



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 12th March 2023, 3rd Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

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

Weekend 11th/12th March, Third Sunday in Lent

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

Sun 12th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Golightly

Sun 12th 10:30am St. Peter's Kathleen Leeming

Mon 13th 10.00 am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Sister Catherine Lafferty CP

7.00pm St Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tues 14th 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray *followed by Confessions & Exposition until 11.00am*

7.00pm St Joseph's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wed 15th 9:00am St. Peter's Nellie Holland

Thurs 16th 10am St. Joseph's Repose of the soul of Teresa White *followed by the Holy Rosary*

Weekend 18th/19th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat 18th 6:00pm St. Joseph's In loving memory of Bobby Kelly

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

Sun 19th 10:30am St Peter's Margaret Lee

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

No Confessions or Exposition at St Peter's due to the Requiem Mass, Tuesday 10.30-11.00am at St Joseph's

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

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PETER'S

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: St. Peter's Every Mon evening at 7pm, St. Joseph's Every Tues evening at 7pm.

Lent Sycamore Course: Video & Discussion Every Wednesday in Lent at 7.00pm in St Peter's Parish Hall.

The Holy Rosary Every Thursday 10.30am after Mass at St Joseph's

3rd Sunday in Lent : We gather together this day to meet the risen Lord. It is he who gives us living water – the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare our minds and hearts to offer fitting worship in spirit and in truth.

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7 : Moses is frightened that the complaints of the people will be turned against him. The Lord provides for the needs of Israel: there will be water flowing from the rock.

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Our healing, our salvation, is not earned by our good behaviour but is given as a free gift in Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 4:5-42 When she meets Jesus at the well, the Samaritan woman is unaware of how significant this moment will be. Her life will be transformed and, as she shares her experience with others, their lives will also be changed.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER : Although it hasn't been on the bulletin, each week on Monday I've been going into our school, St Peter's, to celebrate Mass with a different class, from year one through to year six. Although the Masses are not 'public' as it is difficult to invite parishioners due to the fact that the Masses are held in individual classrooms, and also the time of the Mass can change from week to week, due to unavoidable things on my timetable (mainly funerals, obviously), parents of each class are invited, and it is wonderful to have parents and grandparents, and some baby brothers and sisters in attendance. The staff and the children beautifully prepare the Masses on different themes corresponding to the liturgical calendar and the RE themes of the season. This week I was with year one, discussing forgiveness – our need to seek God's forgiveness and our willingness to forgive others. As always it was a beautiful Mass, and the children are working hard on getting more familiar with the Mass responses and the signing and singing. We are so blessed with everyone who works with our children, teachers, catechists and parents. God bless them all !

The Stations of the Cross: This week our Stations of the Cross are meditations by Saint Theresa of Calcutta, better known as Mother Theresa, whose life of devotion and charity needs no introduction. This week each Station begins with a passage of scripture, either the event itself from the Scriptures, or, if the Station does not come directly from the Scriptures, a suitably meditative Scripture passage. Mother Theresa's meditations ask us to reflect on our own actions, in response to Christ's journey, as we follow him on the way to Calvary, and how our emotions and responses reflect the suffering of many throughout the world, and their need of our help and support. As she writes, *'Suffering in itself is nothing: but suffering shared with the passion of Christ is a marvellous gift'*.
Monday 7.00pm at St Peter's, Tuesday 7pm at St Joseph's.

Easter Triduum: Following the Bishop's instructions for our celebrations, and the liturgical norm of the Easter Triduum being one complete service, this year the Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday Service will take place in one of our Churches. There are areas in the diocese now where up to six Churches only have one Triduum (including South Blackpool, where three churches have only one). This year the Triduum will take place at St Joseph's, with St Peter's hosting the Triduum next year. Due to the numbers involved, I have been advised to have a Good Friday Service in both churches, as well as Stations of the Cross in both churches on Good Friday. Members of both churches are invited to take part in all services, with readers and singers all invited. If anyone needs transport from St Peter's to St Joseph's this will be organised nearer the time. Many thanks for your support and understanding. The full timetable is overleaf.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST PETER'S 2023

Maundy Thursday 6th April

St Joseph's 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Led by our **First Holy Communion Children** from SJs and SPs with Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession and watching until 10.00pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9.50pm

Good Friday 7th April

Stations of the Cross St Peter's 10.00am, and St Joseph's 7.00pm

St Joseph's 3.00pm and St Peter's 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 8th April

St Joseph's 7.00pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light

Easter Sunday 9th April

St Joseph's 9.15am and St Peter's 10.30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

Singers and Musicians: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent there is a music rehearsal for the Easter Services. Everyone is welcome from both churches to join in preparing for our great celebrations.

St Joseph's Parish Hall at 7.00pm every Friday

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 5th March: **£400.40**

Envelopes via St Joseph's : **£60.00**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT 2023

Friday, 3rd March, was CAFOD's Family Fast Day. There are many calls on our charity at present, but please be as generous as you can to those less fortunate than ourselves. Envelopes will be collected again as you leave church today. **Thank you**

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 23rd March Mid-Lent Bingo in the Parish Hall

Easter Sunday 9th April – Easter themed coffee morning and easter egg hunt after Mass.

Sunday 7th May -Coronation themed coffee morning.

More details to follow for each event in due course. Many thanks.

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, Margaret Fearn, 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT :

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

THE BIG LENT WALK 2023 - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Gretta, 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 all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Lilian Ogden, Robert Wareing, Kathleen Murphy, Kenneth Walmsley, Fr. Lawrence Wells, Fr. Anthony Howe, Richard Battersby, Edward Cottam, Joseph Morris, Charles Watson Therese Seed, Veronica Hughes, John Hanby, Clementine D'Souza, Mary Bristow, Nellie Holland, Dora Hyslop, Margaret Lee, Don O'Toole.. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions –

Red Lamps:

"David and Chris – training for ministry "

"In loving memory of Bobby Kelly from your loving family"

Blue Lamp "Nicola Shaw"

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 3rd Sunday in Lent

and the response is:

O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE: 'HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS'

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