



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



Sunday 12th February 2023, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'

Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 11th /12th February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 11th 6:00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 12th 9:15am St. Joseph's Intentions of Moss Family

Sun 12th 10:30am St. Peter's John Worsley

Mon 13th 9am St. Peter's Michael Schiavo followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am

Tues 14th 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am

Wed 15th February 9:00am St. Peter's Angela Behan

Thurs 16th 12noon St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Sally McCann

Weekend 18th / 19th February, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 18th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Florence Lilian Lutas

Sun 19th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 19th 10:30am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth

Please note that Mass at St. Joseph's this Thursday is at 12noon, a requiem for Sally McCann

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time A - Today our Lord speaks to us about the deeper meaning of the commandments; but the Lord who commands is also the Lord who graciously pardons.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 - In this life a basic choice has to be made; which is it to be - life or death?

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - The mysterious wisdom of God is unlike the wisdom of this world. The latter led to the crucifixion of "the Lord of Glory"; the former leads us to glorify the Father in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 - Jesus brings the Law and the Prophets to fulfilment by proclaiming a holiness that reaches down to our deepest selves.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: When I was training for the priesthood in Rome, the whole college would gather at 7am every morning (in a chapel dedicated to St. Bede, incidentally) for Morning Prayer of the Church - the prayers which many of you will see me celebrating walking round the Church every morning. This consists of a hymn, a couple of psalms, a canticle from scriptures, followed by a scripture reading, the Benedictus (the song of praise Zechariah made at the birth of his son, John the Baptist), and concluding with a set of Bidding Prayers and the Lord's Prayer. At the end of the Bidding Prayers there was an opportunity for people to add any particular intention they wished, and these were sometimes called 'newsflash' prayers, as someone who had been awake enough at that hour to listen to a radio news (we're pre t'interweb here), might report and seek prayers for an item that they had heard - be it sorrowful or joyful. The fact is - and it is sometimes a sad fact - that the News, however we receive it, TV, Radio, newspapers, online or whatever, the fact is that the News gives us many things to pray for, and whilst it's not practicable to articulate all these needs individually, commending the world and, yes, its news as reported to us is always worthwhile, and our moment of a silence is a useful time for reflection and prayer for anything that has particularly touched us, both on a personal and global level. Let's commend all our News to the Lord - it is indeed all in his hands. *Father, give me eyes to see what is happening around me. Help me to see things from Your perspective. Give me the grace to use the News I see and hear, both near and far, to be causes of prayer and intercession. Thank You for allowing me, through our prayers, to be a part of what You are doing in the world today. Through Christ Our Lord.* In other news; A lorry loaded with Vicks Vapour Rub overturned on the M55. Police said there was no congestion for up to eight hours. I'll get my coat...

Saints of the Week: February 14th: Saints Cyril and Methodius. Eastern Europe in the ninth century presents us with the fertile mission ground of two brothers, Cyril and Methodius, who together are known as the 'Apostles of the Slavs'. Together these two brothers invented the Cyrillic alphabet, which they used to translate liturgical books, helping to make the services of the Church much more acceptable to the people, as well as the Gospels and for the Psalms - and possibly the whole of the New Testament. Using the native language of the people, rather than the latin and the Greek of the Church, gave the brothers great success in the preaching and teaching. The brothers travelled to Rome to seek Papal

approval of their methods - which was quickly given by Pope Adrian II. Cyril died in Rome having become a monk, whilst Methodius continued their work (with some difficulties from succeeding Popes) and died in Hungary. Along with St. Benedict, St. John Paul II consecrated them as Patrons of Europe. *God our Heavenly Father, the brothers Cyril and Methodius found new and invigorating ways to preach and teach the message of your Son; Through their intercession may we come to a greater knowledge of your teaching, and preach your message in new and understandable ways to people of our own countries, and our own times. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pancake Celebration: Lent will soon be upon us, but before that we will be holding a Pancake Evening in the Presbytery at SJ's on Tuesday 21st February, from 6pm - 8pm. Pancakes will be ready from 6pm, with time to mingle and chit chat, with a quiz, raffle and children's game from 7pm. Tickets to gauge numbers and cover costs are available after Masses. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for coffee mornings after Mass on a Sunday. If you are interested in doing this, please could you let either Sue Shakespeare or Alison Croft know (**07732182051**) *Many thanks.*

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 5th February: **£466.50.**
Standing Orders & Online Donations for January:
£1191.00.

Many thanks for your continued support.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in prayer for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

Your can donate via the link below or there will be a special collection at the end of Mass on Sun 19th February.

<https://cafod.org.uk/?form=syriaturkeyearthquake>

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Led by Bishop Paul, the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year 21st - 28th July. Cost from £829 based on two people sharing. All bookings must be made through the agents, Joe Walsh Tours, and a poster with further information, and booking forms for anyone interested in travelling are available at the back of Church. *Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of the diocese, pray for us.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Stephanie Wilson, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

ONGOING REMINDERS:

1. THE BIG LENT WALK

CAFOD'S Lent walking challenge is back, and this year its the Big Lent Walk ! The challenge is to walk 200km over the 40 days of Lent. Every £1 raised will be used to fight extreme global poverty. If you would like to join St. Peter's Team, all contributions, big or small will be appreciated.

Please contact Chris McIndoe **07738 366336**

2. SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 9th March - Bingo for all the family in the Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday 9th April - Easter themed coffee morning & easter egg hunt after Mass.

Sunday 7th May - Coronation themed coffee morning. More details to follow for each event in due course. Many thanks.

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

John Worsley, Vincent Bonney, Ada Hoole, Stanley Lee, Thomas Hall, Arthur Melia, Lucy Dagger, John Stevenson, Chris Horan, George Hindle, Dorothy O'Kane, Sr. Dymrna, James Read, Helen Spinks, Beatrice Harrington, Margaret Walton, Mary Ashton, Eddie Wilson, Judith Hollings, Jim Parker, Desmond Vile, John Taylor, Mary Watson, Eileen Parr, Rev. B. Shuttleworth, Rev. Anthony Ashcroft, Fr. Bill Dowds MHM, Hilda O'Connor, Joan Green, Maureen Isherwood, Jean Dagger, Frank Cottam, Peter Davies, Alan F. Ashton, Canon Tom Dakin, Canon Parker. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamp *"Special Intention - B"*

Blue Lamp *Our Lady - "Tina - B"*

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

Responsorial Psalm for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

and the response is:

**THEY ARE HAPPY
WHO FOLLOW GOD'S LAW!**

