



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR



Sunday 9th April 2023, Easter Sunday - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 8th / 9th April, Easter Sunday

Sat 8th April 7pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes
 Sun 9th 9:15am St. Joseph's Dr. Neil Calvert

Sun 9th 10:30am St. Peter's Ian Spedding Birthday Remembrance

Mon 10th 9am St. Peter's Ints. of Rose Moss & Her Prayer Group followed by Confessions & Exposition

Tues 11th 10am St. Joseph's Freda McGuinness followed by Confessions & Exposition

Wed 12th 12:15pm St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Margaret Fearn

Thurs 13th 10am St. Joseph's The Plant Family

7pm St. Peter's Vigil Mass & Reception for Father Frank Flynn

Fri 14th 11.30am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Father Frank Flynn

Weekend 15th / 16th April 2nd Sunday of Easter (Day of Divine Mercy)

Sat 15th 6pm St. Joseph's Rose Scott

Sun 16th 9:15am St. Joseph's Kenneth & Margaret Hammond

Sun 16th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Mon 9:30 - 10am at St. Peter's, Tues 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's

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

Easter is the feast of our faith. The apostles went to the tomb and found it empty. After fear and confusion came faith. The Lord is truly risen.

1st Reading Acts 10:34,37-43 - Peter preaches the Easter message and witnesses to the resurrection.

2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4 - Life in this world is transformed into eternal life, because Christ is risen.

Gospel John 20:1-9 - Two men run to a tomb. Finding it empty, they discover the fullness of life.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER. On this Joyful Easter Morning: To our Deacon and Deacon-in-training, and our religious sisters; whose lives of service enrich all our lives.

The MCs and Altar Servers, who add so much to our services by their organisation and their presence, making sure I am always on the right page, and giving service at the altar of God, ably supported by the Sacristans who thoughtfully and prayerfully prepare the sanctuary for each mass for us, and keep the sacristy and our services running smoothly.

The Readers and Ministers, who proclaim the Word of God, and minister the Blessed Sacrament to us, honouring the Word and the Eucharist in their ministry.

The Choir, Musicians, & Organists, Bell-Ringers, who raise our hearts and minds to God, sharing their God-given gifts of music with his Church, beautifying our services with their song, and sharing our faith with the wider community through their peeling.

The Flower Arrangers & Gardeners, who use their time and talent to make the Church so beautiful, adding light and colour to the beauty of the liturgy.

To the Welcomers, the Collectors, those who organise the offertory procession, and the Church cleaners, making sure that all parts of the liturgy, the service, and our churches are attended to.

To our teachers, Catechists, Children's Liturgists, Sacramental Leaders, and our Parents, and to St. Peter's School staff and governors, who work tirelessly to pass on the light of faith to the young members of our community.

To our very special children, who lighten and delight our liturgies by their presence and their enthusiasm.

To St. Joseph's Care and St. Peter's SVP, the CWL, and all who serve those in need, and give us the opportunity to do the same.

To our refreshment makers, those who help providing social events throughout the year, those who pray the Rosary and discuss the Scriptures, and other groups in the Parishes, all of which help to draw us together in different ways, and enhance and refresh our community.

And to those who keep the Presbytery, the Parish Office, the Finances, the Newsletters, and the Safeguarding running so well throughout the year, guided and aided by the time given by our faithful Parish Councils.

And to any one I have failed to mention (forgive me!).

And to everyone who comes into SJ's & SP's to say a prayer throughout the year and truly make the Catholic Community in Lytham and Ansdell, a faith-filled family, witnessing to the Risen Lord, bathed in Paschal Candle Light.

A HUGE EASTER THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. FR. P.

Father Frank Flynn: All are welcome to attend a Reception Vigil Mass for Fr. Frank at SP's on Thurs 13th April at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the hall, and his Requiem Mass at SP's on Fri 14th at 11.30am, followed by his burial at Saltcotes Cemetery.

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.**

TODAY Easter Sunday - Coffee Morning & Easter Egg Hunt

All profits that we make at this event will go towards Club Day funds for our lovely Rose Queen Elect, Phoebe.

Many thanks, Ali Croft.

'Thank You'

Collection Palm Sunday : **£868.90.**

Flower Garden Donation: **£200.00.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

This is a great feast - therefore, to gain the graces and blessings associated with this feast -

*Go to Confession

*Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion

*Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. (leaflets in porch)

*If you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition with the intention to go back to the Sacrament as soon as possible.

*If you are unable to attend Mass, make a Spiritual Holy Communion asking God to come into your heart, and again, having the intention of going to Holy Communion when possible.

JESUS SAID:

"I do not want to punish you for your sins but I want to heal your wounded heart".

Offertory Envelopes : Offertory Envelopes for year starting on 6th April are now available for collection from the sacristy.

Flower Garden: We all need to do our bit to be more sustainable, so the "Flower Ladies" are going to plant a cut flower border around the front lawn at St. Peter's. They hope to be able to cut the various flowers and shrubs all year round to use for the Altar flowers. This will not only save us money in the long run, but it will stop us from buying flowers that have travelled half way across the world.

If you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost please see **Cath Powell or Pauline** or place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flower Garden' and hand it to **Deacon Michael**. Many thanks, Cath.

MESSAGE FROM FR PHILIP NEWBOLD a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area.

He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support "Aid to the Church in Need" (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him, you can sponsor him on line at: www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?

OR sign the sponsor form to be found in the church porch and he will arrange collection after Easter. **Thank you.**

Responsorial Psalm for Easter Sunday morning Mass

and the response is:

***"This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad."***

THE BIG LENT WALK 2023 - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Greta, Lise, Anne, Trish, Pat, Sue and our resident super stepper Fr. Peter, will be walking 5km per day. Every £1 raised will help CAFOD to be there for people fighting extreme poverty globally. You can sponsor us, and follow our progress on the web page:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stpeterslytham>

Alternatively, there will be a sponsor form at the back of church.

Many thanks for your support and prayers.

Please pray for Fr Frank Flynn, Margaret Fearn and Fr Joe Diskin and all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Joan Turpin, Joseph Morris, Robert Waring, John Kettle, Molly Noblet, Anne Beesley, Elizabeth Weaver, Barbara Royle, Peter Doherty, Winnie Moxham, Lily Simpson, Frederick Chwastiak, Thomas Rooney, Cyril Bould, Elizabeth Hayes, Frank Makinson, Gertrude Davies, Peter Stappard Jnr., Ted Ashton, Stella Wilson, Richard Moss, Anthony Finnerty. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps

"Deceased Members of Davies & Stainton Families"

& "For the Repose of the Soul of Father Frank"

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