



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 5th March 2023, 2nd Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 4th/5th March, Second Sunday in Lent

Sat 4th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Charles O'Neill

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

Sun 5th 10:30am St. Peter's Margaret & Tony Denye

Mon 6th 9am St. Peter's Mary & Eddie Wilson followed by Confessions & Exposition until 10.00am

7.00pm St Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tues 7th 10am St. Joseph's MacCaulay Campbell followed by Confessions & Exposition until 11.00am

7.00pm St Joseph's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wed 8th 9:00am St. Peter's Brian Matthews

10.45am St Peter's Funeral Service for Jean Taylor

Thurs 9th 10am St. Joseph's Agnes Mary Pendlebury followed by the Holy Rosary

Sat 11th 11.00am Lytham Crematorium Service for Geoffrey Healey

Weekend 11th/12th March Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sun 12th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Golightly

Sun 12th 10:30am St Peter's Kathleen Leeming

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9.30-10.00am at St Peter's, Tuesday 10.30-11.00am at St Joseph's

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

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PETER'S

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: St. Peter's Every Mon evening at 7pm, St. Joseph's Every Tues evening at 7pm.

Lent Sycamore Course: What do you Believe? All Welcome to further our Faith in this Holy Season. Every Wednesday in Lent at 7.00pm in St Peter's Parish Hall. **The Holy Rosary** Every Thursday 10.30am after Mass at St Joseph's

2nd Sunday in Lent - Just as Peter, James and John ascended the mountain and saw Jesus revealed in glory, in this Mass we open our eyes to the glory of Christ revealed in word and sacrament.

1st Reading Genesis 12:1-4 – God calls Abram to leave everything with which he is familiar – father, family and home – and go to a new country.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10 – Paul calls us to reflect on the mystery of grace. We have not deserved anything God has given us – it has all been granted as a gift in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 In the story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John have their vision of Jesus transformed as his glory is revealed.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Last Saturday, on the first weekend of Lent, Deacon-to-be-David and myself drove parishioners Nigel and Susan to Lancaster Cathedral for a service called the 'Rite of Election'. In this rather beautiful liturgy, people from around the diocese who are to be received into full communion with the Church at Easter, gather along with their sponsors and Parish Priests, to be presented to Bishop Paul, and formally declared 'the elect'. First of all the Catechumens, those who are to be baptised, are called by name and presented to the Bishop, who says a prayer over them, followed by the calling of the Candidates, those who have already received Christian Baptism, including our own Susan and Nigel. The Bishop welcomed them with the prayer: *Lord God, you created the human race and are the author of renewal. Bless all your adopted children, and add these chosen ones to the harvest of your new covenant. As true children of the promise, may they rejoice in eternal life, won, not by the power of nature, but through the mystery of grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.* So let us look forward to the Easter Vigil when Nigel and Susan will be received into the Church, and let us pray for them as they make their final preparations for this wonderful step in their journey of faith. In other news, a woman came to the priest complaining about her husband's snoring. 'Is it a problem?' asked the priest. 'yes', she replied, 'It stops me from hearing your sermons'. I'll get my coat.....(and Brian the Organist can get his, as he shared this with me ! Cheers.)

The Stations of the Cross: This week we will pray a set of Stations of the Cross based around passages from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Prophet Isaiah wrote about the coming Messiah in a way that was completely new in the Old Testament, that of a God who would come to this earth and achieve glory, not through worldly state or political triumph, but through suffering, and giving his life up as a servant for all. This theme of the 'Suffering Servant' runs right the way through the prayers, which begin with a quote from the Book of Isaiah, before asking us to contemplate on how we have and continue to play our part in this suffering, and how we can alleviate it for our brothers and sisters. **Monday 7.00pm at St Peter's, Tuesday 7pm at St Joseph's.**

Lectio Divina: Everyone is welcome to some discussion, prayer and meditation on the Sunday Scripture readings in the Hall at St Joseph's at 10.00am on Wednesdays. Another great way to celebrate this season of Lent, perhaps ?

Lent Sycamore Course; What do you believe? Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation He offers in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. All are welcome. **This Wednesday 8th March 7pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Lytham.**

St Peter's Mid-Lent Bingo: Thursday 23rd March, in St Peter's Hall. A jolly evening for all the family. **All welcome** (and Fr Peter calling the numbers.....!)

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 26th February: **£401.30**

Envelopes via St Joseph's : **£229.00**

CAFOD Turkey -Syria Appeal £60.00

Many thanks to all who contributed.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT 2023

Last Friday, 3rd March, was CAFOD's Family Fast Day. There are many calls on our charity at present, but please be as generous as you can to those less fortunate than ourselves. Envelopes will be collected as you leave church today and also next Sunday.. **Thank you**

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 23rd March Mid-Lent Bingo in the Parish Hall

Easter Sunday 9th April – Easter themed coffee morning and easter egg hunt after Mass.

Sunday 7th May -Coronation themed coffee morning.

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

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, 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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for your most generous response to this appeal. The final total was the magnificent sum of **£780.60** which has now been sent off to CAFOD. May God bless you all.

GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer, signing up to Gift Aid is an excellent way to help your parish at no additional cost to yourself. Last year the parish received over £9000 in tax refunds thanks to those parishioners who Gift Aid their weekly Offertory contributions. Think about it !

With bank closures we don't have the same access to cash as we used to have. Did you know that you can make your Offertory contribution by Standing Order, eliminating the need for cash ?

Gift Aid and Standing Order forms are available from Deacon Michael.

MESSAGE FROM FR PHILIP NEWBOLD a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area.

He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support "Aid to the Church in Need" (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him, you can sponsor him on line at: www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?

OR sign the sponsor form to be found in the church porch and he will arrange collection after Easter. **Thank you.**

THE BIG LENT WALK 2023 - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Gretta, Lise, Anne, Trish, Pat, Sue and our resident super stepper Fr. Peter, will be walking 5km per day. Every £1 raised will help CAFOD to be there for people fighting extreme poverty globally. You can sponsor us, and follow our progress on the web page:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stpeterslytham>

Alternatively, there will be a sponsor form at the back of church. **Many thanks for your support and prayers.**

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

Joseph Patten, Joan Strickland, George Highton, Kathleen Murphy, John F. Hoyle, Arthur Mulligan, Madeleine Looby, Joan Rigby, Sr. Cecilia Moon HCJ, Norah Dixon, Ian Whitehead, Gertraud E. Howard, Jean Cody, Tony Whittaker, Deacon Brian Burns, John Leblisque. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions -

Red Lamp "Special Intention - B"

Blue Lamp "Tina - B"

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.

Responsorial Psalm for 2nd Sunday in Lent

and the response is:

MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US, O LORD, AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT :

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory