



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
Sunday 15th January 2023, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 14th / 15th January, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Beryl Symonds
Sun 15th 9:15am St. Joseph's Michael Cookson
Sun 15th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes
Mon 16th No Services
Tues 17th No Services

Wed 18th 9:00am St. Peter's William Harrison

Thurs 19th 10.00am St. Joseph's Pat Smith

Weekend 21st / 22nd January, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 21st 6.00pm St. Joseph's Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sun 22nd 9:15am St. Joseph's Richard Smith

Sun 22nd 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A - We come together as the holy people of Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, with water and in the Holy Spirit, we are a new creation called to prayer and worship of the Lord our God.

First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 The prophet Isaiah reveals how God chose the people of Israel to serve as a light to the nations so that the message of God's saving love might reach the ends of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 St Paul greets the Christians in Corinth by reminding them of their vocation to holiness and to prayer.

Gospel John 1:29-34 John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus as the Chosen One of God, the one who baptises with water and the Holy Spirit.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Well, the Christmas holidays are well and truly over, and certainly last week seemed to be meeting after meeting - with lots of baptisms and funeral services to be prepared, which entails meeting lots of wonderful families, which, whatever the topic of the meeting, is always lovely - it means that people are still happy to turn to the Church in need, and hopefully we will always be there for them. This week I was also (finally!) formally inducted as a member of the chaplaincy team at Clifton Hospital, along with our Deacon-to-be David Pope, which mainly seemed to entail getting a parking permit, which I am told are like gold dust - which makes my walking round the parishes rather than driving another plus, as well as the additional health benefits (which hopefully keep me out of hospital as I go to the hospital - if that makes sense). *The Anglican chaplain challenged me to a game of hide-and-peek; I found him in ICU.* I'll get my coat...

Friday January 19th is the Memorial of Saint Wulstan. He lived from 1008 to 1095, and during those dates saw huge changes in the history of England, becoming a Bishop in 1062, just before the Battle of Hastings, and indeed has the singular honour of being the only Bishop to serve before and after the Norman Conquest of 1066. Today we particularly honour him for his role in speaking out against, and ultimately bring about the end of, the Slave Trade from Bristol, whereby English Slaves would be sold by Norse Tradesmen to people in Ireland. *God our Heavenly Father, Your servant, Bishop Saint Wulstan, Sought to serve you by serving your people, Especially those most vulnerable and those in need. Help us to speak out, in your name, Against the injustices in society, That your will may be done on earth as in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pancake Celebration: Lent will soon be upon us, but before that we hope to have a Pancake Evening in the presbytery at SJ's on **Tuesday 21st February, from 6pm - 8pm.** Pancakes will be ready from 6pm, and there'll be a quiz, raffle and children's game (the ancient Lancastrian Art of Cheese Rolling) from 7pm. Tickets to gauge numbers and cover costs will be available after Masses next week. All welcome.

First Holy Communion: our First Holy Communion Course will be starting towards the end of February, and to that end, if you have a child in Year 4 or above, and you would like them to prepare for this important stage in the sacramental life, please take and complete an Enrolment Form. Forms will be available from next week before and after Masses at SJ's and SP's, and should be returned to Father Peter by 5th Feb. Many thanks, and looking forward to a lovely course.

FoodBank: Many thanks for your continued contributions to the FoodBank collection at the back of Church. It is most welcome, and always most appreciated. Also huge thanks to those who organise and distribute this much needed food. Blessings to you all. (See below - St Peter's FoodBank Returns for November & December.)

Mass Intentions for the year ahead: If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Please note: (1) Due to a meeting in the hall, there will be no coffee after Mass on Sunday 15th.
(2) Hospital: Please remember to let us know if you or one of your family is being admitted to hospital.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2022

Some weeks ago 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. Continuing civil unrest, the effects of Covid 19 and global food shortages have contributed to a worsening plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. The baby feeding stations set up by the SVP keep hundreds of babies and young children alive each year. This work has been generously supported over the years by St. Peter's parishioners and friends and we cannot thank you enough. However, these poor people continue to need our help to keep their babies and young children alive and so we again raise our voices on behalf of the poor and ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give, at a time when we are all feeling the effects of rising food and energy prices, will be a great help and will be much appreciated. Your kind donations can be made in the weeks up to Christmas and just after.* Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

*The Appeal will close **TODAY, 15th January.**

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Bishop has asked that our Crib Offerings this year benefit the charity "Friends of the Holy Land" (FHL). FHL help the most deprived Christian Families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With pilgrimages only slowly returning and little income for almost 3 years, many families in and around Bethlehem are increasingly calling on FHL for vital help. There are a lot of calls on our generosity at present, but please help these Christian families if you can.

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, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Stephanie Wilson, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

MESSAGE FROM ALISON CROFT

We are looking to put together a social group within the parish to plan some future events. If you are interested in joining this group or would just like to contribute with some ideas for future events, either come along to our coffee morning after Mass on 29th January or contact **Alison Croft: 07732182051. Many thanks.**

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 8th January: **£402.20.**
Envelopes for previous Weeks via SJ's: **£235.00.**
Collection - Epiphany: **£138.00.**
Standing Orders & Online Donations received in December: **£1176.00.**
SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: **£50.00***
*Total to date: **£1657.00.**
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp Booking - Red Lamps

"David & Chris - Training for Ministry"
& "In Loving Memory of Ken".

Our Lady - "In loving memory of Nanny Zoo".

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 coming year.

FOOD BANK RETURNS/UPDATE For November & December 2022

November:

St. Cuthbert's: 35kg food, £10 cash, bag of towels.
Holy Family: 6kg food.

December:

St. Cuthbert's: 55kg food, £160 cash, 3 x bags of children's clothes.

Holy Family: 15kg food, £40 cash, 3x hampers from SVP , BAE and St. Bedes.

Harbour House: 4x bags of toiletries (given to Mike O'Malley).

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Tom Strange, Mary McDaid, David Dummigan, Mary Forshaw, Thomas Eccles, Thomas Smith, Ethel Pearson, Joan Waring, Laura Turner, Herbert Turner, Margaret Hosker, Martha Farrow, Nicholas Posting, Barbara Rigby, John Lenehan, Christine Airey, Alice Howard, Rosemary Marsden, Michael Cookson, Eric Simpson, Stanislaus Hodson, Florence Dransfield, Nan Battersby, Pauline Johnson, Josephine Fleming, Christine Battersby, Joan Hutchinson, Sr. Carmela Wallace SCIM (Stella Matutina), Rosemary Turner-Melia, Ralph Roberts, Mary O'Reilly, Sr. Patrica O'Neill SHCJ, Frances E. Courtney, John Hothersall, Deacon Terence Fagan (St. Mary's Morecambe). **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Responsorial Psalm for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

and the response is:

HERE I AM LORD!

I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.

