



NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 15th October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 14th / 15th October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14th Oct 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 15th Oct 9:15am St. Joseph's Kenneth & Margaret Hammond

Sun 15th Oct 10:30am St. Peter's Terry Daw

Mon 16th 9am St. Peter's Deceased of the O'Dea Family followed by Exposition & Confessions

Tues 17th, 10am St. Joseph's Wyn Garroch followed by Exposition & Confessions

Wed 18th 9am St. Peter's Brian J. Matthews

12 noon St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Mary Gledhill

Thurs 19th 10am St. Joseph's Lillian McCleery

Weekend 21st / 22nd Oct - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 21st Oct 6pm St. Joseph's James Gerard Lutas

Sun 22nd 9:15am St. Joseph's Michael & Eileen Quinn

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition this week.

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's.

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Today both the prophet Isaiah and Jesus use the comforting imagery of a banquet to describe the kingdom of heaven. We are all invited to this feast.

1st Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10* - The messianic banquet.

2nd Reading *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20* - St. Paul writes of his experiences and gives thanks to the people of Philippi.

Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14* - The parable of the wedding feast. Many of the invited guests can't be bothered to turn up & the king ends up bringing in people from the street. The man who was not ready with a wedding garment is thrown out.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: October, of course, is the month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the beautiful meditation on the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother. There is a tradition that in 1214, Our Lady appeared to St Dominic and gave him the Rosary, with it's Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious mysteries, with the Luminous Mysteries (or 'Mysteries of Light') being added by John Paul II, who wanted the 3 year active ministry of Our Lord to be reflected in this great prayer.. 'One day,' St. Dominic said, 'through the Rosary...Our Lady will save the world.' In 1520, Pope Leo X officially approved the universal use of the rosary and in 1571, St. Pius V on the anniversary of the naval battle of Lepanto, the feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted, later made universal by Pope Clement XI, for October 7th. It was said that the Christians were victorious because of the help of the holy Mother of God invoked by the saying of the Rosary. In 1917 the Blessed Mother selected for herself the name 'Our Lady of the Rosary' at Fatima when she appeared to 3 children in Fatima saying, 'I want you to continue to say your rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain the end of the war and peace in the world'. To encourage the celebration of the prayer, I've printed some leaflets, which are at the back of Church. Perhaps a Rosary for Peace in this world is more necessary than ever at this time, especially for the places in which Our Lady and her Son themselves would have walked. *Loving and liberating Creator, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, send your healing Spirit upon all involved in the current conflict and violence in the Middle East. Comfort those who mourn or who have been harmed by brutality. Stand with those who are fearful. Protect & provide for the powerless & the vulnerable. Inspire a spirit of forbearance and understanding within all and uphold those who even now work for a just and durable peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 8th October : **£421.10.**

CAFOD Family Fast: **£655.00.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. It's not too late to give online at cafod.org.uk

Confirmation 2023: Last week our Candidates studied the institution of the seven Sacraments, as well as the symbols involved in the Sacraments, not least the laying on of hands, anointing and sign of peace in Confirmation. The next session for the Candidates is **this Monday at 6pm in St. Peter's Hall.** Please pray for our candidates and their families on this important step in their journey of faith. The session is followed by the **SJSP Ukulele Orchestra in St. Peter's Hall at 7pm** - new members still welcome, and it was great to see newbies joining last week!

Message from Teresa Mallabone

SVP COFFEE, CAKE SALE & RAFFLE

TODAY the SVP will be hosting the coffee morning and cake sale after Mass in the Parish Hall. This will be our fund raising for Christmas Hampers and gifts.

ALL WELCOME.

MANY THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES & CAKES ALREADY RECEIVED.

MESSAGE FROM GEMMA & TRISH

After 60 years of work across the NHS and at Stella Matutina Care Home, Patricia has decided to hang up her uniform for the final time. To mark this milestone in her life, she would like to invite you to celebrate with her **after Mass on Sunday 22nd October** for coffee and cake in the church hall. *Everyone is welcome.*

(Previous newsletters have said 21st but Sun 22nd October is correct, after Mass!)

St Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community.

For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact :

Mrs. S. Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

The closing date for applications TOMORROW Monday 16th at 12 noon.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, Priest

Thursday October 19th

St. Paul of the Cross was born at Ovada in the Republic of Genoa, 3rd Jan, 1694. His infancy and youth were spent in great innocence and piety. He was inspired from on high to found a congregation; in an ecstasy he beheld the habit which he and his companions were to wear, he reached the conclusion that God wished him to establish a congregation in honour of the Passion of Jesus Christ. On Nov 22nd, 1720, the Bishop vested him with the habit that had been shown to him in a vision, the same that the Passionists wear at the present time.

For 50 years St. Paul remained the indefatigable missionary of Italy. God lavished upon him the greatest gifts in the supernatural order, but he treated himself with the greatest rigor, and believed that he was a useless servant and a great sinner. His saintly death occurred at Rome in the year 1775, at the age of 81. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.

Lytham Community Choir, will be performing 'Autumn Songs' & charity concert supporting Marie Curie Care for the terminally ill **next Sat 21st Oct at 2pm in SJ's Church.** Tickets are £6 and are available on the door, and at www.ticketsource.co.uk/lytham-community-choir

Reminder: Next Sunday (22nd) World Mission Day - Collection for APF Missio.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamps: *"Chris - training for ministry"*

& "Tom & Kathleen Beal & Dec'd Family Members"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp:

"In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Sumner"

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

Please pray for all who have died recently - *Susan Walder and Mary Gledhill* and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Sister Xaverius, George Falkingham, Patricia Weir, William Bamber, Michael Broughton, Fr. Charles Hughes S.J., Tony Connell, Alfred Hibbitt, Peter Alford, Fr. Gerry Dunn, Brian Matthews, James Donovan. *May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Safe Visiting: post Covid it is wonderful that Parish Visiting & Communion to the Sick are getting up and running once again. In order to help us in this age of safeguarding a representative from the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission will be coming to give us a brief talk and to answer any questions about 'Safe Visiting' and this will be held in **SJ's Hall on Tues 31st October at 11.30am.** All visitors, or those who wish to help with visiting, are asked to come along to help us make everyone sing from the same hymn sheet! As it were. Tea & Coffee will be provided. Many thanks.

Students' Retreat at Castlerigg: This Nov, 3-5th, Castlerigg will be offering our 1st ever Catholic Students' Retreat. A chance for students to come together, meet others, celebrate Mass and pray together, and listen to a few inspiring and challenging talks. The cost of just £25 per person covers the entire retreat, accommodation and meals. For more info head to castleriggmanor.com/events

Responsorial Psalm for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the response is:
"IN THE LORD'S OWN HOUSE SHALL I DWELL FOR EVER AND EVER"