



**NEWSLETTER**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
 Parish Website [www.stpeterslytham.co.uk](http://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk)



**FOR**  
**Sunday 5th December 2021, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year 'C'**  
**Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037**  
**Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)**

<i>Day &amp; Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 5th December	People of the Parish	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent - Mass 10.30am</b>
Mon 6th December	No Mass	-
Tues 7th December	-	<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Wed 8th December	Dec'd Parishioners & Clergy	<b>Solemnity - Mass 9.00am</b>
Thurs 9th December	Special Intention	<b>Mass 9.00am</b>
Fri 10th December	-	<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Sat 11th December	Norah Shortt RIP	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> (Confessions after Mass) Wedding Service at 12 noon.
Sunday 12th December	People of the Parish	<b>Gaudete Sunday - Mass 10.30am</b>

**St Joseph's Mass details:**  
 Sun (Vigil) - Mass 6pm - 2nd Sunday of Advent  
 Sun 5th Dec - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.  
 Mon 6th Dec - No Mass.  
 Tue 7th Dec - Mass 10.00am.  
 Wed 8th Dec - *Mass at St Peter's 9.00am.*  
 Thurs 9th Dec - *Mass at St Peter's 9.00am.*  
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**This week's Solemnity & Memorial:**  
**Mon:** St. Nicholas, Bishop.  
**Tues:** St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial).  
**Wed: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).**  
**Thurs:** St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (*see overleaf*).  
**Fri:** Our Lady of Loreto.  
**Sat:** St. Damasus I, Pope.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
**Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2021**

At Mass 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. Recent civil unrest in Sudan, coupled with the effects of Covid 19 have contributed to a worsening of the plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. In previous years the response from St Peter's parishioners and friends has been magnificent and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness. In a spirit of humility but also of boldness in providing a voice for the poor, we again ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give will be a great help. 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.

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*Please see overleaf for response to today's Responsorial Psalm*

**'Thank you'**  
 Collection - Weekday Masses:- **£28.40.**  
 Collection - Sunday 28th November:- **£440.17.**  
 Diocesan Poor Missions:- **£215.19.**  
**Further donations:**  
 Youth Service:- **£43.30.**  
 Sick & Retired Priests:- **£15.00.**  
 World Missions:- **£5.00.**  
**Many thanks to all who contributed.**

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**WEDDING SERVICE**  
 We ask God's blessing upon  
**Laura Jayne PLATT & Matthew Peter DUNN**  
 who will be married in St. Peter's on  
 Saturday 11th December at 12 noon.

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**CONFIRMATION**  
 Congratulations to all our young people who were Confirmed by Bishop Paul Swarbrick last Tuesday at St Joseph's. Many thanks go to our catechists, who worked so hard to prepare the candidates. Thanks also to the families of our young people for their support. And thanks be to God for all his graces and blessings!

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:**

*"Special intention - B"*

*& "Phoebe Rowlings"*

**Our Lady's Blue Lamp:**

*"For a Safe Delivery".*

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

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*Message from Andy*

**MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION**

I would like to try and do the usual Missio Red Box collection and emptying **over the next few weeks to Christmas**. Any boxes that need emptying can be brought into Sunday Mass and left with either Lise or myself, or at the piety stall and will be returned (sanitised) the week after and picked up from the back of church. At this time I am happy to collect any boxes if people are not able to attend Mass - please call Andy on 07708807454, and leave a message.

Missio need your small change now more than ever - its amazing how the pennies mount up!

Thanking you in Advance for Your Generosity.

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**ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:**

William Ashton, Mary Read, Bridget Coogan, Mary Coogan, Susan Horan, Winifred Moss, Elsie Hodgson, Margaret A. Figgess, Ethel Craig, Austin McTeague, Bernard McKenna, Sheila Russell, Connie Gillett, Brian Parkinson, Margaret M. Hanby, Mabel Tomlinson, Ursula Almond, Deacon Bill Wright, Stuart Ridgway, Irene Brierley.

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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**THE MONTH OF DECEMBER -**

is dedicated to the *Immaculate Conception* which is celebrated on Wednesday 8th December. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

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**Responsorial Psalm for**

**2nd Sunday of Advent, and the response is:**

**WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US ! INDEED WE WERE GLAD.**

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

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**BLESSED JUAN DIEGO (Layman)**

Thursday 9th December

Little is known about the life of Juan Diego to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on December 9th, 1531. His given name was said to be "Cuauhtlatotzin" (meaning "talking Eagle" in his native language).

He was a member of the Chichimeca people, one of the more culturally advanced groups living in the Valley of Anahuac, as the area that is now Mexico City was once known. He was a leader of his own people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry.

After the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to tradition, Juan Diego received the Bishop's permission to live as a hermit in a small hut near the chapel that was built on Tepeyac. There he cared for the church and the first pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image and pray to the Mother of Jesus.

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**ONGOING REMINDERS:**

**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.

**THE PIETY STALL** is open each Sunday - on sale a selection of Christmas cards and piety items.

**FOOD BANK**

To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home. Please also help with any spare toiletries you might not need, and, in the run-up to Christmas, little treats for children will be very much appreciated.

*Many thanks to all the kind parishioners who contribute/donate in any way to the Food Bank.*