



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
 Parish Website www.stpeterslytham.co.uk



FOR
Sunday 6th December 2020, Second Sunday of Advent - Year 'B'
Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 6th December	People of the Parish & Geoff Skitt	Public Mass at 10.30am Recorded Mass
Monday 7th December	No Mass	-
Tuesday 8th December	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 9th December	Patricia Harrison (Ann)	Public Mass 9.00am
Thursday 10th December	Agnes Harrison (Ann)	Recorded Mass
Friday 11th December	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 12th December	Joan Kibble-Jones (Ann)	Private Mass
Sunday 13th December (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)	People of the Parish & Special Intention	Public Mass 10.30am Recorded Mass

St Joseph's Mass details:

Saturday: 5th Dec Vigil - Recorded Mass.
 Sunday: 6th December **Public Mass** 9.15am.
 Monday: 7th December - No Mass.
 Tuesday: 8th Dec - Recorded Mass St Joseph's Intention
 Wed: 9th December **Public Mass** 12 noon
 Thursday: 10th December - Recorded Mass.
 Friday: 11th December - Private Mass St Joseph's Intention
 Saturday: 12th December - Private Mass.
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass** 6pm The Parish.
 Sunday: 13th Dec **Public Mass** 9.15am.

This week's Solemnity & Memorials:

Mon: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor.
Tues: - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Wed: St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin.
Thurs: Our Lady of Loreto.
Fri: St. Damasus I., Pope.
Sat: Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church will be open and stewards will be present for Private Prayer on - Saturday 10 - 11am.

'Thank you'

Standing Orders and online donations received in November **£1906.00.**
 Sudan Appeal - early donations ! **£305.00.**
 Other donations received **£130.00.**
Many thanks for your generosity.

Please see overleaf for 2020 Sudan Appeal and message from Father David re Covid Vaccine

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Tony Bolton, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings

(Red) *"Rest in peace - darling Gail"*

"Special intention - C"

(Blue) *"In Thanksgiving - B"*

To book, please email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp.* Sue is now taking bookings for 2021 so, to avoid disappointment, book early.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: William Ashton, Mary Read, Bridget Coogan, Mary Coogan, Susan Horan, Winifred Moss, Elsie Hodgson, Margaret A. Figgist, Ethel Craig, Austin McTeague, Bernard McKenna, Sheila Russell, Connie Gillett, Brian Parkinson, Margaret M. Hanby, Mabel Tomlinson, Deacon Bill Wright, Stuart Ridgeway, Irene Brierley. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

FOOD BANK - due to the tremendous response lately, Pete & Ellen Rickards have been able to deliver to St. Cuthbert's Blackpool (deprived area) 60 kgs of food. *Sincere thanks to all who have very kindly contributed.*

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Masses for Christmas will be **8pm Vigil on Christmas Eve & 10.45am Christmas morning.** Due to the likely demand for places in church, we are going to have to take bookings. We will be doing this via email via the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). If you don't have email yourself, please ask a family member or friend who does have email to make the booking on your behalf.

Current update: Only a few spaces left at either Mass so book to avoid disappointment.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2020

For a number of years at the start of Advent we have made an appeal in church, on behalf of the SVP, for your help in feeding the poor babies and children in Sudan and South Sudan. The response from St Peter's parishioners and friends has always been magnificent and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness.

This year the Covid-19 restrictions mean that we cannot make the appeal in the usual way, handing out leaflets and collecting etc., so our 2020 appeal is by way of these few words. With the added challenges of the global Covid-19 pandemic, Sudan and South Sudan are struggling more than ever. The devastating impact of this pandemic will be felt for years, in countries already torn apart by over half a century of civil war where it is estimated 100,000 orphaned and abandoned children are struggling to survive. The baby feeding stations set up by the SVP are vital in keeping these children alive; your financial help is desperately needed to keep this essential work going. It costs approximately £45 to keep a baby alive for a year. **Will you please help these poor people ? How to donate: Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Sudan Appeal' and drop it in the collection bucket in church on Sunday or Wednesday. Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please request a form via the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). Donations can also be handed to Deacon Michael or any SVP member. The appeal will be open until shortly after Christmas. Thank you.**

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to those overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

COVID VACCINE: We have heard good deal about the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccines: one from Oxford University, one from Pfizer, which seem to be imminent. Many people have been waiting for the vaccine as one of the means of protection from infection and getting back to some sort of normality. As conscientious Christians we need to be aware that in the development of these vaccines, the one from Oxford University was derived from a cell line derived from a baby aborted in 1972; the Pfizer option was not derived but tested using this cell line. This may seem remote, but the involvement in the research of abortion - the taking of an innocent life is always a serious matter. This, of course, is balanced with issues of availability of any alternatives and the vulnerability of people to infection. All serious issues, but we need to be aware of the facts before we make an informed decision.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Patricia Harrison (Ann)

Agnes Harrison (Ann)

Joan Kibble-Jones (Ann)

A MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Dear children,

It's time to colour in the second purple candle of PEACE on your Advent wreath already! Each week the glow of the candles gets brighter as we get closer to Jesus' birthday.

The Gospel today tells us how we must "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight" Remember how we say that Jesus is the Light of the World? Well, how does light travel? Light travels in straight lines of course! God wants to send his love the quickest, fastest way possible straight to our hearts.

He sends his Holy Spirit to guide us on life's path and give us peace. Sometimes the Holy Spirit appears as a beautiful dove.

Today make or draw a dove to put on your Advent prayer space or hang on your tree.

Well done lovelies,

Be Peaceful, Be Prayerful, Be Kind

God Bless - Nickie, Aisling, Claire and Pauline

ADVANCE NOTICE:

1. CHRISTMAS DAY: St. Joseph's is unable to offer their normal hospitality this year due to the pandemic but, in conjunction with other local churches, we can offer, instead, delivery of a 3 course Christmas Dinner and a light supper if you are elderly or on your own in the Lytham St. Annes area. **Booking by 10th December is essential.** Please telephone Edwina on **736630** for the menu and to make a booking.

2. ONLINE RETREAT:

There will be an online retreat entitled 'Living Laudato Si: Your Parish and Your Planet' available on Zoom on 22nd - 25th January 2021. Laudato Si is Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment. The retreat will be led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. Cost - Free but voluntary donations gratefully accepted. To apply, simply email Sr. Margaret Atkins on -margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

THE VOICE - The final 2020 edition can be accessed on St. Peter's website.