



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



FOR
 Sunday 13th December 2020, Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent - Year 'B'
 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 13th December (Gaudete Sunday)	People of the Parish & Special Intention	Public Mass at 10.30am Recorded Mass
Monday 14th December	No Mass	-
Tuesday 15th December	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 16th December	Peter Evans RIP	Public Mass 9.00am
Thursday 17th December	Caroline Wilson RIP	Recorded Mass
Friday 18th December	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 19th December	Victor & Helen Hayes	Private Mass
Sunday 20th December	People of the Parish & Joan & Donald Holt	Public Mass 10.30am Recorded Mass

St Joseph's Mass details:

Saturday: 12th Dec Vigil – **Public Mass** 6.00pm
 Sunday: 13th Dec **Public Mass** 9.15am.
 Monday: 14th Dec - No Mass.
 Tuesday: 15th Dec - Recorded Mass St Joseph's Intention
 Wed: 16th Dec **Public Mass** 12 noon
 Thursday: 17th December - Recorded Mass.
 Friday: 18th December - Private Mass St Joseph's Intention
 Saturday: 19th December - Private Mass.
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass** 6pm The Parish.
 Sunday: 20th Dec **Public Mass** 9.15am.

This week's Solemnity & Memorials:

Mon: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor.
 (please see overleaf)

From 17th - 24th December, inclusive, the weekdays are more directly related to preparation for the Lord's birth.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church will be open and stewards will be present for Private Prayer on - Saturday 10 - 11am.

'Thank you'

Collection Wednesday 2nd:- **£108.00**
 Collection Sunday 6th:- **£404.23**
 Diocesan Youth Service:- **£60.00**
 Poor Missions:- **£62.00**
 SVP Sudan Appeal - **£20.00**
Thanks to all who contributed.

Please see overleaf for 2020 Sudan Appeal

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Tony Bolton, Patricia Sumner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings

(Red) *"Members of the Parish"*

(Blue) *"Those who are sick in the Parish"*

To book, please email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp.* Sue is now taking bookings for 2021 so, to avoid disappointment, book early.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Robert Sutton, Frank Molloy, Margaret Hothersall, Elsie M. Ashton, James M. Ashton, Frances M. Ashton, Sr. Compassionata, Gordon Turner, Rose Marsden, Dorothy Bentham, Coral Ball, Michael Murphy, Joan Thornton, Ursula Almond. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Masses for Christmas will be **8pm Vigil on Christmas Eve & 10.45am Christmas morning.** Due to the likely demand for places in church, we are going to have to take bookings. 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.

Current update: Only a few spaces left at either Mass so it is essential to book to avoid disappointment.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Peter Evans RIP

Mamie Heyworth (Ann) {23rd Dec}

Julie Metcalfe RIP

Paul Jackson RIP

SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2020

This appeal to help some of the poorest people on earth feed their malnourished babies and children remains open until Christmas.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked '**Sudan Appeal**' and drop it into the collection bucket in church on Sunday or Wednesday.

Cheques should be made payable to '**SVP Twinnage**'. Gift Aid forms can be requested from the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk).

Donations can also be handed to Deacon Michael or any SVP members. **THANK YOU.**

MISSIO RED BOXES

Unfortunately, due to the continuing Covid crisis, I am unable to ask for the Red Missio boxes to be brought into church for the second collection of the year. Your small change still makes big positive changes to the promotion of the Catholic faith around the world. Please could I ask you all again to empty your own red boxes, and send the money directly to Missio? This can be done in several ways, details of which are in the porch at the back of church, outside near the notice board in the church gate, and on the Missio web site. Magazines and Calendars are available at the back of church. Thanking you in advance for your continued generosity and pray that by the next collection things may have improved.

**Any queries, phone Andy 07708807454.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year.**

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS Priest & Doctor of the Church

14th December

John Yeppez was born at Fontiberos in Old Castile, Spain, in 1542. From his tenderest infancy he evinced a marked devotion toward the Blessed Virgin, of whose Order he became one of the brightest ornaments. After studying in a Jesuit college, he took the Carmelite habit, in the monastery of that Order at Medina del Campo in 1563 and practiced the greatest austerities. In 1567 he was ordained priest.

Shortly after, he met St. Teresa of Avila and helped her in the work of reforming the Order.

In his last illness he had a choice between two monasteries; one of them was a pleasant residence and its prior was his intimate friend, but he chose the other, the one of Ubeda, which was poor and where the prior was ill-disposed toward him. After much suffering, he died in 1591.

A Message from Children's Liturgy

Dear children,

Today we colour in the pink candle on our Advent wreath because it is Gaudete Sunday. We are full of joy and excitement because God's son will soon be born.

Have you ever seen the sun on the horizon at dawn? It glows PINK!

The reading today from St Paul encourages us to "Be happy at all times, pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God" What great advice. We can always be happy inside even if we're not laughing or smiling because we are loved by God and no one can take that away from us.

How can you pray constantly? Not possible? It is. Here's the secret. Every morning, you say 'everything I do today, I offer to you God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen'. Bingo! You're whole day is a prayer.

At the end of the day as your head touches the pillow, say 'thank you God for everything today. Amen and Goodnight'. What a beautiful gift for God.

God Bless, Be Happy, God loves you

Nickie, Aisling, Claire, Pauline

ADVANCE NOTICE: ONLINE RETREAT:

There will be an online retreat entitled 'Living Laudato Si: Your Parish and Your Planet' available on Zoom on 22nd – 25th January 2021. Laudato Si is Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment. The retreat will be led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. Cost – Free but voluntary donations gratefully accepted. To apply, simply email Sr. Margaret Atkins on - margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to those overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

FOOD BANK - whilst shopping, please do not forget the parents struggling to feed themselves and their children and who will be depending on the Food Bank for enough to eat over Christmas.

Sincere thanks to all who have very kindly contributed.

If you are still not confident to come out to Mass or reluctant to bring food to church, you can contact Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will collect from your home.