



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



**FOR**  
**Sunday 11th December 2022, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year 'A'**  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

*Mass Times and Intentions*

Saturday 10th December 6:00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes.

Sunday 11th 9:15am St. Joseph's The Murphy Family.

**Sunday 11th 10:30am St. Peter's Brenda Windsor.**

**Mon 12th 9am St. Peter's John Matthews** followed by *Exposition & Reconciliation till 10am*

Tues 13th 10:00am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray followed by *Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am*

*2:45pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Mick Hare*

**6:30pm St. Peter's St. Peter's School Advent Liturgy**

**Wed 14th 9:00am St. Peter's Eileen Wall**

**6:30pm St. Peter's St. Bede's School Advent Liturgy**

Thurs 15th 10:00am St Joseph's Alan Hesketh

Fri 16th 12 noon St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Maureen Hydes

**Weekend 17th / 18th December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sat 17th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Pat Eastham

Sunday 18th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sunday 18th 10:30am St. Peter's Norah Shortt**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

**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.

**3rd Sunday of Advent A:** Today we rejoice to see how Jesus fulfils the ancient prophecies that God himself would come and free his people. Let us pray that the world may recognise Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God.

**1st Reading Isaiah 35:1-6.10** Isaiah prophesies that one day God will be seen on earth and will save his people, especially the poor and troubled.

**2nd Reading James 5:7-10** James urges us to live in peace, to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

**Gospel Matthew 11:2-11** Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah, strengthens John's faith and reminds us of the kingdom of heaven, our final home.

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**CHRISTMAS at ST. JOSEPH'S ANSDALL and ST. PETER'S LYTHAM**

**Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE Sat Dec. 24th :** 6pm at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas - *All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.*

**8pm at St. Peter's CandleLit Mass of Christmas with Carols & Readings from 7.30pm.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY Sun Dec. 25th :** Family Morning Mass of Christmas, Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th. 9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Sat 17th Dec, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **St. Peter's Sat 17th 11am-12noon. St. Joseph's Sat 17th 4.30pm-5.30pm.**

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**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:** Gaudete! The Third Sunday of Advent is known as 'Gaudete' or 'Rejoicing' Sunday - to remind us that the coming of Christmas is very near - although that might strike a note of fear into some people, instead! This week has been Nativity Week, with the children from a local nursery singing Carols and telling the Christmas story on Tuesday afternoon, and St. Peter's School leading their Nativities in school - I managed to catch the 'dress rehearsal' which was wonderful. This week sees both our Primary and Secondary schools leading Advent Services at St. Peter's, and once again we are grateful to our children, their families and their teachers in helping us spiritually prepare for our celebrations. In these busy times do also take note of extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a beautiful way to really put into action John the Baptist's cry to 'Prepare Away For the Lord'. *You have to feel sorry for John the Baptist - meditating as he walked sorely barefoot through the desert eating wild locusts which gave him bad breath. He was indeed a super-callused-fragile-mystic-plagued-with- halitosis. I'll get my coat ...*

**St Vincent de Paul Society  
Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2022**

Last Sunday 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. SVP members will be handing out donation forms as you leave church today. These can be returned with your kind donations in the weeks up to Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

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**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 4th December: **£351.00.**

Further donations:

Diocesan Poor Missions: **£25.00.**

Sick & Retired Priests: **£10.00.**

*Thanks to all who contributed..*

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**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp -**

*"In loving memory of Margaret Nickson" - SJ's Parish  
& Our Lady - "Tina"*

To book email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue has several lamps free before end of 2022 and bookings are being taken for next year.

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**ADVENT SPIRITUAL PREPARATION  
FOR CHRISTMAS:**

A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church. The last session is this Monday 12th at 6pm at St. Peter's Everyone welcome.

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**MESSAGE FROM ANDY CROSS**

Please could any **RED BOXES** that need emptying for the end of year collection, be brought into Church and passed to Andy over the next 3 weeks.

**Thanks in advance.**

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**Responsorial Psalm for 3rd Sunday of Advent**

*and the response is:*

**COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.**

**MESSAGE FROM GRETTA SMEED:**

**HARBOUR HOUSE** - are looking for some card or board games to restock their social area. If anyone has any at home they no longer use and would like to donate, they would be much appreciated.

There will be a box at the back of church for donated items.  
**MANY THANKS.**

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**ANNIVERSARIES** occurring at about this time:

William Ashton, Mary Read, Bridget Coogan, Mary Coogan, Susan Horan, Winifred Moss, Elsie Hodgson, Margaret Angela Figgess, Ethel Craig, Austin McTeague, Bernard McKenna, Sheila Russell, Connie Gillet, Brian Parkinson, Margaret Mary Hanby, Mabel Tomlinson. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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**Message from Holy Family Catholic Primary School**

A vacancy has arisen for a Site Supervisor/Cleaner at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Warton. 25 hours per week (split shift - am & pm). Job entails cleaning/general maintenance/DIY jobs. If interested, please contact the School Office 01772 633623 for an application form.

*(Please note! As no deadline date has been given for vacancy applications, this advert will be in the newsletter for 1 week).*

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**MESSAGE FROM**

**LYTHAM COMMUNITY HUB (CIC) -**

is a non profit-making organisation providing somewhere warm this winter for people to go and have a bowl of soup, cup of tea, etc (all provided free) and also providing an opportunity for people to meet other people, especially anyone who lives on their own. The aim is to help during the current economic crises (hence 'warm hub') and to facilitate companionship. *Please note - full details, including venues and times for this initiative on the inner porch notice board, plus a poster.*

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**This week's Memorials:**

**Mon:** Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Tues:** St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial).

**Wed:** St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (Memorial).

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

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**FOOD BANK - All donations appreciated in the run up to Christmas.**

If you are unable to bring food to church, you can contact Pete - mobile number 07929 553968 - and he will collect donations from your home. **Thank you so much.**