



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 16th July 2023, 15th 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 15th / 16th July, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 15th 6pm St. Joseph's Norah Shortt Birthday Remembrance

Sun 16th 9:15am St. Joseph's The People of the Parishes

Sun 16th 10:30am St. Peter's In Thanksgiving

Mon 17th 9am St. Peter's Robin Upton followed by Exposition & Confessions

Tue 18th 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray followed by Exposition & Confessions

7pm St. Peter's The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Wed 19th 9am St. Peter's Catherine King **

Thurs 20th 10am St. Joseph's Bill Drake

Fri 21st 10:15am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Patricia Costello

Weekend 22nd / 23rd July - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Geoff Hogan

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

Sun 23rd 10:30am St. Peter's Sr. Daphne Walker

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

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.

Today we focus on God's constant activity in the world, as through us he sows the seed of his truth in other people's lives.

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11 - When God sends his word into the world, he does so with a purpose that is always achieved.

2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23 - The whole world is waiting to enjoy the perfect renewal that Jesus Christ came to bring.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 - One of Jesus' best-known parables gives us a task to share in & a promise of his blessing as we do so.

MESSAGE FROM Deacon David: WOW what a weekend that was!! I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kind words, cards and gifts on the occasion of my ordination as a Deacon, but above all for your prayers. Fr Peter reminded us only the other week of the threefold ministry of a deacon, that of, Word, Altar and Charity. Having proclaimed the Gospel for the first-time last weekend, I've been thinking about the WORD. I'd like to ask each of us to concentrate on the WORD. Today's First Reading impresses upon us how powerful and strong God's WORD is, that it will always accomplish what He desires it to do. We must trust God, even when we are clueless and don't understand "why" things are happening in our lives. God is working all things out for our good and for His glory. God's WORD is living, powerful, moving, and strong. It is nothing like a word that comes forth from our mouths, which may or may not happen. God's WORD will accomplish what it was sent forth to do. He will never fail to keep His promises, remember that, for Jesus is the faithful WORD of God! *In other news, I recently attended a masquerade themed dinner at a nearby parish and whilst the priest was saying grace I suddenly realised... It was a blessing in disguise. I'll get my dalmatic...*

TODAY : The Catholic Women's League invite everyone to their coffee morning to be held in the Parish Hall after Mass. **ALL WELCOME.**

Lourdes Petitions to be taken by Fr. Phil, as well as donations for a Parishes' Candle can be placed in the box in front of Our Lady's altar. Thanks to Fr. Phil!

****End of Term Mass:**

After a great year we will celebrate St. Peter's School End of Year Mass in SP's Church this Wednesday at 9am. **ALL WELCOME.**

'Thank You'

Envelopes received via SJ's: **£160.00.**

Collection Sunday 9th July: **£455.40.**

Stella Maris - Sea Sunday: **£157.40.**

Further donations to 3 earlier special collections: **£43.00.**

Flower Garden: **£30.00.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Youth Trip to Lourdes: Many thanks for your support from Daisy & Edward in anticipation.

THIS EVENING Edward's Italian evening in St. Peter's Church Hall at 6.30pm.

£2.50 per person which will include 1x raffle ticket and 1x piece of pizza. Further pizza and raffle tickets will be available. Italian quiz, pasta making demo, possibly the odd song! Bring your own alcohol and glasses, hot drinks will be available. Please contact info@stpeterslytham.co.uk for any questions. Fun guaranteed!!

All proceeds will go towards Edward's trip with the Lancaster Youth Helper section of the pilgrimage to Lourdes.

WANTED: Volunteers to help in Saltcotes Catholic Cemetery, cleaning, weeding, and strimming around graves. 1-2 hours a week.

Can you help?

Please ring Austin between 5-7 on 01253 794817.

Many thanks.

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, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Reminder:

Next Sunday (23rd) there will be a special collection for our Bishop's Good Shepherd Fund.

NAMES OF LANCASHIRE MARTYRS

Wednesday 19th July

St. John Plessington

St. John Wall O.F.M.

Blessed Thomas Cottam S.J.

William Harcourt S.J.

William Marsden

George Haydock

John Sandys

George Beesley

On this day we remember 8 martyrs from the Preston, Garstang and Fylde area who were martyred elsewhere. As the martyrs received strength through the Eucharist, we pray for strength to witness to our faith from that same source of Christ's living presence.

**UPDATE from DAISY McINDOE
Youth Trip to Lourdes**

Thank you very much for all your donations and support - I completed my swim at Capernwray last Wednesday.

The generosity has been amazing and I will keep you all in my prayers throughout my time in Lourdes.

God Bless, Daisy.

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

Mary Singleton, Joseph Brown, John Larkin, John Molyneux, Joan K. Perks, Winifred Baker, Lilian Worden, Florence Shorrock, Joseph Stafford, Rose Hughes, Francis Courtney, Brian Waddington, Thomas Metters, Carl Humphries, Fr. Michael Lakeland.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -
Red Lamps: "Special intention - P & V"**

&

"Thanksgiving - B"

**Our Lady's Blue Lamp:
"In loving memory of Gwen Spedding"**

To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. **Sue has spare dates to offer in the lamps' booking diary so will be looking forward to hearing from you!**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: We had a beautiful healing Mass last Friday, and it was great to see so many friends old and new, and a group from Stella Matutina. Huge thanks to the refreshment makers. Our next Mass will be on the First Friday 4th August, at 2pm at SJ's. All welcome.

**Responsorial Psalm for
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:**

**"SOME SEED FELL INTO RICH SOIL,
AND PRODUCED ITS CROP"**