



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



**FOR**  
**Sunday 16th April 2023, 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'**  
**Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037**

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

**Weekend 15th / 16th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter (DAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

Sat 15th 6pm St. Joseph's Rose Scott

Sun 16th 9:15am St. Joseph's Kenneth & Margaret Hammond

**Sun 16th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes (*DAY OF DIVINE MERCY - see overleaf*)**

**Mon 17th 9am St. Peter's Brian Connolly**

11am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Roseanne Scott

3.30pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Patrick Browne

Tues 18th 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray

**Wed 19th St. Peter's NO MASS TODAY**

Thurs 20th St. Joseph's NO MASS TODAY

**Weekend 22nd / 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Sat 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Roseanne Scott

Sun 23rd 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sunday 23rd 10:30am St. Peter's Ken Hargreaves**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

**Please note that there is no Exposition or Confessions this Monday or Tuesday.**

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

The Church proclaims the Easter story for the whole world to hear. We witness to that story by the love of Christian community.

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**1st Reading Acts 2:42-47** - The ideal of life is put before us in the example of the first Christians.

**2nd Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9** - Peter emphasises the sure hope on which our lives are founded, the risen Lord.

**Gospel John 20:19-31** - The crescendo of John's Gospel - the gift of peace and the resurrection of the body.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER.** We have been privileged this Easter Week to celebrate Father Frank's Requiem. I worked with Fr. Flynn for eighteen months when I was first ordained at St. Joseph's in Preston, and know how much he was loved in his Parishes. I've asked Deacon Michael to pen our Message this week:

**MESSAGE FROM DEACON MICHAEL.** This week we have said our farewells to Fr Frank, commended his soul to the merciful care of the Risen Lord, buried his mortal remains at Saltcotes and many of us will have left a comment in the Book of Condolence at St. Peter's. You have only to read through those comments to realise the strong bonds of friendship, love and respect which Fr Frank built up with his parishioners in his eighteen years as St. Peter's parish priest; bonds which changed lives. On a personal note, the example of his preaching and simple way of living were the catalysts which changed the direction of my life towards a calling to the Diaconate, something for which I shall always be thankful. You will also see from those comments just how many people record their thanks for Fr Frank's help in so many ways, the hallmark of a truly pastoral priest. He was also a man who brought about change - radically renovating the fabric of the church, bringing Saltcotes Chapel back into regular use, re-ordering the former school to provide a hall and office suite, and vacating the underused presbytery; these latter two moves providing vital rental streams which set the parish finances on sound foundations. He also changed our relationship with our fellow Christians in Lytham with his passion for ecumenism, established a functioning Parish Council, trained Catechists and led countless RCIA sessions..... I could go on, but space doesn't permit. In his final contribution to the parish newsletter when he retired, Fr Frank said 'St Peter's will be locked away in my memory until the day I die as being 'a little bit of heaven on earth'. Fr Frank, your memory will be treasured by the parishioners of St. Peter's until they die! " **Well done, thou good and faithful servant!**" Matthew 25:23

**EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** - a very BIG thank you to all who attended, donated items for the raffle and tombola, baked and assisted to make this coffee morning and Easter egg hunt so special. We raised a fabulous **£258.30** all for Phoebe and her retinue. Many thanks once again, Ali Croft.

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**Fr. Philip's Big Walk for Aid to the Church in Need** is now complete, and he would welcome sponsorship funds, which should be placed in envelopes clearly marked with your name and amount, and placed in the collection, or given to Fr. Philip or Fr. Peter. Huge thanks - and a big well done to Fr. Philip!

## TODAY IS THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

This is a great feast - therefore, to gain the graces and blessings associated with this feast -

\*Attend Mass / Holy Communion & Confession

\*TODAY Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. (leaflets in porch)

\*If you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition with the intention to go back to the Sacrament as soon as possible.

\*If you are unable to attend Mass, make a Spiritual Holy Communion asking God to come into your heart, and again, having the intention of going to Holy Communion when possible.

**JESUS SAID:**

*"I do not want to punish you for your sins but I want to heal your wounded heart".*

**Personal Thanks** from Fr. P, for the kind prayers and offerings over the Easter Season. God Bless you.

### 'Thank You'

Good Friday - Holy Places : **£203.40.**

Standing Orders and online donations received in March:

**£1196.00**

Flower Garden: **£20.00.**

Further donations, CAFOD Lent Fast: **£70.00.**

*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

**Offertory Envelopes** : Offertory Envelopes for year starting on 6th April are now available for collection from the sacristy.

**Flower Garden:** We all need to do our bit to be more sustainable, so the "Flower Ladies" are going to plant a cut flower border around the front lawn at St. Peter's. They hope to be able to cut the various flowers and shrubs all year round to use for the Altar flowers. This will not only save us money in the long run, but it will stop us from buying flowers that have travelled half way across the world.

If you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost please see **Cath Powell or Pauline** or place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flower Garden' and hand it to **Deacon Michael**. Many thanks, Cath.

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

### REMINDER:

If you need to book the Parish Hall for a meeting, coffee morning, etc. bookings must be made via William Whiteside 07754060246. Many thanks.

**Huge thanks** for the Origami Sponsorship - and a total of the donations to SJ's Care and SP's SVP will be given soon.

**Responsorial Psalm for 2nd Sunday of Easter**

*and the response is:*

***"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end."***

**THE BIG LENT WALK 2023** - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Gretta, Lise, Anne, Trish, Pat, Sue and our resident super stepper Fr. Peter, will be walking 5km per day. Every £1 raised will help CAFOD to be there for people fighting extreme poverty globally. You can sponsor us, and follow our progress on the web page: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stpeterslytham> Alternatively, there will be a sponsor form at the back of church. **Many thanks for your support and prayers.**

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

Lily Falkingham, Mary Brown, Lily Cross, Thomas Tiplady, Philip Twist, Fr. Michael Hennemann, Bob Thornton, Mary E. Hothersall, Lawrence Cooper, Ted McGuinness, Marion Wilson, Michael McMahon, Michael Fallon, Mark Lavelle, Alfred Sinclair, Jack Conway, Joan Desborough, Vonnie May, Ronnie Baines, Irene Cookson, Hugh Quigley, Alec Rothney, Deacon John Forster, Eileen Pace, Henry Ball, Patricia Hill, Patricia Sumner, Sheila Reese, Robert Ashton, Joan Keefe, Robert Newsham, Janet Lawrenson. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp

*"David & Chris - training for ministry"*

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

Sue has lots of spare bookings in her diary so if you would like to especially remember a loved one's anniversary, or perhaps thank Our Lord or Our Lady for a special favour received, both red lamps burn 24/7 next to Our Lord in the tabernacle and the blue lamp burns in front of Our Lady's beautiful statue 24/7. Bookings are from Sunday to following Saturday.

**The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from the 20th to the 29th July 2023, under the leadership of Bishop of Lancaster Rt. Rev Paul Swarbrick. If anyone from our Parishes would be interested in going, please have a word with Fr. Peter, as I'm sure we can organise some funding and sponsorship. For bookings: [info@joewalshtours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshtours.co.uk) or Freephone 0808 1890468