



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



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 Sunday 7th February 2021, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'B'  
 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 7th February	People of the Parish Paul Stephens RIP	<b>Public Mass at 10.30am</b> Recorded Mass
Monday 8th February	No Mass	-
Tuesday 9th February	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 10th February	Special Intention	<b>Public Mass 9.00am</b>
Thursday 11th February	Ralph Roberts RIP	Recorded Mass
Friday 12th February	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 13th February	Rita Goggins	Private Mass
Sunday 14th February	People of the Parish Donor's Intention	<b>Public Mass 10.30am</b> Recorded Mass

**St Joseph's Mass details:**  
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**  
 Sunday: 7th Feb - **Public Mass 9.15am.**  
 Monday: 8th Feb - No Mass.  
 Tuesday: 9th Feb - Recorded Mass - St. Joseph's Intention.  
 Wednesday: 10th Feb - **No Mass at St. Joseph's.**  
 Thursday: 11th Feb - Recorded Mass.  
 Friday: 12th Feb - Private Mass - St Joseph's Intention.  
 Saturday: 13th Feb - Private Mass.  
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**  
 Sunday: 14th Feb - **Public Mass 9.15am.**

**This week's Feast & Memorials:**  
**Mon:** St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita  
**Wed:** St. Scholastica, Virgin (*see overleaf*).  
**Thur:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Diocese, Feast in Diocesan Calendar (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

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**REMINDER:**  
**The Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 17th February.**

**'Thank you'**  
 Collection - Wednesday 27th Jan: **£11.30.**  
 Collection - Sunday 31st Jan:- **£273.50.**  
 Further Christmas Offering: **£10.00.**  
 Standing Orders and online donations received in January: **£1411.00.**  
*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS**  
**(Red)** *"Peace and Strength for Mrs. P. M. Sumner"*  
**(Blue)** *"For those who are sick in the Parish"*  
 To book, please email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp. If you have an anniversary, event or special intention to place before Our Lord or Our Lady, please contact Sue.*

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:**  
*Michael King (Ann)*  
*Bill Illingworth (Ann) {19th Feb}*  
*Thomas & Annie Illingworth (Ann) {28th Feb}*  
*Evelyn Novak*  
*Lily & George Falkingham*

**THINKING ABOUT LIFE & FAITH**  
 Thinking about Life and Faith - a series of films and an opportunity to chat and share during Lent and into Easter. Using the Sycamore programme we will look at the sacraments, prayer, Mary, Catholic social teaching and other important aspects of our Catholic Faith. Starting Wednesday 24th February online via Zoom at 7pm. For further information get in touch with David Pope 07950844747 or [davidpope41@hotmail.com](mailto:davidpope41@hotmail.com)

**CATHOLIC VOICE** - The February edition (digital) of the Catholic Voice can be accessed on St. Peter's website.

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

**REMINDER - SATURDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11am**  
**the Church is open for Private Prayer.**

**ANNIVERSARIES occurring 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, John Hothersall, Joan Hutchinson, Sr. Mary Patrick CP, Alicia Russell, Jean Dagger, Arthur Cosgrove. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Pro-life Parliamentary motion**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. *Right To Life UK* have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the following link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**PARISH REGISTER** - During this period of the Covid crisis, it has become clear that we do not have contact details for many of our parishioners, especially those who are not on the internet or social media. We are now trying to build up a register for the parish. This would be useful to keep in contact with people, and help keep them up to date with what is going on in the parish. The details would be kept securely and only made available to Fr David and one or two other parish members who would be responsible for keeping in touch and getting information out to people. If you wish to be in the register please contact Sue Shakespeare. The email address is [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). You can also phone her or bring in, or send in, your name address and contact number in a sealed envelope marked FAO Sue Shakespeare, and give it to a steward at church when you come to Mass.

**FOOD BANK** - If you wish 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. Your kind and generous food donations are very much appreciated.

**Keeping Churches Open**

The government’s Places of Worship Task Force has been meeting. This group is comprised of representatives from faith communities, Public Health England and H.M. Government. Key points which the Catholic bishops reported include:

1. Health professionals’ research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. At this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.
3. Those gathering for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the place of worship. They should disperse immediately.
4. Officials noted that keeping Covid-secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.

St Peter’s will, therefore, remain open for worship for now, but we will continue to monitor the situation and, obviously, will follow any directives from the bishop or the government.

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**SAINT SCHOLASTICA ( February 10th )**

St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters.

On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their refectio. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst upon them so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth.

Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

**2021 Diocesan Directories**

The 2021 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available and can be purchased (Price £4) from Bill Whiteside on Sundays.