



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



FOR  
 Sunday 15th May 2022, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year 'C'  
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day &amp; Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 15th May	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Mass 10.30am</b>
Monday 16th May	-	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 17th May	-	<i>10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's</i>
Wednesday 18th May	<b>Frank Holland (Ann)</b>	<b>Mass at 9.00am</b>
Thursday 19th May	<b>Special Intention (OW)</b>	<b>Mass at 9.00am</b>
Friday 20th May	-	<i>10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's</i>
Saturday 21st May	<b>Agnes Lennon</b>	<b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <b>Exposition &amp; Confessions from 10.30 - 11.30am</b>
Sunday 22nd May	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Mass 10.30am</b>

**St Joseph's Mass details:**  
 Sun (Vigil) - Mass 6pm.  
 Sun 15th May - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.  
 Mon 16th May - No Mass  
 Tues 17th May - Mass at 10.00am  
 Wed 18th May - Mass at St Peter's 9.00am  
 Thurs 19th May - Mass at St Peter's 9.00am  
 Fri 20th May - Mass 10.00am  
 Sunday (Vigil) - Mass 6pm  
 Sunday 22nd May - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm

**This week's Memorials:**  
**Wed:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr.  
**Thur:** St. Dunstan, Bishop (National Calendar).  
**Fri:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest.  
**Sat:** St. Christopher of Magallanes, Priest,  
 & Companions. Martyrs.

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**LATELY DEAD:**  
**DOROTHY HARROP & GWYNETH JONES**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let the  
 perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in  
 peace. Amen.*

**'Thank You'**  
 Envelopes for 1st May received via St. Joseph's:  
 Offertory:- **£49.00.**  
 Easter Offerings:- **£100.00.**

Collection Sunday 8th May:- **£434.72.**  
 Ecclesiastical Education Fund:- **£239.22.**  
 Other contributions received:- **£70.00.**  
*Many thanks for your generosity.*

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**Old £1 Coins**

It is hard to believe that the 'new' twelve sided £1 coin has been with us for over 5 years, but 'old' £1 coins still turn up regularly in the collection. Until now, the bank have continued to accept 'old' £1 coins, provided that we bagged them separately, but have now told us that with immediate effect they will no longer accept them. Thank you.

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**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:**  
*"For a dear Sister on her Birthday"*  
*£ William Brown - RIP Anniversary"*  
**Blue Lamp:** *"Phoebe - for ongoing Recovery"*  
 To book, please email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk)  
 (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5  
 each lamp.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We thank the catechists who have worked hard with the children to prepare them for this important step in their journey of faith. If any of the children making First Holy Communion would be interested in becoming altar servers, please contact one of the catechists, or speak with Fr David.

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**SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

In a Spring Plenary Resolution, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are to re-instate the Sunday obligation from the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The bishops write: "Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person". The bishops also make the important point that "there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation".

### WELCOMERS' ROTA

It is hoped to re-start the Welcomers' Rota from 5th June. It will probably be a commitment every 6 to 8 weeks when Welcomers will need to be in church from approximately 10am.

If you / family are able to join the Rota, please speak with Teresa Mallabone after Mass, or ring 07843151914.

**Thank you.**

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### MESSAGE FROM DAVID SHAKESPEARE

Do you enjoy singing? Would you consider joining us in the choir to help lead and develop the music in the liturgy? Don't worry if you haven't much time to spare, or you are not here every week, or not confident reading music.

#### **Interested?**

Come up and have a chat after Mass or contact us through the parish website. *David*

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### ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Peter Smith, Elizabeth Lenehan, John Lenehan, Frances Clare, James Henry Illingworth, Patricia Hermeges, Margaret Vale, Sr. Joseph Carmel CP, Kathleen Quigley, Ian Parry, Frank Holland. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

*Frank & Winnie Mulligan (Ann)  
Lionel Hollings*

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### 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, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Florence Kirelly, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Harold Thornton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Joan Makinson, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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**Responsorial Psalm for  
5th Sunday of Easter  
and the response is:**

**I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER,  
O GOD MY KING.**

### ST. RITA OF CASCIA

**(Patroness of Impossible Cases) May 22nd**

St. Rita was born at Spoleto, Italy, in 1381. At an early age she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent - instead they arranged a marriage for her.

Rita became a good wife and mother but her husband was a man of violent temper - in anger he often mistreated his wife and he taught their children his own evil ways. Rita tried to perform her duties faithfully and to pray and receive the sacraments frequently.

After nearly 20 years of marriage, her husband was stabbed by an enemy but before he died he repented because Rita prayed for him. Shortly afterwards her 2 sons died and Rita was alone in the world. Prayer, fasting, penances of many kinds and good works filled her days. She was admitted to the convent of the Augustinian nuns and began a life of perfect obedience and great charity.

Sister Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, "*Please let me suffer like You, Divine Saviour*" she said one day and suddenly one of the thorns from the crucifix struck her on the forehead. It left a deep wound which did not heal and which caused her much suffering for the rest of her life. She died on May 22nd, 1457.

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### ONGOING REMINDERS:

**CONFESSIONS** are held on a Saturday morning after the 10am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be Confessions available after Mass during the week, unless otherwise announced.

#### **GIFT AID -**

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

**FOOD BANK:** To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home.

**PIETY STALL:** Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.

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*Are you new to the Parish? If you are, St Peter's would like to warmly welcome you - please make yourself known to either - Father David Burns or Deacon Michael Harrison.*