1 a day to feed a baby for one week). The SVP provides baby feeding and pre-school meals in the internally displaced people's camps. Medical Centres in the camps are staffed by volunteer doctors & nurses - they also work in the prisons, where women often find themselves locked up together with their babies. **Every gift, of whatever value, will help the SVP continue its life-saving work.**

If you wish to make a donation, there will be 2 SVP members in the porch after Mass to help you. If you prefer to donate cash, please hand your donations to either Deacon Michael or any member of the SVP. If donating by cheque, please make payable to **SVP TWINNAGE**.

This appeal remains open over Christmas (and through into January if necessary).

DATES TO NOTE:

- **Stella Matutina** - 7/12 Christmas Event 2 - 4pm.
- St Joseph's Ansdell is, once again, offering **Christmas Day Dinner** in their Church Hall, 12noon for 12.30pm, for anyone on their own or couples in need of some company. This is the 3rd year SJ's have provided this service and hopefully numbers will continue to grow. Transport will be provided if required. **There is a 'Guest List' on the notice board that needs completing and Edwina needs this list returned to her by 10th December. See Deacon Michael or Mary Waddington if you have any queries?**
- **Cleaning of Church:** As Wednesday 4th is the 1st Wednesday of the month, cleaning of the Church will take place after the 8.30am Mass. **PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM AND HELP IF YOU CAN.** Thank you.
- **Girls' Club:** The next get together will be on Thursday 12th December in the parish hall from 6.30pm - 8pm and will include art and singing. Any queries please contact Claire Chesworth on 07803491889.

Sanctuary Lamps (Red)

"In thanksgiving to St Anthony" &L

"For a successful eye operation".

Our Lady's (Blue) Lamp: *"For a sick child"*

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

Bookings are now being taken for 2020.

BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making our Christmas Fair last Sunday a huge success. We raised a massive **£360.34**. It was so lovely to see so many of the Parish come along and enjoy themselves whilst raising money for two very worthy causes. Thank you to everyone who baked, provided raffle and tombola prizes, books and Christmas decorations. Thanks also, to all who helped on the day in various roles - we could not have done it without you all. **THANK YOU** again.!

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception** which is celebrated on 8th December (*transferred this year to 9th Dec*). The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

FOOD BANK UPDATE: 24.22kgs delivered to St Anne's Food Bank on 19th Nov - thank you so much.

Message from Pauline Elston

ADVENT MAGAZINES £1:

How far is it to Bethlehem ? For Mary and Joseph it was a week's walk; these days a 2 hour drive of around 100 miles. For us it is 3,290 miles (says google!) from St Peter's to The Church of the Nativity, a 56 hour drive! In truth it is a heartbeat away. What does the baby need? Warmth, shelter, love. Imagine if you could not just gaze upon the newborn Son of Man, but hold him in your arms and soothe his cries. All is well when Jesus is at the centre of our celebrations, life to the full, turkey and tinsel in abundance! Have a good read. **God is so good.**

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION

Please can all those supporting Missio by collecting in the red boxes bring them in for emptying as soon as possible. This is the end of year collection and I am hoping to bank the money before we move into 2020. Boxes can be left on the inner porch table if it is safe to do so, or in the Sacristy. They will be returned within a week and will be left in the porch again for collection. Thanking you in advance for your continued support. Any problems please call Andy on 07708807454.

Responsorial Psalm for 1st Sunday in Advent, Year A
and the response is:

***I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY
'LET US GO TO GOD'S HOUSE'.***