



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOR
 Sunday 15th December 2019, Third Sunday of Advent, Year 'A'
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Day/Date	Mass Intention	Mass Time	Reader/s	Eucharistic Ministers
TODAY Sunday 15/12	People of the Parish	Mass 10.30am Welcomers: The McIndoe Family	Marie Wilcock & Peter Brocklesby	Michael Elston, William Whiteside, David Pope, Anne Hayes
Wed 18/12	The Parish	Mass 8.30am	Mary Waddington	Adrian Denye & Mary Waddington
Thurs 19/12	Dec'd Members Stephenson & Spafford Families Ursula Almond RIP	Mass 8.30am 10.30am Funeral Service	Sister Dominic Savio To be arranged	Sister Christina King & Teresa Mallabone
Sat 21/12	Keith Ingham RIP	Mass 10.00am, followed by Exposition & Confessions 10.30-11.30 followed by Rosary & Angelus	Mary Chesworth	Anne-Marie & Michael O'Malley
Sunday 22/12	Simon Hargreave (Ann)	Mass 10.30am Welcomers: Gemma & Phoebe Rowlings	Andy Evans & Kristine Murray	Joe & Teresa Mallabone, Angela Spedding & Richard Hazeldine.

St Joseph's Mass times:
 Sunday 15th: Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.
 Tuesday 17th: Mass 9.00am
 Friday 20th: Mass at 9.00am
 Saturday 21st: Vigil Mass 6.00pm.
 Sunday 22nd: Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.

This Week's Memorial:

Saturday : St Peter Canisius.

 Next Sunday - 4th in Advent,
 Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers.

MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Many thanks to those who donated toys in response to our CWL appeal last week. They were gratefully received by the Salvation Army in Blackpool, who are running a toy appeal at the moment.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

Unfortunately we do not have 'Welcomers' for Christmas Eve. The Carol Service starts at 7.30pm so two volunteer 'Welcomers' are required - they will need to be in church for about 7.15pm at the latest because, as we know from previous years, the Carol Service and Christmas Vigil Mass are very well attended. If you can help with this important duty, please let Teresa Mallabone or Mary Waddington know. *Many thanks.*

LAST WEEK : Attendance: 218.

Thank you for last Sunday's Offertory collection and for the standing orders of **£796** received in November.

LATELY DEAD: Ursula Almond.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Robert Sutton, Frank Molloy, Margaret Hothersall, Elsie M. Ashton, James M. Ashton, Frances M. Ashton, Sr Compassionata, Gordon Turner, Rose Marsden, Dorothy Bentham, Coral Ball, Michael Murphy, Joan Thornton, Deacon Bill Wright, Stuart Ridgway. *May they rest in peace.*

Father David's Holy Communion visits this week: (Group 2) - in St Joseph's Parish.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK please continue to pray for - Joan Keefe, Ciro Buono, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Robin Upton, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Mamie Heyworth, Joan Woodcock, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

SVP SUDAN APPEAL

Following Deacon Michael's appeal on Sunday 1st December regarding the ongoing humanitarian crises in Sudan, he mentioned particularly the **Baby Feeding Centres** where severely malnourished children are fed. It costs £1 a week to keep a baby alive, £52 to feed a child for a year - **EVERY GIFT, OF WHATEVER VALUE, WILL HELP THE SVP CONTINUE ITS LIFE-SAVING WORK.**

If you wish to make a donation, there will be 2 SVP members in the porch after Mass to help you. If you prefer to donate cash, please hand your donations to either Deacon Michael or any member of the SVP. If donating by cheque, please make payable to **SVP TWINNAGE.**

Donations to date £1060.

This appeal remains open over Christmas (and through into January if necessary). *Sincere thanks to those who have already contributed.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:

"I am the Bread of Life ...this is the bread which comes down from heaven" John 6

We are delighted to announce that the list for young people wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 is OPEN!

Children in Year 3 at St Peter's will receive a letter through school. Other candidates are invited to collect a form from one of the catechists after Sunday Mass. Forms are to be completed and returned either to St Peter's school or to a catechist by **Wednesday 29th January 2020.**

Your catechists are:

Anne Hayes, Nickie Thackwray and Pauline Elston.

A special message to anyone who feels called to share their faith and so help prepare the children to receive this Sacrament, please have a chat with us.

OUR OVERSEAS MISSION :

£1052.37 Gift Aid, **£2500** sent to VES.

More news in Christmas edition of Newsletter.

Bookings : Sanctuary Lamps (Red)

"For a sick friend - Trevor"

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"In loving memory of Hannah Patricia (Pat) Jeffers"

Our Lady's (Blue) Lamp:

"In thanksgiving to Our Lady"

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

Bookings now being taken for 2020.

Responsorial Psalm 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A
Gaudete Sunday, and the response is:

COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Simon Hargreave (Ann 22/12).

Dec'd Members Stephenson & Spafford Families.

Keith Ingham RIP.

Freda & Christopher Cottam (Ann)

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception** celebrated on 8th December (*transferred this year to 9th Dec*). The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION

Please can all those supporting Missio by collecting in the red boxes bring them in for emptying as soon as possible. This is the end of year collection and I am hoping to bank the money before we move into 2020. Boxes can be left on the inner porch table if it is safe to do so, or in the Sacristy. They will be returned within a week and will be left in the porch again for collection. Thanking you in advance for your continued support. Any problems please call Andy on 07708807454.

THANK YOU:

St Peter's SVP Conference wish to thank the students of St Bede's for the very special liturgy service that accompanied the handing out of the Christmas hampers for those in need.

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.

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

2020 EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

10/05 - Spring Fair - funds raised to go to St Peter's Rose Queen for Club Day.

02/10 - Family Quiz Night.

22/11 - Christmas Fair.

06/12 - Children's Christmas Party.

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.