



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 4th December 2022, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 3rd December 6:00pm St. Joseph's The Delaney Family
 Sunday 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's Paddy Corrigan
Sunday 4th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes
Mon 5th 9am St. Peter's John Brownwood followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 10am
11am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Margaret Malcolm
 Tues 6th 10:00am St. Joseph's The Mason Family followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am
Wed 7th 9:00am St. Peter's Maria Carlotta D'Cruz
 Thurs 8th Dec 10:00am St Joseph's George and Mary Moss
Weekend 10th / 11th December - The Third Sunday of Advent
 Saturday 10th 6.00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes
 Sunday 11th 9:15am St. Joseph's The Murphy Family
Sunday 11th 10:30am St. Peter's Brenda Windsor

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:
Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's, Tuesday 10:30-11am at St. Joseph's.
 Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

2nd Sunday of Advent A: Through our baptism we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather together in his name we remember our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way of the Lord.

1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 When the Messiah comes a new era of peace with justice shall dawn. Enemies will become friends and all will have knowledge of the Lord.

2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9 Members of the Christian community are to be friends to one another just as Christ has befriended us. This will give God glory and lead the nations to sing God's praise.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist appears in the desert wearing simple clothes and eating only food that could be found in the wilderness. He is not interested in power or glory but in preparing hearts for the coming of the Lord.

St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

Christmas Eve Sat Dec. 24th : 6pm at St. Joseph's Children Mass of Christmas - All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.

Christmas Eve Sat Dec. 24th : 8pm at St. Peter's Candlelit Mass of Christmas with Carols & Readings from 7.30pm.

Christmas Day Sun Dec. 25th : Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th. 9.15am at St. Joseph's and 10.30am at St. Peter's.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation :

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Sat 17th Dec, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **St. Peter's Sat 17th 11am-12noon. St. Joseph's Sat 17th 4.30pm-5.30pm.**

MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:

Prayers are especially asked for our own Fr Harry Holden this week, who is in hospital. We pray the Lord gives him strength and peace. And so Advent has begun, and hopefully we are now all well into our preparations for the forthcoming Feast. Spiritual and material preparations continue in our churches - Advent wreathes being duly lighted, and the enjoyable 'Sycamore' Advent course continuing at SP's, Advent services being prepared every time I pop into school, and on Tuesday afternoon children from a local nursery will be singing their carols in Church. It's so wonderful how at school and in church the children are helping us to understand the true meaning of Christmas. Last week saw three Funeral Services, with three more in the coming fortnight, so please pray for all the bereaved at these times. Visits to Clifton Hospital are now officially on the timetable too now, so lots to do... which means the Christmas Cards aren't totally written and sent just yet, so if you find me slumped in a corner singing 'Have a jolly dolly Christmas... it's the best time of the year' you'll know why...!

TODAY - Family Mass and afterwards a Christmas Coffee Morning for the young people and all parishioners.

See overleaf for the 2022 Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal

**St Vincent de Paul Society
Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2022**

Today we launch our annual appeal on behalf of the SVP for your help in feeding the poor babies and young children in Sudan and South Sudan. Continuing civil unrest, the effects of Covid 19 and global food shortages have contributed to a worsening plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. The baby feeding stations set up by the SVP keep hundreds of babies and young children alive each year. This work has been generously supported over the years by St. Peter's parishioners and friends and we cannot thank you enough. However, these poor people continue to need our help to keep their babies and young children alive and so we again raise our voices on behalf of the poor and ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give, at a time when we are all feeling the effects of rising food and energy prices, will be a great help and will be much appreciated. SVP members will be handing out donation forms as you leave church today. These can be returned with your kind donations in the weeks up to Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday November 27th: **£479.80**

Diocesan Poor Missions: **£178.60.**

Further Donations:

Diocesan Youth Service: **£33.00.**

Catholic Education Service: **£10.00.**

Thanks to all who contributed..

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp -

"Special Intention - B" & Our Lady - "Phoebe"

To book email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue has several lamps free before end of 2022 and bookings are being taken for next year.

**ADVENT SPIRITUAL PREPARATION
FOR CHRISTMAS:**

A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church, **this week Monday 5th at 6pm** at St. Peter's. Everyone welcome.

MESSAGE FROM ANDY CROSS

Please could any **RED BOXES** that need emptying for the end of year collection, be brought into Church and passed to Andy over the next 3 weeks.

Thanks in advance.

Responsorial Psalm for 2nd Sunday of Advent

and the response is:

***In his days justice shall flourish and peace
till the moon fails.***

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Rt. Rev. Thomas Wulstan Pearson (1st Bishop of Lancaster), David Harrison, Joseph Threlfall, Sheila Gooden, Marion Milligan, Adeline Mary Wheatley, Johnny Matthews, Fr. Edward Collins, Hilda Wilkes, Kathleen Horton, Pauline Pavely, Harry Rigby, Richard Ingham, Edith Birtwistle, Brian Clarke, Maria Carlota D'Cruz, Ursula Almond, Deacon Bill Wright, Stuart Ridgeway, Irene Brierley. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Message from Holy Family Catholic Primary School

A vacancy has arisen for a Site Supervisor/Cleaner at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Warton. 25 hours per week (split shift - am & pm). Job entails cleaning/general maintenance/DIY jobs. If interested, please contact the School Office 01772 633623 for an application form.

(Please note! As no deadline date has been given for vacancy applications, this advert will be in the newsletter for 2 weeks.)

MESSAGE FROM

LYTHAM COMMUNITY HUB (CIC) -

is a non profit-making organisation providing somewhere warm this winter for people to go and have a bowl of soup, cup of tea, etc (all provided free) and also providing an opportunity for people to meet other people, especially anyone who lives on their own. The aim is to help during the current economic crises (hence 'warm hub') and to facilitate companionship. *Please note - full details, including venues and times for this initiative on the inner porch notice board, plus a poster.*

This week's Solemnity & Memorial

Tues: St. Nicholas, Bishop.

Wed: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial).

Thurs: **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).**

Fri: St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin.

Sat: Our Lady of Loreto.

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, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

FOOD BANK - All donations appreciated in the run up to Christmas.

If you are unable to bring food to church, you can contact Pete - mobile number 07929 553968 - and he will collect donations from your home. **Thank you so much.**