



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



FOR
Sunday 2nd May 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year 'B'
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 2nd May	People of the Parish	Public Mass 10.30am
Monday 3rd May	No Mass	-
Tuesday 4th May	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Wednesday 5th May	John Eric & Agnes Walsh (Ann)	Public Mass 9.00am.
Thursday 6th May	Margaret Baldwin (Ann)	Private Mass
Friday 7th May	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 8th May	Hilda Harrison (Ann)	Private Mass
Sunday 9th May	People of the Parish	Public Mass 10.30am

St Joseph's Mass details:
 Sunday (Vigil) - **Public Mass 6pm.**
 Sunday 2nd May - **Public Mass 9.15am.**
 Monday 3rd May - No Mass.
 Tuesday 4th May - Private Mass.
 Wednesday 5th May - **Public Mass 12 noon.**
 Thursday 6th May - Private Mass.
 Friday 7th May - Private Mass.
 Saturday 8th May - Private Mass.
 Sunday (Vigil) - **Public Mass 6pm.**
 Sunday: 9th May - **Public Mass 9.15am.**

This week's Feasts & Memorials:

Monday: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles, Feast
Tuesday: The English Martyrs, National Calendar, Feast.
 (see overleaf)
Friday: First Friday.

REMINDER -
SATURDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11am
the Church is open for Private Prayer.

'Thank you'

Collection - Wednesday 21st April:- **£52.00.**
 Collection - Sunday 25th April:- **£235.32.**
 Ecclesiastical Education Fund:- **£162.70.**
Thanks to all who contributed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children who should have made their First Holy Communion last year, when the lockdown brought everything to a halt, are now preparing to make that important step this year. Children from St Peter's parish made their First Confession this Saturday. They and their families will make their First Holy Communion at three special Masses in May: St Peter's - Sunday 9th & 16th May, both at 3pm; and St Joseph's - Sunday 23rd May, at 12noon. Please keep the children, their families, and the catechists in your prayers.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes have now been delivered to all who used theirs last year. If you didn't use your envelopes last year but would like to start using them again now that people are returning to Mass, please let us know via the website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) and we will deliver them to you.

SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS

Red Lamps-
"In loving memory of Anita Walsh RIP"
"For a Dear Friend"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp - "Special Intention"

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

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, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

SUNDAY MASS BOOKINGS :

Following Father David's announcement on Sunday 25th April, bookings for seats are being taken for all Sundays in May. Please contact Sue Shakespeare through the website or info@stpeterslytham.co.uk. Seats are being booked up quickly so contact Sue as soon as possible. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS : The Sacrament of Penance is now available after the 9am Mass on Wednesdays here at St Peter's, and also after the 12 Noon Mass at St Joseph's which is now on again. This is in addition to the option of arranging by phone with Fr David to come for the Sacrament at other times.

CASTLERIGG LOTTERY

As you can appreciate Castlerigg Manor (our Diocesan Youth Centre) has taken quite a hit financially during the Covid pandemic as they have been unable to host their usual programme of retreats for our schools. As a fundraising initiative, they have just launched a lottery. It costs £3 a month to enter and the winner each month takes half of the total subscribed that month. To sign up please go to:

<https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/lottery>

On the sign up page, set the amount at £3 for each ticket that you want to buy and set the frequency to 'Monthly-1st'. Full terms and conditions can be found on the page linked above. Thank you for helping our Diocesan Youth Service.

THE MONTH OF MAY is dedicated to the

Blessed Virgin Mary -

and 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!*

CATHOLIC VOICE -

The May edition (digital) of the Catholic Voice can be accessed on St. Peter's website.

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. *Many thanks.*

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Pat Sumner RIP x4

Robert McMahon (Ann) {14th May}

Frank Holland (Ann) {17th May}

ANNIVERSARIES occurring about this time:

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

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

May 4th

On Tuesday 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 Tuesday'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".*