



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOR
Sunday 8th January 2023, Baptism of the Lord - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

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Weekend 7th / 8th January 2023, Baptism of the Lord

Sat 7th January 6:00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 8th January 9:15am St. Joseph's Ivan de Coutère

Sun 8th January 10:30am St. Peter's Terence Henry Daw

Mon 9th 9am St. Peter's Gabriella Spedding Hobbs followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

Tues 10th 10:00am St. Joseph's Anne Shaw followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

Wed 11th 9:00am St. Peter's Rose Moss

Thurs 12th 10.00am St. Joseph's Peter Earnshaw

11:30am Lytham Crematorium Service for Margaret Bridges

Weekend 14th / 15th January, First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14th 6.00pm St. Joseph's Beryl Symonds

Sun 15th 9:15am St. Joseph's Michael Cookson

Sunday 15th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's, Tuesday 10:30-11am at St. Joseph's.

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

The Baptism of the Lord Year A - We have recently celebrated the great feasts of Christmas and the Epiphany, both related to the childhood of Jesus. Today we celebrate the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus. He is ready to undertake his mission to the world.

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 This prophetic passage, concerning the life and work of Jesus, offers insight into the depth and breadth of God's love for human society, particularly for those who are poor and oppressed.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38 Peter tells Cornelius that Jesus was filled with power and a commitment to do good after being baptised and then anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is baptised by John. The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove and a voice is heard from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him."

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Continued New Year Greetings, and continued Christmas Greetings - we can carry only celebrating Christmas till the Feast of the Presentation on Feb 2nd, so let's do so (even if the tree and the decorations have come down!). Last week, of course, the Newsletters went to press before we heard the news of the death of Benedict, Pope Emeritus. I'm sure many of you watched the beautiful Requiem in Rome, and the Bishop has invited everyone to Lancaster on Tuesday to take part in a Requiem, and the details are below. In the meanwhile, let us pray:

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Well the Christmas holidays are well & truly over, our schools are back in session. Continued thanks to everyone for making Christmas so special, and personal thanks for the kind Christmas gifts and offerings. They are greatly appreciated, & I am truly blessed. Tobias was also grateful for the bags of treats that made their way to the presbytery too, though he was a bit freaked out getting lost in all the wrapping paper - he has claws-trophobia. I'll get my coat...

Bishop Paul writes: Hearing today of the death of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, I lead the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Lancaster, in thanking God for his life and ministry. Over his 95 years he has given us an outstanding model of dedicated service, during what have been years of considerable challenge. Particularly I thank God for his 8 years as

our Supreme Pontiff in succession to the late Pope Saint John-Paul II. His example of prayer, humility, concern for the poor and fidelity to the Teachings of the Church leave us with a profound legacy for which we will be eternally grateful. May his death bring us a lesson of hope for the years that remain to us.

Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict: The Bishop will celebrate a public Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Tues 10th Jan 2023 at 7pm. Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful are invited to join him. Tea & coffee will be available after Mass in the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road.

Pancake Party. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is only a few short weeks away on 22nd Feb, but before then we hope to have a little get together in the presbytery on Shrove Tues, which just has to be a Pancake Party. Watch this space for more details next week!

Mass Intentions for the year ahead: If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

LATELY DEAD - ROSEMARY MOSS

Requiem Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on 12th January at 10am.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2022

Some weeks ago we launched our annual appeal on behalf of the SVP for your help in feeding the poor babies and young children in Sudan and South Sudan. Continuing civil unrest, the effects of Covid 19 and global food shortages have contributed to a worsening plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. The baby feeding stations set up by the SVP keep hundreds of babies and young children alive each year. This work has been generously supported over the years by St. Peter's parishioners and friends and we cannot thank you enough. However, these poor people continue to need our help to keep their babies and young children alive and so we again raise our voices on behalf of the poor and ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give, at a time when we are all feeling the effects of rising food and energy prices, will be a great help and will be much appreciated. Your kind donations can be made in the weeks up to Christmas and just after.* Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

*The Appeal will close **Next Sunday 15th January.**

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Bishop has asked that our Crib Offerings this year benefit the charity "Friends of the Holy Land" (FHL). FHL help the most deprived Christian Families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With pilgrimages only slowly returning and little income for almost 3 years, many families in and around Bethlehem are increasingly calling on FHL for vital help. There are a lot of calls on our generosity at present, but please help these Christian families if you can.

Message from Teresa Mallabone

St. Peter's SVP were able to provide 11 hampers this Christmas to local families and residents of Harbour House. Our thanks go to the pupils of St. Bedes, BAE Systems staff and cash donations, all of which enabled us to provide this help.

Many thanks.

Responsorial Psalm for The Baptism of the Lord

and the response is:

**THE LORD WILL BLESS
HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.**

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 1st January: **£292.30.**

Further donation - Diocesan Poor Missions: **£10.00.**

SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: **£200.00***

*Total to date: **£1607.00.**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sanctuary Lamp Booking - Red Lamp -

"Pauline Johnson RIP" &

Our Lady - "In loving memory of Mamie Heyworth".

To book email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue is taking bookings for this coming year.

MESSAGE FROM ALISON CROFT

We are looking to put together a social group within the parish to plan some future events. If you are interested in joining this group or would just like to contribute with some ideas for future events, either come along to our coffee morning after Mass on 29th January or contact **Alison Croft: 07732182051.** **Many thanks.**

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Teresa Kelly, Cecily Spivey, Harry Preston, Millicent O'Brien, Bertha Handley, Eric Todd, Dorothy Branney, Edith Knowles, Gerald Hamblett, Michael Knight, Monica Henderson, Donald Stanning, Thomas Sangster, Anne Holland, James Cross, Sr. Petronella CP, Edith Richardson, Anne Davies, Barbara Zolotarczuk, Pauline Pope, Evelyn Novak, Deacon Frank Bell (Carlisle), Dec'd Members of the D'Cruz Family, Chris Turnbull (Snr.), Elizabeth Million, Sr. Marie Boulton CP, Sr. Cephas Wearden CP, George Walmsley, Pamela Severyn.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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