



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 4th February 2024, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 3rd / 4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd 6pm St. Joseph's David Assheton

Sun 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 4th 10:30am St. Peter's Anne O'Connor

Mon 5th 9am St. Peter's Ints. of Zaida & Amber followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

Tues 6th 10am St. Joseph's Philip Clitheroe followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

Wed 7th 10am Saltcotes Cemetery Joseph Hawkins

Thurs 8th 10am St. Joseph's Leo Pearson

Weekend 10th / 11th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 10th 6.00pm St. Joseph's Ted Gillett

Sun 11th 9.15am St. Joseph's Margaret Saum

Sun 11th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with 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: We meet together today to give thanks and praise to God, in faithful acceptance of our duty of service to him.

1st Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7 - Job questions whether a person's life on earth is more than hired service.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 - St. Paul tells how he has put himself at the service of everyone in order to win souls.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 - Jesus goes throughout Galilee preaching and casting out devils.

Message from Fr. Peter: Those who attended the children's mass at SJ's a couple of weeks ago will know that over the last month I have been obsessed watching 'The Traitors', on BBC. Discussing the final with the Altar Servers at SP's last week I mentioned that (#spoiler alert) I would have preferred the Faithfuls (or even the Traitor Andrew) to win, partly because the eventual winner, Harry, had the really annoying habit of using the phrase 'Oh my days!' all the time, at least once every sentence it would seem, as a term of shock, astonishment, wonder, or just for something to say. (The Altar Servers then challenged me to use the phrase in my sermon, which I duly did!). He used the phrase 'Oh my days' so often that it got me thinking where it originated from, so I did a bit of judicious internet research, which turned out quite interesting. Some articles suggested that as we now no longer live in a religious society the phrase, which remember is actually a PRAYER, 'Oh my God', has ceased to make sense, so is replaced by 'Oh my days'. Other articles suggested that it was used instead of 'Oh my God' by those who did not want to take the Lord's name in vain, and also suggested that this is why many people use 'Oh my gosh'. Others suggest it has Caribbean origins, or at least from the Caribbean community in London. Interesting suggestions, but the phrase 'Oh, my days' is actually first recorded as being used at the end of the nineteenth century, a sort of oath or admission that you are having difficult times, originally being 'Law, My days!'. However it's used, if it means we don't take the Lord's name in vain, then that's a good thing. But remember 'Oh my God' is also a prayer, so let us use that phrase daily, but in a spirit of prayer, praise, love, admiration, and contemplation of the presence of God in our daily lives. And if ever you hear me say something unexpected in a sermon, it maybe cause the altar servers have bet me I could say it in my homily...

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 28th January:- **£534.70.**

Crib Offerings:- **£43.00.**

Sudan Appeal:- £5.00 (Final total **£1074.30**)

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery in the beautiful chapel:
 This Wednesday, 7th February at 10am. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:

Application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses.

Forms must be returned by Sunday February 18th.

See overleaf for Services during Lent.

SVP - South Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal

The appeal closed last Sunday and the final total was a wonderful **£1074.30**. Your generous response at a time when there are many calls for help from all around our troubled world is most touching. On behalf of some of the world's poorest people, a huge 'THANK YOU' for giving their babies and children the means of survival. This sum will now be sent off to the SVP. May God bless you for your kindness, Deacon Michael.

TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

(1) SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

13th February, 6pm - 7pm in

St. Peter's Parish Hall.

Everyone welcome for a pancake and refreshments, a children's game, a raffle and general chit chat and mingle!

Please add names and numbers to poster at back of church so we know how much batter to whisk up!

(2) This year's "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER" will be hosted by St. Annes URC in St. Annes, Clifton Drive. **Friday 1st March 2024 at 2pm.**

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

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

David Lavelle, Joseph Tomlinson, Helga Nielson, Margaret E. Eccles, Gertrude Beesley, Caroline Butt, George Grady, Betty Waring, Philomena Smith, Harry Forshaw, Molly Killiner, William Sergeant, Gerald Turner, Val George, Sister Rosalie CP, Esme Stimpson, Sister Pauline CP, Anton & Gloria Denye, Alice Walsh, Sr. Angelus CP, Alfred Harrison, Sr. Mary Patrick CP, Alicia Russell. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

2024 Diocesan Directories are available from Bill Whiteside at the back of Church priced £6.

Thursday -

Prayer for "Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it".

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamp: *"In loving memory of Jean"*

Our Lady's Lamp *"Prayers for Amanda's recovery"*

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

MESSAGE FROM ANDY CROSS

Many thanks to all those who brought in their Mission Red Boxes in December, **£446** banked for the Pope's Missions abroad.

Small change still has "clout" - if you could support collections with a Red Box at home, please see Andy Cross at Mass or phone 07708807454.

Trinity Hospice Fundraising February 2024:

The Hospice Fund Committee will be collecting after the weekend masses for the first two weekends at SJSP's in February. A 'Just Giving' page has also been set up to accept voluntary donations - large or small - during the month of February 2024. This page can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>.

Trinity Hospice has been severely affected financially by COVID and the current economic situation. Please donate to this very worthy cause if you can. Taxpayers can boost the amount of their donation by choosing to add Gift Aid to the value of their donations. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice. **If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.**

Lent 2024 at St. Joseph's & St. Peter's Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February

Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm (on certain weeks

confession will be available in this hour:

details as advertised each week).

Stations of the Cross & Benediction:

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

Lenten Talks

(on a variety of subjects, further details each week).

Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm

(starts February 21st).

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

Responsorial Psalm for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

and the response is:

**"PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE
BROKEN-HEARTED"**