



**NEWSLETTER**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
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**FOR**  
**Sunday 15th March 2020, 3rd Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'**  
**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 Time</i>	<i>Reader/s</i>
<b>TODAY Sunday 15/03</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> Welcomers: The McIndoe Family <b>4pm Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>	Mary Chesworth & David Pope
<b>Mon 16/03</b>		**7.15pm Stations of the Cross for 'Our Times' concluding with Compline (Night Prayer)	-
<b>Wed 18/03</b>	Nellie Holland (Ann)	<b>Mass 8.30am</b>	Mary Waddington
<b>Thurs 19/03</b>	The Lillis Family	<b>Mass 8.30am</b> <b>Solemnity of St Joseph</b>	Sister Dominic Savio
<b>Sat 21/03</b>	The Blacoe Family	<b>Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition &amp; Confessions 10.30-11.30</b> followed by Rosary & Angelus	Mary Chesworth
<b>Sunday 22/03</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> Laetare Sunday Welcomers: Gemma & Phoebe Rowlings <b>4pm Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>	Pete Rickards & Sue Shakespeare

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Joseph's Mass times:</b>          Sunday 15th March : Masses 9.15am &amp; 5.05pm.          Tuesday 17th March: Mass 9.00am          Friday 20th March: Mass 9.00am          Saturday 21st March: Vigil Mass 6.00pm.          Sunday 22nd March: Masses 9.15am &amp; 5.05pm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This week's Feast, Memorial &amp; Solemnity:</b>  <b>Tues</b> Feast: St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary,          Patron of Ireland.  <b>Wed</b> Memorial: St Cyril of Jerusalem.  <b>Thurs</b> Solemnity: St Joseph,          Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary.          Also on Thurs - Anniversary of the Inauguration of          Pontificate of Pope Francis.</p>
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<p><b>TODAY</b> - last opportunity to hand in your CAFOD Fast Day envelope (or cash donation). Please remember to complete the Gift Aid section on your envelope if you pay Income Tax. <i>Thanks to those who have already donated.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAST WEEK:</b> Attendance: <b>200.</b>          Collection <b>£563.64.</b>          Standing Orders received in February: <b>£796.00.</b>  <i>Many thanks to all who contributed.</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>          for each of the Sundays in Lent, the response is  <b>"GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST".</b></p> <p><b>FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:</b>          Please continue to pray for - Joan Keefe, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred &amp; Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Joan Woodcock, Iain Fair, Don O'Toole, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes &amp; the Convents. <i>May God give them His healing grace.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**MESSAGE FROM DAVID POPE:</b>          In response to Bishop Paul's request to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent, there is an added opportunity to partake in this tradition here at St Peter's Church - see above - Mon 16th March.</p>	<p><b>GIFT AID -</b>  <b>If you pay Income Tax</b>, Gift Aid is a painless way of helping the Parish at no extra cost to yourself. In respect of the Income Tax year 2018/19, the Parish received a tax refund of <b>£9804.43</b>, so you can see what a big help this is to us and forms a very significant element of the Parish's annual income. Sadly, as many of our older parishioners are called to their heavenly reward, the number of people signed up for Gift Aid is falling quite significantly. In the 2019/20 Income Tax year the amount contributed in Offertory Envelopes and via Standing Orders will be roughly £3000 lower than in the previous year. As we approach a new Tax year on 6th April 2020, and we have a new supply of Offertory Envelopes available, it is the ideal time to 'sign up for Gift Aid'. Please have a word with Deacon Michael if you are able to help your Parish in this way. Thank you.</p> <p>The new supply of Offertory Envelopes (which come into use on Good Friday) are now available for collection from the sacristy after Mass today.</p>
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**DECREE FROM THE BISHOP CONCERNING COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS:**

The Bishop has issued a decree, to be followed across the whole diocese, providing measures to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 Corona virus with immediate effect:

- The sign of peace will be suspended.
- Holy Communion will cease to be offered from the chalice.
- Those who receive Holy Communion on the tongue will be encouraged to receive on the hand.
- No holy water in the stoups in church.
- Priests, deacons and ministers to wash/sanitise hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- Shared Hymnbooks not to be used.

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**Father David's Holy Communion visits** this week:  
(Group 4) - St Joseph's Parish.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, IN DATE ORDER:**

**1. Corona Virus Update** - St Joseph's Ansdell have been in touch to say the Parish Mission 14-22 March has been cancelled in view of the coronavirus situation. The Deanery Service of Reconciliation Service scheduled for Thurs 19th March is also cancelled. There will be additional opportunities to go to Confession at both St Peter's & St Joseph's in the weeks ahead before Easter. There will be no coffee mornings in the church hall until further notice.

**2. Rose Queen Joint Churches Fundraising Event - Sat 4th April 12-2pm** St Peter's will be hosting the bottle tombola, raffle, teas, coffees & cake stall for the above event. Phoebe and her retinue are asking for support from their parish family to donate cakes, raffle prizes and bottles for their stall. Any donations will be gratefully received between now and the event.

Please see Gemma Rowlings or William Whiteside (Church Representative for Lytham Club Day) if you would like to support them. More event details to follow.

**3. Coffee Morning & Plant Sale:** Park Street Methodist Church Hall, Lytham, Sat 4th April 10am - 12noon. Cake Stall, Plant Stall and Raffle. Admission £2, includes refreshments. *Proceeds to Lytham in Bloom.*

**4. Lectio Divina** at St Joseph's parish hall. You are invited to join us each Friday in Lent (*apart from March 20th*) at 10.00am. Please bring your bible.

**5. Easter Retreat** for young people **9th - 12th April at Castlerigg.** See poster on porch notice board.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

*Patrick Sumner RIP x5*

*Private Intention*

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Responsorial Psalm for

3rd Sunday in Lent and the response is:

***O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE: HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS!***

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL MISSION:** The mission in school was a great success. The children enjoyed the experience, and they and the staff gained a great deal from the opportunity to focus on their faith. We thank the team from the Sion Community for their wonderful input and all their work with the children.

**Sanctuary Lamp Booking (Red)**

*"P.S. - Post op recovery"*

To book, please email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp. Quite a few available dates for lamp bookings.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Leblaque, Lilian Ogden, Robert Wareing, Kathleen Murphy, Kenneth Walmsley, Fr Lawrence Wells, Fr Anthony Howe, Richard Battersby, Edward Cottam, Joseph Morris, Charles Watson, Therése Seed, Veronica Hughes, John Hanby, Clementine D'Souza, Elizabeth Hardman (née Newsham). *May they rest in peace.*

**APEAL FOR WELCOMERS**

This task is an important one for the parish - if there are any families (or individuals) in the parish who would like to join the present team, please have a word with either Teresa Mallabone or Mary Waddington. *Many thanks.*

**FOOD BANK APPEAL:** Donations of food each Sunday seem to have 'tailed off' but sadly the need for the food hasn't! St Cuthbert's in Blackpool is a very deprived area where, according to a local TV programme, the teachers are having to make sure the children have a breakfast etc. You will find the box for your kind donations in the porch. SVP members will ensure the food is delivered to St Annes and St Cuthbert's. Many thanks.

**A LOVELY REMINDER AS TO WHAT HAPPENS AT THE CONSECRATION:**

*The bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, when, at the Consecration, the Holy Spirit over shadows the Priest and the offerings and infuses into them the same elements as into the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**PIETY STALL:** Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am.

**To book the Parish Hall,** please contact William Whiteside on 07754060246.