



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



Sunday 10th September 2023, 23rd 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 9th / 10th September, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 9th 6pm St. Joseph's Joan Berry  
 Sun 10th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes  
**Sun 10th 10:30am St. Peter's Terry Daw**  
**Mon 11th 9:00am St. Peter's Rita Hanley** followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am  
 Tues 12th 10:30am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Anthony Quigley  
**Wed 13th St. Peter's NO MASS**  
 Thurs 14th St. Joseph's No Mass

**Weekend 16th / 17th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 16th 6pm St. Joseph's Marie Gillett  
 Sun 17th 9:15am St. Joseph's Margaret McCusker  
**Sun 17th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:  
 Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.**

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

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS:** Christ promises to be with us whenever we meet in his name. Conscious of his presence among us here in this place, we offer God our thanks and our praise.

**1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9** - Like a guard keeping watch over a city, the prophet speaks the truth to avert disaster for the people.

**2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10** - Love is a "mutual debt" - an ongoing duty of care to one another.

**Gospel Matthew 18:15-20** - It is through our unity - our communion with each other - that Christ is present among us.

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:** This week, on Friday 15th, we celebrate the memorial of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. Coming the day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross of Christ on the 14th, we might think we are looking below the cross to Mary, standing supportively watching as her Son takes his final breath and offers up his Spirit. But traditionally this feast refers to the 'Seven Sorrows' of Mary (often referred to in French as 'sept douleurs' or in Franglais as the 'seven dolours'), a devotion which dates right back to the twelfth century. As the prophet Simeon prophesied that a sword would pierce Mary's heart, this devotion reminds us of the unique sorrows that Mary suffered as she journeyed with her Son. Seven Hail Mary's can be prayed whilst meditating on each of the sorrows which, mostly following the Scriptures, are: The Prophecy of Simeon in Luke 2; The Flight into Egypt in Matthew 2; The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, when Jesus was twelve years old in Luke 2; Mary meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the Fourth station of the Cross which is not found in Bible; The Crucifixion of Jesus in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and especially John 19; Jesus' Descent from the Cross in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19; and finally the burial of Jesus in the tomb, also in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19. *Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the Hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.*

**'Thank You'**

Envelopes received via St. Joseph's: **£165.00.**

Collection Sunday 3rd September : **£432.90.**

Further donations, Catholic Trust: **£20.00.**

Standing Orders & Online donations  
 received in August: **£1246.00.**

*Many thanks for your generous support of the parish.*

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**TODAY (10th) Education Day**

Special Collection for Catholic Education Services

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Bishop Paul will be coming to our Parishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation on November 21st at 7pm at St. Peter's.** The Sacrament is open to young people from Year 7 and above and if you wish to find out more and enrol for the Sacramental Course beginning in October, please see Father Peter or Deacon David for an application form.

**Sue's 100km Ultra walks for  
Macmillan Cancer Support**

THIS weekend Sue is taking part in the second of her planned fundraisers, the Thames Path Ultra from Putney Bridge to Henley. A continuous walk. Many of you supported, and made a donation back in June when Sue took on the Lake District Ultra - thank you, your support means so much. Please remember the work of Macmillan in your prayers and those who are receiving treatment.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sueshakespeare23>

**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 Gallagher, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Susan Walder, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

**Special Days this week:**

Tues 12th Sept: - The Most Holy Name of Mary.

Thurs 14th Sept: **FEAST** : Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Fri 15th Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows.

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

Ian Spedding, KenWoods, Edward Cross, Cedric Barker, John Lavelle, Mary Fletcher, Brenda O'Donnell, Ted May, Mary Woods, John Isherwood, Lily Moran, Nora Ingham, Maureen Manley, Geoffrey L. Barratt, George W. Barnsley, Elizabeth Long, Christopher Thompson, Bill Stimpson, Canon Nick McArdle, Denis Murphy, Isobel Morrison, Bert Speight.

*May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

**Reminder for next Sunday 17th:**

Collection for Home Mission  
Evangelii Gaudium Day.

**Responsorial Psalm for**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*and the response is:*

**"O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN  
TO HIS VOICE!  
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS"**

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -**

**Red Lamp: "Andy"**

**Our Lady: "In Thanksgiving"**

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

**TODAY: Cleator Pilgrimage Sunday 10th**  
**Mass and Blessing of the sick at 3pm.**  
***You will notice there is no pick up at St. Peter's!***

**Other pick up points & times:**

St Joseph, Woodlands Road, Ansdell. 10.15am.

Holy Family Freckleton. 10.30am.

The Willows. 11.00am.

St Joseph, Wesham. 11.15am.

Comfort stop at Burton in Kendal.

Leave Cleator at 5.30pm.

Deacon David Pope will be group leader.

Thank you for your support for this pilgrimage.

**The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter**

**Monday at 7pm in the presbytery.** Newcomers most welcome! No musical experience necessary (or preferable). First Performance at the Race Night! (See below).

**MESSAGE FROM GEMMA DANIEL**

**Cockroach Race Night!**

A parishes social get-together on Saturday **30th Sept 7pm** in St. Joseph's Church Hall.

**£5 entrance, which includes supper.**

Fully stocked drinks bar available on the night at discounted prices.

Tickets are limited so get yours now to avoid disappointment. Tickets available after Sunday Mass at back of church **or call Gemma on 07918027632** for more information.

There is an opportunity to own and name a Cockroach for £5 each, or to be a race sponsor for £50 (great business advertising opportunity!)

**THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER** is dedicated to the

***Seven Sorrows of Mary* .....**

The prophecy of Simeon.

The flight into Egypt.

The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Jesus dies on the Cross.

Mary receives the dead body of Jesus in her arms.

Jesus is placed in the tomb.