



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
Sunday 14th May 2023, 6th Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 13th / 14th May, 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 13th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes
 Sun 14th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Worsley

Sun 14th 10:30am St. Peter's Bob McMahon

Mon 15th 9am St. Peter's Michael Cross followed by Exposition & Confessions

Mon 15th 7pm St. Joseph's Vespers & David's Profession of Faith with refreshments in the house afterwards.

Tues 16th 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray Cross followed by Exposition & Confessions

Wed 17th 9am St. Peter's Frank Holland

Ascension of the Lord:

Vigil Mass 7pm St. Joseph's Peter Earnshaw

Thurs 18th 9am St. Peter's Intentions of Mary Waddington

10am St. Joseph's Mary O'Reilly

Weekend 20th / 21st May - 7th Sunday of Easter

Sat 20th 6pm St. Joseph's Margaret McKeon Birthday Remembrance

Sun 21st 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sunday 21st 10:30am St. Peter's John & Agnes Walsh

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.

Readings for This Sunday: We make others aware of God's love by our words and our actions. The Holy Spirit is given to help us in this work of bringing Christ to others.

1st Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: Philip proclaims the good news of Christ to the Samaritans. They accept the message with joy and are baptised.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18: Writing during persecution, Peter advises Christians to be able to explain their faith and to live blameless lives, but to be prepared to suffer.

Gospel John 14:15-21: Jesus promises that the Spirit will be sent on all who love him and that they will be united with him, who is one with his Father.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER. And so as our Eastertide journey to Pentecost continues, we stop off on Thursday at The Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast celebrates that Jesus was lifted up and now sits at the right hand of God so that he may be present everywhere, not only in this age but also in the age to come. As we are in the Liturgical Year 'A', the Year of Matthew, we have our reading of the Ascension from his Gospel, Matthew 28:18-20, which doesn't actually give us a description of the Ascension, but instead focuses on the Mission of the Church, as we are given Christ's final two instructions to the disciples: to baptise, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and to teach to the world the commands that Jesus gave to us. The Gospel concludes *And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time,* a beautiful reminder that this Feast does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, closer to each one of us for ever - ready to send us the promised Holy Spirit: *"To our lives of wanton wandering send your promised Spirit-Guide, through our lives of fear and failure with your power and love abide: welcome us, as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide. Amen."* **We have Holyday Masses at SJ's on Wed at 7pm and Thurs at 10am, and SP's at 9am** (I'm saying a vigil mass for our children in school). In other news... *The angel who was driving Jesus in the car to heaven on Ascension day suddenly stalled without reason. He was driving Emmanuel. I'll get my coat...*

On Sun 14th May at SJ'S at 9:15am we celebrate the 1st Holy Communion of a group of our children. Please pray for them and their families.

Thanks to everyone who prepared and came along to our Coronation Celebrations in each Parish last week. A jolly time was had by all!

Reminder:

This Thursday, the 18th, Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord - there will be a Collection.

Bravo to Fr. Philip, who writes: *Dear Parishioners, My sincere thanks for your prayerful and financial support for the Lenten Walk undertaken to assist the work of "Aid to the Church in Need" in their project for the Ukraine. Your sponsorship raised £6869.00. The sponsorship from St.P realised £265.00. Thank you for your generosity and answering the call of the Gospel to rally to the need of our brothers and sisters. I will offer three Masses for all benefactors, for your intentions, health and well being. Let us give thanks to the Risen Lord.*

The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope. David will make his formal **Profession of Faith during a Service of Evening Prayer, at St. Joseph's at 7pm this Monday 15th May.** All Welcome. There will be refreshments in the Presbytery afterwards.

Coach to David's ordination on July 8th, please sign up at back of Church to gauge numbers. The newly Rev. David will lead **Rosary, Sermon & Benediction at St. Peter's on Sunday 9th July at 3pm,** followed by refreshments in SP's Hall. Please keep David in your prayers.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 7th May : **£491.40.**

Further donations -

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: **£25.00**

& Flower Garden: **£30.00.**

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Advance notice - Sunday 21st

World Communications Day of Prayer &
Special Collection for Catholic Media.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER DOMINIC SAVIO CP

On Saturday 20th May there will be a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout at 12 noon in the Church of St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton, St. Helens.

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, 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.**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps

"David & Chris - training for Ministry" &

"Father Fred Robinson - RIP"

Our Lady's Lamp: *"In loving memory of Malcolm*

Howe from his wife & family".

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

Responsorial Psalm for 6th Sunday of Easter
and the response is:

**"CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD
ALL THE EARTH"**

MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER, ST. BEDE'S

Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors have a particular responsibility within Catholic Schools in preserving and developing the distinctive Catholic character and ethos of the school.

To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs. S. Kelly, Head Teacher's PA, on 01253 667526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

No deadline date has been given for applications but it is anticipated this advert will be in St Peter's newsletter for one more week, or two if there is room!

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Mary Buckley, William Dagger, Helen Holt & Kathleen Benyon, and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Peter Smith, Elizabeth Lenehan, John Lenehan, Frances Clare, James H. Illingworth, Patricia Hermeges, Margaret Vale, Sr. Joseph Carmel CP, Kathleen Quigley, Ian Parry, Bob (Robert) McMahon, Frank Holland, Dorothy Harrop.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

2 Messages from Sue Shakespeare

1. Coffee after Mass - Thank you to those who have been in touch to volunteer... more volunteers would be much appreciated! Sue will be in touch regarding the rota shortly. Please either speak to Sue or email her on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). *Thank you.*

2. **On 19th June** Sue will be walking a 100km (62miles) continuous challenge up and down the hills of the Lake District. Please follow this link to a page on our website which has lots of details of the walk and some photos. Every penny helps Macmillan to continue their valuable work
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sueshakespeare23>
Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM ALISON CROFT

Thank you so much to all those who attended, contributed, baked etc. making last Sunday's Coronation Coffee morning such a success. The amount raised was **£276.40. Many thanks.**

Lytham Club Day Magazine is available at £3 to raise funds for their celebratory day, after all masses this weekend.