



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 5th November 2023, 31st 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 4th / 5th November, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 4th Nov 6pm St. Joseph's Mary Jane & John MacDonald

Sun 5th Nov 9:15am St. Joseph's George McKeon

Sun 5th Nov 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

MONDAY 6TH - FRIDAY 10TH. NO MASSES AT SJSPs WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK.

There are masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Annes Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri at 9:30am.

Weekend 11th / 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

Sat 11th 6pm St. Joseph's Monsignor P. Cookson & John Cookson

Sun 12th 9:15am St. Joseph's Elizabeth Whitehead

Sun 12th Nov 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition will continue week beginning Monday 13th:

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: Our almighty God is the loving Father who created and sustains all that there is; yet God humbled himself to become human in Christ, to show us the way of love. Let us rejoice as Christ comes to us again today in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

1st Reading *Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10* - Through the prophet Malachi, God reminds his people that if they are unfaithful to the covenant they also are unfaithful to each other.

2nd Reading *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13* - Paul uses maternal imagery to remind the people how hard he worked to bring them the gospel, and how they received it with joy.

Gospel *Matthew 23:1-12* - Jesus gives a severe warning against the vice of hypocrisy, and preaches the absolute sovereignty of God.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: With the joyfully busy November that we are celebrating here at SJSP's, let us not forget that this is the Month of the Holy Souls, when we pray for those who have gone before us. It is in the Old Testament book of Maccabees that this devotional practice is first mentioned when Judas Maccabaeus made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin. From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers for them - most especially in offering up the holy sacrifice of the mass, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The phrase 'offer it up', the 'for the holy souls in purgatory' remaining unsaid, is testament to this, and a phrase which, in my opinion, and the opinion of the New Catechism, should be brought back into wider circulation. As it is not just prayers, we are called to 'offer up'; suffering, almsgiving and works of penance lead both the Holy Souls, and ourselves, to heaven, working for a better world, and a better next world, also, which is very much the Spirit of the Beatitudes, a reading of which we began the month with on the Feast of All Saints. As St. John Chrysostom preached *Let us help and commemorate the dead. If the sons of Job were purified by their father's sacrifice, why should we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation. Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.* As this November continues, please remember all our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, and all the names on our November lists: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Many thanks for the understanding and kind comments regarding last week's (uncomfortable for me) sermon on the 'sordid topic of coin'. Just to reiterate a couple of points. Firstly, huge thanks for every penny that is donated to the mission of the Church here in Lytham and Ansdell; your generosity is wonderful. Whilst appreciating that everyone's circumstances are straitened, please reflect on your giving to the Church and ask whether it might be increased to help with ever increasing costs of running our beautiful Churches. Please donate with notes or by banker's order, to avoid bank charges. If at all possible please consider gift aiding your donations (the "envelope" scheme), or making a regular standing order (forms for which are available at the back of Church). And once again, huge, huge thanks to you all.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 29th October :- **£444.20.**

Sick and Retired Priests:- **£223.50.**

Further Donations:-

World Missions:- **£10.00.**

CAFOD Family Fast:- **£20.00**

(Bringing the total to **£830.00**).

Many thanks to all who contributed.

GIFT AID If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

NOVEMBER AT SJ'S & SP'S

Sun 12th Remembrance Sunday: An Act of Remembrance with The Silence & Last Post at all Masses.

Sat 18th Carol Singing Outside SP's from 3-4pm, before the Lytham Light Switch On Parade.

Sun 19th Bereavement Sunday: All those who died in the past year will be prayed for by name.

Tue 21st Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, 10am at SJ's followed by refreshments.

Tue 21st Nov: Mass of Confirmation: 7pm at SP's.

Wed 22nd Mass in Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am *Lifts available from SP's at 9.30am.*

Sun 26th Nov: The Feast of Christ the King: Morning Masses led by some of our Newly Confirmed.

REMINDER:

Please place your names of loved ones in the box on the altar to be remembered in our masses this November. Masses for the Holy Souls can be requested in the usual way, using the mass intention offering envelopes.

TODAY (5th) 1st Sunday of Month, could we make a special effort to bring non-perishable food items, & toiletries, to Church over the weekend, which can be distributed to those in need at these times. All being well we will make this a monthly event, so if you are able please response to this great need, and remember those less fortunate as you do your shopping.

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, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley and Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Responsorial Psalm for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

and the response is:

**"KEEP MY SOUL
IN PEACE BEFORE YOU, O LORD"**

The Sacrament of Confirmation: next session for the Candidates is **this Monday at 6pm in St. Peter's Hall.** This week the candidates will be discussing The Rite of Confirmation and the signs and symbols involved in the sacrament. Please pray for our candidates and their families on this important step in their journey of faith. The session is followed by the **SJSP Ukulele Orchestra in St. Peter's Hall at 7pm** - new members still welcome.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp: "Special Intention - B" Our Lady: "Tina - B"

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

Please pray for all who have died recently -

Sister Oswin HCJ and Graham Smith

and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Judith Turner, Eileen Conway, George Walmsley, Joseph Gillett, Eileen Helm, Francis O'Shea, Les Eccles, Ted Bolton, Anne Coyne, Edward Hardman, Gilbert Westhead, Agnes Cross, Susannah Bamber, Joanne Spragg, Maria Bailey, Anne Preston, Barbara Swarbrick, Margaret Holmes, Arthur Hulse, Maureen Newsham, Fr. Kershaw, Mgr Cookson. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

ALL SOULS DAY INDULGENCES - In addition to the usual conditions (i.e. a good confession and reception of Holy Communion) a plenary indulgence, applicable to a holy soul, can be gained by making a devout visit to a church where an Our Father, and the Creed are recited. **This indulgence can be gained on All Souls day or the following Sunday after.**

Lancaster Diocesan Missio Mass

Sat 18th Nov 2023 at 11.15am: Parish of St. John Paul II, Sacred Heart Church, Beech Grove, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, PR2 1DU.

Sat 25th Nov 11.15am: Blessed Christopher Robinson House, Lismore Place, Carlisle, CA1 1LZ.

At both Masses there will be presentations from Bishop Swarbrick and a missionary priest, followed by a Q&A session. Invite extended to Red Box holders & supporters in parish.

To assist with planning please RSVP by 6th Nov. e-mail redbox@missio-org-uk or tel: 07593 544625.