



# NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
Parish Website [www.stpeterslytham.co.uk](http://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk)



Sunday 3rd March 2024, 3rd Sunday in Lent - Year 'B'  
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747  
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

## **Weekend 2nd / 3rd March - 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Sat 2nd 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 2nd 6pm St. Joseph's Rose Scott

Sun 3rd 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 3rd 10:30am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth plus 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Mon 4th 9am St. Peter's John Worsley followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am**

**plus St. Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7pm**

Tues 5th 10am St. Joseph's Patricia Conroy followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am  
with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm

**Wed 6th NO SERVICES TODAY**

Thurs 7th 10am St. Joseph's Tony Waters Birthday Remembrance

1pm St. Bernadette's Bispham Requiem Mass for Colin Woods

Fri 8th **NO SERVICES TODAY**

## **Weekend 9th / 10th March - 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

Sat 9th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

Sat 9th 6.00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 10th 9.15am St. Joseph's For those who prayed for me while I was ill

**Sun 10th March 10:30am St. Peter's Maciek Gruszecki for a successful recovery**

**plus: 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues St. Joseph's 10:30-11am**

**Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037**

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**This Week's Readings:** Jesus inaugurates the messianic age in a public act of boldness. Temple worship is to be purified and replaced by the person of the risen Christ.

**1st Reading Exodus 20:1-17** - The laws of God are summarised in the Ten Commandments. They begin with the reminder that God is the one who liberates.

**2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25** - The Christian message is a paradox - for the humiliation of Christ on the cross displays the glory of God.

**Gospel: John 2:13-25** - Jesus rids the Temple of traders, but declares that he himself has replaced the building as the place wherein God dwells. He announces by his actions that the messianic age has begun.

**Message from Deacon Michael:** This week's Lenten talk was on the topic of Eucharistic Adoration, something in which we have all participated in one form or another over the years. So when did reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, and consequently adoration, all start? Belief in the real physical presence of Christ in the Eucharist was emphasised in the teaching of the evangelists and St. Paul. In the early Church we know that hermits reserved the Eucharist in their cells and carried it from place to place. As monasticism changed from solitary to community life the Blessed Sacrament became an integral part of the church structure of a monastery. Initially it was reserved in a room separate from the sanctuary but by the year 800 it was common practice for the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved in the church itself, as it is today. Devotion to Our Lord reserved in the tabernacle developed initially in religious communities of both men and women, before becoming common practice amongst the laity. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi in the thirteenth century, and the devotion which we know as Benediction was strongly influenced by the establishment of this feast. Pope Clement VIII in 1592 introduced Quarant Ore, the forty hours devotion. In the sixteenth century, as a consequence of the Reformation in Europe, the Council of Trent robustly reaffirmed every aspect of Catholic belief in the Real Presence and of adoration. In later centuries perpetual adoration became common practice in monasteries and convents and many saints found strength through Eucharistic adoration. In the latter part of the twentieth century, some in the Church placed more emphasis on the celebration of the Eucharist ( the Mass ) and less on adoration, however, in more recent times successive Popes have strongly urged a return to Eucharistic adoration. There are ample opportunities for Eucharistic adoration in both our churches, especially during Lent. *What a privilege to come into the presence of our beloved Lord.*

**Apologies that there is no Mass this Wednesday at Saltcotes.** The next Cemetery Chapel Mass will be in Easter Week, on April 3rd.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** 1st Session for the children who have registered this Mon at 6pm at St. Peter's Hall. Please pray for all our candidates for this great Sacrament.

**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 25th February:- **£546.50.**  
CAFOD Family Fast:- **£508.60.**  
*Thanks to all who contributed.*

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Reminder - CWL Members:  
next meeting scheduled for  
Thursday 7th March in the Parish Hall at 2pm.

**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, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:**

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Social Event - St. Patrick's Day Party:**

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long,  
the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun.  
**St. Joseph's Hall, Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm**  
**(early as its a school night!)**

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses.

**TRINITY HOSPICE FUNDRAISING: February 2024**

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our 2024 Appeal for Trinity Hospice currently stands at £2,460.22. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has made a donation. Our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept any final donations for a further week. This page can be found at:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>.  
Any questions, place contact Dennis on 07432602753.

**Responsorial Psalm for**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent and the response is:**  
**"YOU, LORD, HAVE THE**  
**MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE"**

**Hail Holy Queen.**

During Lent our Marian Prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers each Day will be the Hail Holy Queen. In case you need the words: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp:**

*"Andy - B" and*

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

**Sue has room in her diary for new bookings.** To book, email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

**Lent 2024 at St. Peter's & St. Joseph's**

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturdays in Lent at SJ's 5pm - 5.50pm and

**Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm.**

**Next Saturday & Sunday 9th /10th Confessions will be available during these times.**

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction:**

**Mondays SP's at 7pm & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm.**

**Lenten Talks Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continue at the usual weekday times.**

**CAFOD LENTEN CHALLENGE**

Message from Chris McIndoe

**Are you looking for a different Lenten challenge this year?...**

...Why don't you join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk? The aim is to walk approximately 5km per day for 40 days of Lent and raise money to help people fight against poverty.

You don't have to walk the full 5km every day - SP's & SJ's are joining together as a team so any contributions, however big or small, will be appreciated both in steps and donations. See notice board for more details or contact Chris McIndoe.

**Please pray** for all who have died recently -  
*Colin Woods*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Gerard Hayes, Mary Caldwell, Phyllis Casner-Walmsley, Harold Hayworth, Dolly Parkinson, Evelyn Wright, Mary Cross, Fr. John Moxham, Marion Fisher, Eric J. Tierney, Roy Fox, John Whiteside, Irene Cookson, Moira Wilson, Gerard Keefe, Peter Worden, Connie Bolton, Maureen McCarthy, Bernard McKernan, Hilda O'Connor, Kathleen Murphy, Susan Middlehurst, Terry Mundy, Geoff Makinson, John Adamson. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**