



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



FOR
Sunday 7th May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 6th / 7th May, 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Sun 7th 9:15am St. Joseph's Len Frew

Sun 7th 10:30am St. Peter's Terence Daw

Mon 8th 9am St. Peter's Anita Walsh followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

Tues 9th 9am St. Joseph's Jean & John McLaughlin

3.30pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Freda Barlow

Wed 10th 9am St. Peter's Ken & Josie Buckley

Thurs 11th 10am St. Joseph's Philomena Cocker

Weekend 13th / 14th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 13th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 14th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Worsley

Sunday 14th 10:30am St. Peter's Bob McMahon

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Mon 9:30 - 10am at St. Peter's

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

Please note that Mass on Tuesday at St Joseph's is at 9am (due to Deanery Conference)

Readings for This Sunday: We are a priestly people, called to sing God's praises. Let us gather in joy to offer worship to the God in whom we trust, through Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

1st Reading Acts 6:1-7 - As the early Church begins to take in more Greek-speaking Jews, problems arise between them and the Hebrew-speaking Jews who are already converts. The apostles appoint seven of the Greek-speakers as deacons to solve the practical problem of food distribution.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 The Church is made up of living stones, a universal priesthood of all the baptised.

Gospel John 14:1-12 - Trust in God through Christ is the way to the fullness of life and the joy of heaven.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER. Eastertide continues - next week we will be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension, which means Pentecost and Whitsuntide are not so far away! There has been a lot going on over the past couple of weeks. I have celebrated and prepared baptisms, which are always joyful occasions. We have had First Holy Communions at St. Peter's, and look forward to the celebration at St. Joseph's next week. There have been meetings about David's Diaconate Ordination, as well as a discussion, involving Lancaster, of a suitable date of the Sacrament of Confirmation. And the usual work of hearing confessions, our daily and weekend timetable of Masses, as well as Clifton Hospital visiting and anointing the sick there. So over the past just seven days, if you think about it, there has been the celebration and preparation for every single one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. How blest we are to have those great gifts, so freely available to us - a great cause for rejoicing... and for gratefulness. Let us make sure we avail ourselves of these 'seven-fold' gifts as much as we can, and remember those throughout the world to whom the seven Sacraments are not as freely available. Talking of seven, *I got into a fight with number seven; his friends one, three, five and nine came along to help him. The odds were stacked against me... I'll get my coat.*

This weekend at all our Masses to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we will begin with prayers for the new King, and sing the National Anthem, the words of which are provided on the sheets.

Please note that this Tuesday Mass is at 9am at St. Joseph's (as I'm hosting the Deanery Conference. *Hey ho. Fr.P.*). And as mentioned above, a week on Thursday, 18th May is the Feast of the Ascension with Masses at SJ's on Wed 17th at 7pm and Thurs at 10am, and SP's on Thurs morning at 9am (I'll be celebrating Mass in school in the afternoon).

TODAY - SUNDAY (7TH) - THERE WILL BE A CORONATION THEMED COFFEE MORNING in the St Peter's Parish Hall. All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to our lovely Rose Queen Elect Phoebe and her retinue. Many thanks Ali Croft **ALL WELCOME.**

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 30th April : **£450.10.**

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: £234.50.

Further donation, Holy Places: £5.00.

Standing Orders & online donations received in April:
£1076.00.

Many thanks for your generosity.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER DOMINIC SAVIO CP

On Saturday 20th May there will be a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout at 12 noon in the Church of St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton, St. Helens.

Next Week at 9.15am Sun 14th May SJ'S will celebrate the 1st Holy Communion of a group of our children. Please pray for them and their families in their last days of preparation. **Congratulations to the group who celebrated the Sacrament at St. Peter's last week.**

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, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps

"Special intention - B" &

"Recovery from surgery - Pat"

Our Lady's Lamp: "Tina - B"

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

To book the Parish Hall, please contact Bill Whiteside on 07754060246.

Lytham Club Day Magazine is available at £1 to raise funds for their celebratory day, after all masses this weekend.

Responsorial Psalm for 5th Sunday of Easter

and the response is:

"MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US,

O LORD,

AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU"

MESSAGE FROM GEMMA ROWLINGS

The Rose Queen is tasked with organising a fundraiser at their church each year to raise funds for Club Day. This year we are hosting it in our church hall on **Saturday 13th May: 10am - 12pm. ALL WELCOME.**

MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER, ST. BEDE'S

Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors have a particular responsibility within Catholic Schools in preserving and developing the distinctive Catholic character and ethos of the school.

To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs. S. Kelly, Head teacher's PA, on 01253 667526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

No deadline date has been given for applications but it is anticipated this advert will be in St Peter's newsletter for next 2 weeks.

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

Sid Lloyd, Elsie Knowles, Frank Mulligan, Katie Gilmartin, Wendy Lloyd, Michael Fallon, Doris M. Chesworth, Gerald Forshaw, Sr. Gregory CP, Philip Leatham, Winnie Mulligan, Elizabeth (Betty) Sherman, Alan Bamber, Sr. Bridget Nona CP, Alan Nicolas, Nora McDonnell, Margaret Baldwin, Philomena Taylor. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

2 Messages from Sue Shakespeare

1. "Calling all Volunteers for Coffee after Mass"
Please speak to Sue (or email her on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) about joining the rota, it is not onerous or difficult, but we need more volunteers if coffee after Sunday Mass is to continue. *Thank you.*

2. 19th June: Sue is walking for Macmillan Cancer Support. She is taking part in two Ultra marathons this year. Full details of the 100km continuous walks are on her JustGiving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sueshakespeare23> or please see next weekend's newsletter. Please help support this amazing charity if you are able. Thank you. 2nd walk will be on 9th September, another 100km continuous along the Thames Path from Putney Bridge to Henley. Further details will follow after the 19th June event. Thank you.

Are you new to the Parish?

If you are, St Peter's would like to warmly welcome you - please make yourself known to either - Father Peter Clarke or Deacon Michael Harrison.