



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 8th October 2023, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747
 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 7th / 8th October, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 7th Oct 6pm St. Joseph's Richard & Magdalena (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

Sun 8th Oct 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 8th Oct 10:30am St. Peter's Intentions of the Gallagher Family

Mon 9th 9am St. Peter's Margaret Fearn followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

12 noon St. Thomas's St. Annes Funeral Service for Janet Lewis

2:30pm Lytham Crematorium Funeral Service for Eileen Bennett

*Tues 10th, 9am St. Joseph's Lizzie Hughes

Wed 11th 9am St. Peter's Arthur Horton

Thurs 12th 10am St. Joseph's Margaret McKeon

Weekend 14th / 15th Oct - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14th Oct 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 15th 9:15am St. Joseph's Kenneth & Margaret Hammond

Sunday 15th Oct 10:30am St. Peter's Terry Daw

***Please note, that due to Deanery Conference of Clergy, Mass at SJ's on Tues is at 9am.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition this week.

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

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Worship literally means giving God what God is worth: that is, what rightfully belongs to God. In this service we think about our responsibility to God and we renew our commitment to it in the Mass.

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 - The prophet likens God's people to a carefully tended vineyard that disappointed its owner by producing sour fruit rather than good fruit.

2nd Reading Philipians 4:6-9 - We are promised that if we commit every situation to God and focus on the good things God gives, we shall know God's peace whatever happens.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43 - Jesus tells a parable to show that just as the people of God often rejected God's messengers, the prophets, for selfish reasons, so they will also reject Jesus.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: The other day Deacon David texted me to say that he couldn't make his weekly spiritual meeting (well, latte and a chit chat) because his car was having problems, and was in for a service. I suggested that once it was well again, the car might benefit from a religious service, because there is an official blessing of cars and vehicles. It's a rather clever and well written prayer, referring as it does to Acts 8:26-30 where the Deacon Philip meets an Ethiopian Official reading the Scriptures in his carriage, but not understanding them. He invites Philip to climb up and sit in his carriage with him so he can explain them, and they drive off to a watering hole in order that he can be baptized. You might like to say this prayer before your next journey: *'Lend a willing ear, Lord God, to our prayers, and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany it, that they may free those who ride in it from all dangers, and always guard them. And Just as by Your deacon Philip You gave faith and grace to the man of Ethiopia as he sat in his chariot reading the sacred Word, so point out to Your servants the way of salvation. Grant that, aided by Your grace, and with their hearts set on good works, they may, after all the joys and sorrows of this journey through life, merit to receive eternal joys, through Christ our Lord. Amen.'* I have a little clip on the sun visor of my car, given to me by my mother when I passed my driving test 30 years ago, which says *'Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly,'* which is probably good advice! Incidentally, *I wouldn't describe myself as a bad driver, but the other day my SatNav instructed me, 'After 100 yards pull over, and let me out!'* I'll get my coat - and driving gloves.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 1st October : **£467.50.**
 Further donation: Bishop's Admin Fund: **£10.00.**
 Standing Orders and online donations
 received in September: **£1106.00.**
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Confirmation 2023: This weekend our Candidates will be making their pledge of enrolment to the course. Please remember to assist them with your prayers. The 2nd session of the Course takes place this Mon at 6pm in St Peter's Hall. This is followed by **Ukulele Orchestra at 7pm in St. Peter's,** to which newcomers are most welcome to get ready for the Christmas Gigs.

Message from Teresa Mallabone

SVP COFFEE, CAKE SALE & RAFFLE

The SVP will be hosting the coffee morning and cake sale after Mass next **Sunday 15th October**. This will be our fund raising for Christmas Hampers and gifts. **CAKE AND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS WILL BE MOST WELCOME.**

CAFOD Family Fast

Envelopes can be returned in the collection over the next two weeks. Many thanks for your continued generosity. To give online cafod.org.uk

Message from Gretta Smeed

ST. PETER'S PARISH HOLY ROSARY FOR PEACE

Our Lady asked us to say the Holy Rosary for Peace in our world. A group of St. Peter's parishioners say a daily decade of the Rosary for peace so when put together completes the Mysteries. Traditionally, the Church encourages us to say the Holy Rosary during the month of October, so why not join us with a daily decade and pray for lasting peace in our war torn world?

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The month of October is dedicated to the *Holy Rosary* - today, when dangers threaten not only Christianity but all civilisation, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn to the Rosary for help. If you (adult or child) do not possess a Rosary, please see either Deacon Michael or Mary Waddington who will be pleased to **GIVE** you a Rosary to keep, already blessed!

St Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community.

For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact :

Mrs. S. Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

The closing date for applications Mon16th at 12 noon.

Huge thanks to everyone who took part in the '**Roach Race Night**' last weekend. It was a wonderful evening with parishioners from all ages of both our parishes coming together in a spirit of friendship and fraternity, raising nearly £500 for our Parishes' funds. Special thanks for the hard work of all the organizers (of whom there were many), and well done to the Uke Orchestra on their first performance. **Watch this space for details of further social events!**

TODAY is Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Dependants, Prisoners' week.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamps: "Oliver William Richards"

& "Jude William Pugh"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp:

"In thanksgiving for a safe delivery"

To avoid disappointment, especially in the run up to Christmas, if you have any anniversaries or wish to thank Our Lord or Our Lady for any prayers answered (or perhaps needed) please get in touch with Sue with your booking. To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

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

Christine Ramsbottom, Freda Walker, Teresa Dickenson, Catherine Curtis, Sister Benedicta, Kitty Wilson, Mary Warren, Delia Black, William Pendlebury, Frederick Worden, Anne Salthouse, Mary Whiteside, Annie Ainsworth, Margaret Butcher, Sister Dominic CP, Sister Mary Roc HCJ, Alex Kyle, Hugh O'Connelly, Sister Carmel Comerford CP, Helen Pownall, Sister Peter Claver CP, Frank Hughes. *May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Susan Walder, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Thanks and blessings to all who supported and helped with refreshments at the First Friday Healing Mass. Our next Mass will be Friday 3rd November.

Students' Retreat at Castlerigg: This Nov, 3-5th, Castlerigg will be offering our 1st ever Catholic Students' Retreat. A chance for students to come together, meet others, celebrate Mass and pray together, and listen to a few inspiring and challenging talks. The cost of just £25 per person covers the entire retreat, accommodation and meals. For more info head to castleriggmanor.com/events

Responsorial Psalm for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the response is:

"THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL"