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NEWSLETTER

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16th July 2017

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Cycle A

Mass Intentions This Week

Sun: The Parish
Mon: No Mass
Tue: No Mass
Wed: Maggie Flynn R.I.P.
Thu: Molly Wisely R.I.P.
Fri: No Mass
Sat: Sister Kathleen Veronica Lynch SHCJ R.I.P.
Sun: The Parish

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

"Peter — Special Intention"
"Deceased Members of the Craig & Parkinson Families"



Mass Intentions Received This Week

Maggie Flynn R.I.P.
Molly Wisely R.I.P.

For Those Who Are Sick

Please continue to pray for Ciro Buono, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Bernadette Whiteside, Ann Jones, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Stella Cottam, Joan Keefe, Margaret Baldwin, Joseph Turner, Anne Smith, Canon Tom Dakin, Canon John Watson, Father Patrick Hibbert, Frances Courtney, Margaret Fearn, Gill Pope, Jimmy McGettigan, Reverend Nick Wells, Sister Baptista CP, Michael Cookson, Frank Hughes, Elizabeth Hardman, all those in Hospital, Rest Homes and in the Convents

May God Give Them His Healing Grace

Anniversaries

Please remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:-
Mary Singleton, Joseph Brown, John Larkin, John Molyneux, Joan Kathleen Perks, Winifred Baker, Lillian Worden, Florence Shorrocks, Joseph Stafford, Rose Hughes, Francis Courtney, Thomas Metters, Carl Humphries.

May They Rest in Peace



Attendance: 196
Collection: £1019.86
Apostleship of the Sea £ 236.89

Eucharistic Celebration & Procession

This will take place at St. Joseph's **Today at 2pm**. An opportunity for prayer, reflection, hymns and readings, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, finishing with Benediction in Church. Children from St. Peter's School will be involved. All welcome.

Times of Services St. Peter's Church

Sun: Parish Mass 10.30 am
Mon: No Mass
Tue: No Mass
Wed: Morning Prayer 8.10 am
Morning Mass 8.30 am
Thu: Morning Prayer 8.10 am
Morning Mass 8.30 am
Fri: No Mass
Sat: Morning Mass 10.00 am

After Mass on Saturday there will be Confessions & Exposition from 10.30 - 11.30am, followed by the Rosary & the Angelus.

St. Joseph's Church

Sun: Mass 9.15 am & 5.05 pm
Mon: No Mass
Tue: Mass 9.00 am
Wed: No Mass
Thu: No Mass
Fri: Mass 9.00 am
Sat: Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

This Week's Feasts & Memorials

Wed: St. John Plessington, St. John Wall & Companions Martyrs of Lancaster (Diocesan Calendar)
Thu: St. Apollinaris Bishop & Martyr
Fri: St. Laurence of Brindisi Priest & Doctor
Sat: St. Mary Magdalen

Holy Communion Visits

Father David's Holy Communion visits this week will be in (Area Group 2): Lytham Court, Brooklands, Ashton Street, Westwood Mews.

Welcome

We welcome into the parish family Claudia Beatrice Thompson who is to be Baptised here today. May God bless her and her Family.

Thanks

We wish to thank those who have responded so promptly to Father David's talk on the Parish Finances by increasing their contribution or by signing up for Gift Aid and we are most grateful for a donation of £500 received in last week's Offertory Collection.

Next Sunday

there will be a special collection for the Good Shepherd Fund.



This Week

Wed: M. O'Malley

Thu: A. D'Souza

Sat: M. Chesworth

Next Sunday

M. Wilcock
S. Shakespeare

Wed: A. Denye
T. O'Connor

Thu: Sister Christina
A. M. O'Malley

Sat: A. Denye
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J. Tomlinson A. Denye
T. O'Connor R. Hazeldine



Welcomers

A. & M. Hayes

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Street Collection will take place in Lytham on **Saturday 2nd September from 10am to 4pm** and at **St. Peter's Mass at 10.30am on 3rd September**.

Collectors are needed. It is not necessary to do 6 hours. Any time to suit you, just one or two hours will be very welcome.

Contact Phil Stainton on 01253 738047

Advance Notice Solemn Exposition

On the weekend of **Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July**, we will be holding our annual period of Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

If you wish to contribute to the flowers that will be placed in front of the altar this will be much appreciated. Please hand your donation to Deacon Michael or Maureen Newsham..

Leading up to the Solemn Exposition weekend there will be further details in the newsletter. Many thanks.

Charity Coffee Morning

There will be a Charity Coffee Morning on **Sunday 28th July**, after Mass, with the proceeds going to Trinity Hospice.



Church Tower Works

The work on the church tower will continue for quite a while but **our Services are now back to normal**.

Did you know.....your generosity has done some pretty amazing things? In June 2016 Herit and her family were struggling through the drought in Ethiopia. Because of your generous donations, she received new seeds from CAFOD and she now has enough cereal to last her for a year and to sell at market. Herit says, "looking back when the crisis first broke we were very much worried, the future was very bleak for us. But thanks to the support given to us we now have a good harvest and a good future to look forward to."



**Our Lady Star of the Sea Presents Talks on Social Issues
Entitled
Putting the Gospels into Practice**

26 July *Poverty in Blackpool*

A talk by Sr. Philomena Grimley SHCJ

16 August *Addiction, from Darkness to Light*

A talk by Tiziano from the Cenacolo Community (A self Help community for drug and alcohol abuse)

All the Talks will be given in:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre

63 St. Albans Road FY8 1XD

The talks will commence at **7pm** with refreshments available from **6.30pm**

Loop system in place

Cash 4 Coins

The members of the SVP are again collecting foreign currency and have placed a large jar in the porch.. So if you have any foreign currency left from your trips abroad please donate it to the SVP, a cause that helps people locally and abroad.

Sanctuary Lamps

We are able to offer parishioners the opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning for their intentions each week. Weekly slots can be pre-booked up to a year in advance, if you wish to mark a particular anniversary. There is a suggested donation of **£5.00**. If you wish to book a Sanctuary Lamp please speak with Sue Shakespeare.

Parish Hall Booking Chart

If you need to book a meeting in the Parish Hall, this is a 'gentle' reminder to everyone, not to take for granted the hall will be free. Check with Bill Whiteside on 07754060246 in the first instance and if free, book your meeting on the chart. Remember, if the meeting gets cancelled to delete the chart entry.

**Responsorial Psalm for the Fifteenth Sunday
of the Year**

The Response is:-

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

The Piety Stall



The Piety Stall is open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am and offers a selection of daily and Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads and Medals, greetings cards, Crucifixes, Statues and pictures, children's books, prayer books and many other items.

Over 60's Club

The Over-sixties Club will meet in the parish hall on **Wednesday** from **2- 4pm**. New members will be made very welcome.

Church Cleaning

Team D this week please.

Harbour House

Harbour House would be delighted to receive any further donations of toiletries, including shampoo and would also welcome cosmetics. There is a box in the church porch for any items you wish to donate. Grateful thanks for your support.

Baby Changing Facilities

A baby changing unit has recently been provided in the disabled toilet in the Parish Hall. Above it is a notice requesting **that soiled nappies are NOT put in the bin** and requesting that they be taken home for disposal. **Please adhere strictly to this request. Thank you.**

A Thought on Finances

As we see the scaffolding surrounding our church it is a reminder that we do need to keep up with various repairs and maintenance of the fabric of our buildings. The work to secure stones at the top of the tower and re-point some of the brick work around it will continue until about October and will cost around £110,000. Such an amount draws heavily on our financial resources and it is wise to review our overall situation at times such as this. I should like to thank you all for what you give, in whatever way, to help support our parish. We all have our own expenses and different calls on our finances. Your offerings are very much appreciated. Last year (2016/17) our total offertory collection was £38,307 (£736 per week). The levy to the diocese was £11,727 (£225 per week) — that leaves £511 per week from the collection to run the parish. Heating and lighting, property maintenance and insurance and rates all come to a total of £449 per week. With all the other expenses of running a church and parish it is necessary to rely on further income: donations, Gift Aid, sanctuary lamp. It is worth noting that almost 10 years ago the weekly amount left to run the parish worked out at £664 — £150 more than this year. This has to be understood in the context of falling numbers at Mass: an average of 291 in 2010, 261 in 2015 and 206 over the last 6 weeks. Fewer people to keep things going. I would ask you to consider your own contribution. Each one's circumstances are different from another, but if you would give this some thought, we would be very grateful. If you pay tax and do not have a box of envelopes that allow you to Gift Aid your weekly offering, you might like to consider that. Whatever you feel you can manage will go to help us keep the parish doing what it is here for: to do God's work and help build His Kingdom. Thank you very much and God bless you.
Father David

Are You New to the Parish?

If you are, St. Peter's would like to warmly welcome you — please make yourself known to a member of the clergy.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to help the parish by joining the Gift Aid scheme, please have a word with Deacon Michael.