



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
 Parish Website www.stpeterslytham.co.uk



FOR
Sunday 12th December 2021, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year 'C'
Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 12th December	People of the Parish	Gaudete Sunday - Mass 10.30am
Mon 13th December	No Mass	-
Tues 14th December	-	<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Wed 15th December	Special Intention (AS)	Mass 9.00am
Thurs 16th December	Reginald Burns (Ann)	Mass 9.00am
Fri 17th December		<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Sat 18th December	Holy Souls	Mass 10.00am (Confessions after Mass)
Sunday 19th December	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Advent - Mass 10.30am

St Joseph's Mass details:

Sun (Vigil) - Mass 6pm
 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Sun 12th Dec - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.
 Mon 13th Dec - No Mass.
 Tue 14th Dec - Mass 10.00am.
 Wed 15th Dec - *Mass at St Peter's 9.00am.*
 Thurs 16th Dec - *Mass at St Peter's 9.00am.*
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This week's Memorials:
Mon: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr.
Tues: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor.

Next Sunday (19th)
 prayer is recommended
 for
 Expectant Mothers.

'Thank you'

Collection Weekdays & Sunday 5th Dec:- **£404.62.**
 Further donations:-
 Diocesan Poor Missions:- **£11.50.**
 Youth Service:- **£5.00.**
 Sick & Retired Priests:- **£5.00.**
 Sudan Appeal: **£104.00.**
 Other donations received:- **£1070.00.**
 Standing Orders & Online Donations Received in
 November:- **£1366.00.**

Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Due to the likely demand for places in church, we are going to have to take bookings for all the Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. We will be doing this via email via the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). If you don't have email yourself, please ask a family member or friend who does have email to make the booking on your behalf. The times of Masses for Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve: St Joseph's: 6.00pm
St Peter's: 8.00pm (with carols at 7.30pm)
 Christmas Day: St Joseph's: 10.00am
St Peter's: 10.30am
 St Joseph's: 12 Noon

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp:

"In loving memory of Ethel Cross"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp:

"Phoebe Rowlings"

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Matthew Dunn & Laura Platt (now Mrs Dunn), who were married here this last Saturday.

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 9.30AM

Calling anyone with half an hour to spare and who is willing and able to do a little light dusting etc.....between 9.30 & 11am.

Come and help freshen up our lovely Church ready for Christmas. There will be tea and mince pies to fortify the workers and prayer candles to light for your special intentions. **Many hands make light work!**

Pauline and Aisling

Mass Intentions received:-

A Special Intention (AS)

**St Vincent de Paul Society
Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2021**

Last week 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. Recent civil unrest in Sudan, coupled with the effects of Covid 19 have contributed to a worsening of the plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. In previous years the response from St Peter's parishioners and friends has been magnificent and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness. In a spirit of humility but also of boldness in providing a voice for the poor, we again ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give will be a great help. Donation forms were handed out last week, 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.

Message from Andy

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION

I am trying to do the usual Missio Red Box collection and emptying **before Christmas**. Any boxes that need emptying can be brought into Sunday Mass and left with either Lise or myself, or at the piety stall and will be returned (sanitised) the week after and picked up from the back of church. At this time I am happy to collect any boxes if people are not able to attend Mass - please call Andy on 07708807454, and leave a message.

Missio need your small change now more than ever -
its amazing how the pennies mount up!
Thanking you in Advance for Your Generosity.

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Robert Sutton, Frank Molloy, Margaret Hothersall, Elsie Mary Ashton, James Maxwell Ashton, Frances Marie Ashton, Sr. Compassionata, Gordon Turner, Rose Marsden, Dorothy Bentham, Coral Bell, Michael Murphy, Joan Thornton, Ursula Almond.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm for
3rd Sunday of Advent, and the response is:**

**SING AND SHOUT FOR JOY
FOR GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.**

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, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Florence Kirelly, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Harold Thornton, Michael Golowicz, Frank Cottam, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER -

is dedicated to the *Immaculate Conception* celebrated on 8th December. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

GAUDETE SUNDAY -

like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides worshippers with encouragement to continue their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

ONGOING REMINDERS:

GIFT AID

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

THE PIETY STALL is open each Sunday - on sale a selection of Christmas cards and piety items.

FOOD BANK

To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home. Please also help with any spare toiletries you might not need, and, in the run-up to Christmas little treats for children will be very much appreciated.

*Many thanks to all the kind parishioners who
contribute/donate in any way to the Food Bank.*