



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



Sunday 13th August 2023, 19th 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 12th / 13th August, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 12th 6pm St. Joseph's Intentions of the Delaney Family

Sun 13th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 13th 10:30am St. Peter's Maguire Family**

3pm St. Joseph's Rosary, Sermon & Benediction in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

**Mon 14th 9am St. Peter's Mary & Arthur Horton** followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Vigil* 7pm St. Joseph's Sally McCann

**Tuesday 15th 9am St. Peter's Maurice Mason**

10am St. Joseph's Harry Whitehead followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

1pm St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Pauline Mercer-Smith

**Wed 16th 9am St. Peter's Michael French**

Thurs 17th 10am St. Joseph's Green & Buchanan Families

**12:30pm St. Peter's Funeral Service for Joseph Ainsworth**

**Weekend 19th / 20th August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 19th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 20th 9:15am St. Joseph's Yvonne Thompson

**Sun 20th 10:30am St. Peter's Rose Moss & Members of the Prayer Group**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's**

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

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As Christians, in times of difficulty we find it natural to turn to God as a flower grows towards the light. Unafraid and empowered to share the message of the Gospel, we now turn in our Eucharist to our loving Father in faith.

**1st Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13** - Running for his life, the prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters the presence of God.

**2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5** - St Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

**Gospel Matthew 14:22-33** - While they are afraid, caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to the apostles. He calms their fears, and brings them peace.

**THIS TUESDAY 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a HolyDay of Obligation.**

**Masses are at SJ's Monday 7pm Vigil, SP's Tuesday 9am, SJ's Tuesday 10am.**

*Attendance at the Requiem at SJ's at 1pm also fulfils the HolyDay Obligation.*

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:** This Tuesday we have our Midsummer HolyDay of Obligation, the beautiful Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In many ways our Blessed Mother Mary holds our hands as we journey through the liturgical year. At the beginning of Advent we celebrate her Immaculate Conception, whilst, usually in the Middle of Lent, we celebrate the Annunciation on the twenty-fifth of March, nine months before Christmas. Christmas and Easter put Mary very much at the centre of the proceedings, in the house of Nazareth, in the Stable at Bethlehem, at the foot of the cross, and in the upper room when the Holy Spirit comes down on the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. Until finally we celebrate this Tuesday's feast, which celebrates, as the Church tells us, the ending of Mary's life on earth, and her assumption into Heaven, body and soul. This Feast celebrates a life on earth lived solely in accordance to the will of God, and the honour and glory which was duly accorded such a life. As we praise and honour our Blessed Mother, let us also walk with her, following her Son, and His Father's will. *Almighty and everlasting God, Father in heaven, in the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. Amen.*

**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 6th August : **£415.40.**

Standing Orders & Online Donations received in July:

**£1266.00.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**THIS SUNDAY (13TH): Rosary, Sermon & Benediction at 3pm at St. Joseph's**

In honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption.

Followed by Sherry & Cakes in the presbytery.

**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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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**Message from Teresa Mallabone  
St. Peter's St Vincent de Paul**

SVP will be selling tickets for the SVP Annual Raffle before and after Mass **TODAY** and next Sunday the 20th August.

St. Peter's parish SVP will receive 50% of the proceeds after expenses, which helps to fund our work in assisting families and individuals in our community. Your support is much appreciated.

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**MESSAGE FROM CAFOD**

"Let's support small scale farmers around the world."  
CAFOD's food campaign is urging the UK government to protect the rights of farmers around the world to use their seeds.

For generations small scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change.

However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds.

**Please sign the petition at the back of the church after Mass this weekend.**

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**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT  
CLEATOR ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. It is hoped to have a coachful from this Deanery. Bring your rosary beads together with waterproofs & food for the journey. Details of price & times at pickup points will be given later through your parish newsletter. All seats booked need to be PAID even if you have to cancel. Thank you for your support. *Rev David*

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**Responsorial Psalm for  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and the response is:**

**"LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY  
AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP"**

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -**

**Red Lamps:** *"Special Intention - P and V"*  
*& "Andy"*

**Blue Lamp:** *"Tina - B"*

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

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**Please pray for all who have died recently -  
JOE AINSWORTH AND  
PAULINE MERCER-SMITH**

& those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Cecil Johnson, Karen Clarke, Kenneth Tweedale, Florence Henry, John Boyle, Betty Johnson, Kitty Starr, Rose Bonney, Joseph Royle, Mary Cottam, Joan Hawker, Sheila Whiteside, Kathryn Reddy, May Foulkes, Michael Briers, Isobel Morrison. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

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**The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. If you would like to take part in a survey, here is the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

The deadline for completion of the survey is the 31st August 2023. Many thanks for your support. *Sharon Tipping. Safeguarding Coordinator. The Catholic Diocese of Lancaster.*

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**MESSAGE FROM EDWARD**

He brought back some Holy Water from Lourdes. If anyone would like some, please speak to Edward or email

[info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk)

First come first served! and it will be necessary to provide your own container. Many thanks, Edward

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

Lots of fun on a Monday evening in the Presbytery. No previous experience necessary!

No session this week, due to the HolyDay Mass. Next session: Mon 21st at 7pm. All welcome.

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**MONTH OF AUGUST:**

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pius IX told us that **even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it"**.