



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR



Sunday 5th February 2023, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 4th / 5th February, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 4th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Brian Delaney

Sun 5th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 5th 10:30am St. Peter's Alfred Harrison

Mon 6th 9am St. Peter's Mattie Simpson followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am

Tues 7th 10am St. Joseph's Norah Eardley followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am

11.30am Lytham Crematorium Service for Scott Russell Hall

Wed 8th February 9:00am St. Peter's Roque Francisco D'Cruz

Thurs 9th 10:00am St. Joseph's Maureen Newsham

10:45am Lytham Crematorium Service for Vincent Conti

Weekend 11th / 12th February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 11th 6:00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 12th 9:15am St. Joseph's Intentions of Moss Family

Sun 12th 10:30am St. Peter's John Worsley

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

Mon 9:30 - 10am @ St. Peter's, Tues 10:30 - 11am @ St. Joseph's

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time A - We are reminded today that we have been blessed by God. We have been given a special duty to bring all people closer to the God who loves us. We do this by being more like Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10 - In showing concern and love we are like a light for all people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 - St Paul reminds the church that real faith comes from the power of God.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16 - We have been made as a light for a dark world.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Last Wednesday was the 1st Feb, and as I was walking around the Church saying my Divine Office (which I promised on the day of my ordination to celebrate faithfully every day) (incidentally using my new up to date digital breviary) one of the dear sisters pointed out to me that it was the Feast of St. Brigid, and I hadn't seemed to make any mention of it. I checked my breviary and the missal and there was no mention of this much loved Saint. Why not? Well, whilst there is a Universal Calendar of Saints, covering such worldwide celebrations of Saints that we all know and love over the whole of Christendom, there are also Saints that only appear in individual country's Calendar of Saints. Our Bishop's conference is that of England and Wales, so that is the Calendar we use, which includes such Saints as St Thomas a Beckett, famously murdered 'in the Cathedral', but does *not* include Saint Brigid, who only belongs to the Irish Liturgical Calendar. Each Diocese also has its own additions too, so here in Lancaster Diocese we have Feasts of the Martyrs of Cumbria, and Lancaster, and also turn the optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes into a full blown feast, as she is Patroness of this Diocese. Are you keeping up? Sometimes working out what to pray is harder than filling in your self-assessment tax form. If you would like to go digital with your masses and prayers, there is an App for phones, iPads and tablets called 'Universalis' which is the one I use when praying around the Church, and that keeps me on the right calendar, even having the options for each Diocese. To go back to St. Brigid: here is her beautiful House Blessing: *May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell. Bless every fireside, every wall and door. Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof. Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy. Bless every foot that walks portals through. May Brigid bless the house that shelters us. And Amen to that, whatever Liturgical Calendar we are using!*

Saint of the Week: This Monday, 6th February, we remember the sixteenth century Japanese Martyrs, Saint Paul Miki and his twenty-five companions, who were the first Saints from the Far East to be canonised, having been crucified and stabbed after marching 600 miles to Nagasaki. The Catholic faith had been brought to Japan by Saint Francis Xavier, but religious tensions, as well as political machinations, brought much persecution, and the Imperial Minister sentenced 26 Catholics to death, at the place that has now become known as 'Martyr's Hill'. They are said to have expressed joy at being martyred, as they could join their sufferings to those of Christ - and the executioners were both moved and feared of their joy. In 1862 they were canonised by Pope Pius IX. *God our Heavenly Father, May we hold with courage and joy the gift of being charged with preaching your work, even until death, with the example of the courageous and joyful martyrs, Saint Paul Miki and his Companions. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pancake Celebration: Lent will soon be upon us, but before that we will be holding a Pancake Evening in the Presbytery at SJ's on Tuesday 21st February, from 6pm - 8pm. Pancakes will be ready from 6pm, with time to mingle and chit chat, with a quiz, raffle and children's game from 7pm. Tickets to gauge numbers and cover costs are available after Masses. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for coffee mornings after Mass on a Sunday. If you are interested in doing this, please could you let either Sue Shakespeare or Alison Croft know (**07732182051**) *Many thanks.*

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 29th January: **£447.90.**
Many thanks for your generosity.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Crib Offerings this year totalled £116.00. This sum will now be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you for helping these needy families.

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

You will see the SVP Twinnage Certificate and receipt on the SVP notice board in the porch. With the addition of Gift Aid to the £2045.00 contributed, the sponsorship increased to £2420.00. Damian Harden, the Twinnage Officer for Lancaster, has added his comment on the Certificate: "Another marvellous response - thank you"

Sanctuary Lamp Booking - Red Lamps

"David & Chris - training for the ministry"
"Nicola"

Blue Lamp Our Lady - "Susan Hedley".

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

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

Mon: SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial).

Wed: St. Jerome Emiliani OR St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (we are urged to pray for victims of Human Trafficking & those who work to combat it.

Fri: St. Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial).

Sat: Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Diocese - World Day for the Sick. (Feast in Diocesan Calendar.)

Message from Chris McIndoe

THE BIG LENT WALK

CAFOD'S Lent walking challenge is back, and this year its the Big Lent Walk ! The challenge is to walk 200km over the 40 days of Lent. Every £1 raised will be used to fight extreme global poverty. If you would like to join St. Peter's Team, all contributions, big or small will be appreciated.

Please contact Chris McIndoe **07738 366336**

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 9th March - Bingo for all the family in the Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday 9th April - Easter themed coffee morning & easter egg hunt after Mass.

Sunday 7th May - Coronation themed coffee morning.

More details to follow for each event in due course.
Many thanks.

Please pray for all who have died recently - Vincent Conti & Scott Russell Hall and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Alice Walsh, James Simpson, Kate Gaskell, Mary Simpson, Olga McHell, Margaret Creaser, Tony McNulty, June Dillon, Arthur Baker, Greta Harding, Mollie Southworth, Sr Vincent CP, Carol Sprigg, Michael Armer, Vincent Platt, Catherine Mullen, John Wright, Edith Clarke, Sr Angelus CP, Alfred Harrison, Sr Mary Patrick CP, Alicia Russell, Hilda Mann. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

TODAY - Racial Justice Day.

Responsorial Psalm for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:

THE GOOD MAN IS A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT.