



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 3rd September 2023, 22nd 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 2nd / 3rd September, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 2nd 6pm St. Joseph's Francis Joseph Smith

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

Sun 3rd 10:30am St. Peter's Joe Ainsworth

Mon 4th 9:00am St. Peter's Joseph Illingworth followed by *Exposition & Confessions till 10am*

Tues 5th 10:30am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Margaret Saum

Wed 6th 9am St. Peter's Michael J. Cross

Thurs 7th 10am St. Joseph's Peter Page

Weekend 9th / 10th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 9th 6pm St. Joseph's Joan Berry

Sun 10th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 10th 10:30am St. Peter's Terry Daw

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.

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

This Week's Readings: Today St. Paul tells us not to be followers of fashion, but followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers us a new vision of the world and a new way of living life.

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9 - God's prophet is mocked by the world around him, but God's word is a greater influence.

2nd Reading Romans 12:1-2 - Paul exhorts us not to follow the crowd, but to have the mind of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27 - Jesus speaks of suffering, self-sacrifice and glory.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: This Friday, 8th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Of all the different ways and dates we celebrate feasts throughout the liturgical calendar, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin is one of only three 'birthday' celebrations that decorate our year: the birth of Jesus, obviously on Christmas Day; the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th, and that of Mary. These birthdays are celebrated, not just because of the role their lives played in our salvation, but also because their very births were deemed to be especially holy: John's because of his sanctification in the womb at the Visitation, and Mary's through her Immaculate Conception. Although there are no scriptural references to Mary's birth 'Marymas', as it is sometimes known, has been celebrated since the sixth century, its date being exactly nine months after the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception on December 8th. It's another lovely feast to help us honour our Blessed Mother. *Impart to your children, Oh Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation. Through Mary's Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.*

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 27th August : **£392.10.**

Catholic Trust: **£115.90.**

Flower Garden: **£20.00.**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Next Sunday (10th) Education Day

Special Collection for Catholic Education Services

Start of School Year Mass:

At 9am Mass on Wednesday morning at St. Peter's we shall be joined by our Primary School as they ask the Lord's Blessing on the New School Year. All welcome.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamps: *"Special Intention - B"*

£ "Andy"

Our Lady: *"Tina - B"*

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation:

In November Bishop Paul will be coming to our Parishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on young people in Year 7 and above. Watch this space for more details coming next week.

**Sue's 100km Ultra walks for
Macmillan Cancer Support**

Next weekend Sue will be taking part in the second of her planned fundraisers, the Thames Path Ultra from Putney Bridge to Henley. A continuous walk. Many of you supported, and made a donation back in June when Sue took on the Lake District Ultra - thank you, your support means so much. Please remember the work of Macmillan in your prayers and those who are receiving treatment.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sueshakespeare23>

(Further information: Sue starts walking at 7.30am on Saturday and finishes sometime on Sunday (hopefully before lunchtime!). She will be walking through the night with her trusty head torch! There are about 1000 people taking part in different timed start waves, all raising money for charities close to their heart.)

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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

This week:

Mon 4th Sept: Memorial - St. Cuthbert, Diocesan Calendar.

Tues 5th Sept: - St. Herbert, Diocesan Calendar.

Fri 8th Sept - Feast - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

Mother Teresa, Isobel Morrison, Sr. Evangelista, James A. Hicks, Phyllis Boczewski, Joan Ross, Mary Smith, Michael Moran, Freda Bamber, Winifred Tallon, Christine Cross, Sr. Eugenie CP, Sr. Joan Ellett, Winifred Eccles, Dennis Murphy, John MacDonald, Christopher Brantley, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm for
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

and the response is:

**"FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING,
O LORD MY GOD"**

**Cleator Pilgrimage
Sunday 10th**

Mass and Blessing of the sick at 3pm.

See last Sunday's Newsletter for full details.

Fare, £27.00. Payable on coach. Put money in an envelope and seal. Write YOUR name and amount on front.

You will notice there is no pick up at St. Peter's, this is because it clashes with Mass.)

Other pick up points & times:

St Joseph, Woodlands Road, Ansdell. 10.15am.

Holy Family Freckleton. 10.30am.

The Willows. 11.00am.

St Joseph, Wesham. 11.15am.

Comfort stop at Burton in Kendal.

Leave Cleator at 5.30pm.

Deacon David Pope will be group leader.

Thank you for your support for this pilgrimage.

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter

Monday at 7pm in the presbytery. Newcomers most welcome! No musical experience necessary (or preferable). First Performance at the Race Night! (See below).

Cockroach Race Night! (Yes, that's right. Fr P)

Parishes Get-Together on Saturday **30th September**

7pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall.

£5 entrance, which includes supper.

Tickets are limited so please get them early!

Fully stocked drinks bar available on the night at discounted prices.

Tickets are being sold at the back of churches after Masses.

You have a chance to own your very own cockroach and be a winning owner. We are also looking for 8 businesses to sponsor the races.

Further details at the back of church.

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.

To book the Parish Hall, please contact Bill Whiteside on 07754060246.