



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



Sunday 10th March 2024, 4th Sunday in Lent - Year 'B'  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope - 07950844747  
 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 9th / 10th March - 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

Sat 9th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

Sat 9th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 10th 9:15am St. Joseph's For those who prayed for me while I was ill

**Sun 10th 10:30am St. Peter's Maciek Gruszecki for a successful recovery**

*plus:* St. Peter's 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

**Mon 11th 9am St. Peter's Kathleen Benyon followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am**

*plus* St. Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7pm

Tues 12th 10am St. Joseph's Mike French followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm St. Joseph's

**Wed 13th 9am St. Peter's Clema D'Souza**

10:30am St. Joseph's Funeral Service for Hazel Barnes

**1pm St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Jonty Ashton**

Thurs 14th 10am St. Joseph's Catherine Newell

Friday 15th **No Services Today**

**Weekend 16th / 17th March - 5th Sunday in Lent**

Sat 16th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 16th 6.00pm St. Joseph's Bobby Kelly Birthday Remembrance

Sun 17th 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 17th March 10:30am St. Peter's Nellie Holland plus: 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues St. Joseph's 10:30-11am**

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

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**This Week's Readings:** The world often chooses to live in the darkness of sin and injustice. Jesus Christ came to give us truth and light, and to share God's life with us.

**1st Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23** - The rebuilding of the Temple and return of the exiles is a foretaste of the coming of Christ in the flesh, the visible presence of God in the world.

**2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4-10** - We are God's work of art. Although we are marred by sin, Christ has come to restore the image of God in us, and raise us up to everlasting life.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21** - Christ is the light of the world, offered to all. Through his incarnation he dispels the darkness of evil and shows us the way to the Father.

**Message from Deacon David:** This week's Lenten talk was all about Mary. We talked about Mary as a young girl growing up in First Century Nazareth, about how she was foreshadowed in the Old Testament for example in Isaiah, being the 'Virgin Mother of Emmanuel'. Her role in the New Testament and her relationship with her son Jesus, how she said "Yes" at the Annunciation, how she began her role as an intercessor on people's behalf at the wedding at Cana, informing Jesus that the wine had run out. After Jesus' first miracle, Mary appears to disappear quietly into the background until she appears at the foot of the cross. Here she courageously stands, silently consenting to His Sacrifice in her heart. It is here at the cross, Jesus and Mary would fulfil their respective destinies as the New Adam and New Eve, Redeemer and Woman. We delved into the 4 Dogmas of the Church relating to Mary: Mary as the Mother of God, The Immaculate Conception, The Perpetual Virginity of Mary and the Assumption of Mary. We prayed the oldest and most ancient prayer asking for Mary's intercession. The prayer, "Sub tuum praesidium" dates back to the 3rd century. There was so much more we could have talked about, Mary is a remarkable woman, the most important woman of all time. Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent or Laetare Sunday, meaning rejoice and we also celebrate Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. So, on this Mother's Day, let us pray that most ancient prayer asking Mary's intercession: *We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 3rd March:- **£703.00.**

CAFOD:- **£148.00** (Running total **£656.00**)

Standing Orders and online donations

received in February: **£1506.00.**

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

**First Holy Communion 2024:**

Second session for the children this Monday at 6pm at St. Peter's Hall. Please pray for all our candidates for this great Sacrament.

### Offertory Envelopes

The new issue of Offertory Envelopes, which come into use on the 7th April, are available for collection from the sacristy. If you have recently changed from envelope giving to Standing Order, but would like to continue to Gift Aid your special collection donations, please ask Deacon Michael for a box of 'Special Collection Only' envelopes. Thank you.

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**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, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

### Social Events:

**St. Patrick's Day Party:** Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long, the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun.

**SJ's Hall, Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm (early as its a school night!)**

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses.

### PLUS

**10th April 7pm in SP's Parish Hall - Family Bingo.**

all proceeds made on night will go towards Club Day. More details & tickets to follow shortly.

### Fr. Peter's Lenten Boat and Saxophone Challenge:

All sponsorship is welcome to raise £850 per boat to buy boats for Fr. Victor in Malawi. A box is at the back of each Church.

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**Safeguarding:** Due to new Safeguarding Practices within the Catholic Church, our parish safeguarding representatives are required to ensure that parishioners undertaking ANY ROLE within our two parishes are listed. Over the next few weeks a Safeguarding Representative will be at the back of the church after Mass to take your details. Thank you for your help. If you need to contact us: St. Peter's Teresa Mallabone 07843151914; St. Joseph's Margaret Gregory 07711698195, Kelly Godden 07932048793. (And huge thanks to these people who organise this for us. Fr. P.)

### Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:

*"In loving memory of Ian Spedding"  
and "Andy - B".*

*Our Lady: "In loving memory of  
Mary Elizabeth Sumner"*

**Sue has room in her diary for new bookings.** To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

### Lent 2024 at St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

#### Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at SJ's 5pm - 5.50pm and **Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm.**

**This Saturday & Sunday 9th/10th Confessions will be available during these times.**

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Mondays at SP's at 7pm & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm.**

*On Fridays there is Mass at Star of the Sea St. Annes at 9.30am followed by Stations of the Cross at 10am.*

**Lenten Talks Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.**

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**Please pray** for all who have died recently -  
*Hazel Barnes and Jonty Ashton*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Adamson, Joseph Patten, Joan Strickland, George Highton, Kathleen Murphy, John F. Hoyle, Arthur Milligan, Madeleine Looby, Joan Rigby Sister Cecilia Moon HCJ, Norah Dixon, Ian Whitehead, Gertrude Howard, Jean Cody, Tony Whittaker, Deacon Brian Burns, John Liblique, Mary Bristow, Nellie Holland.

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. PETER'S 2024

**Palm Sunday 24th March: SJ's 6pm Sat Vigil Mass, Sun SJ's 9:15am, SP's 10:30am.**

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.*

**Monday 25th: SP's 9am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am.**

**SP's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm.**

**Tuesday 26th: SJ's 10am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am.**

*SJ's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm.*

**Spy Wednesday 27th: SP's 9am Mass.**

**Maundy Thurs 28th : SP's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper led by our *First Holy Communion Children* from SP's & SJ's with *Washing of the Feet,***

*Blessed Sacrament Procession* and **watching until 10pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm.**

**Good Friday 29th March:**

**Stations of the Cross SP's 10am.**

*SJ's 3pm & SP's 3pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Prayers around Calvary: Outside at SJ's 6pm.*

**Holy Sat 30th: SP's**

**7pm Easter Vigil & Service of Light.**

**Easter Sunday 31st:** SJ's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass SP's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass.

### Responsorial Psalm for

**4th Sunday in Lent and the response is:**

**"O LET MY TONGUE CLEAVE TO MY MOUTH  
IF I REMEMBER YOU NOT"**