



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



FOR
 Sunday 17th January 2021, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'B'
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 17th January	People of the Parish Special Intention	Public Mass at 10.30am Recorded Mass
Monday 18th January	No Mass	-
Tuesday 19th January	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 20th January	-	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY
Thursday 21st January	Mary O'Reilly (Ann)	Recorded Mass
Friday 22nd January	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 23rd January	Marian Oakes RIP	Private Mass
Sunday 24th January	People of the Parish Mr Mrs North & Dec'd Family members	Public Mass 10.30am Recorded Mass

St Joseph's Mass details:
 Sunday Vigil - **Public Mass** 6pm.
 Sunday: 17th Jan - **Public Mass** 9.15am.
 Monday: 18th Jan - No Mass.
 Tuesday: 19th Jan - Recorded Mass - St. Joseph's Intention.
 Wednesday: 20th Jan - **No Public Mass Today.**
 Thursday: 21st Jan - Recorded Mass.
 Friday: 22nd Jan - Private Mass - St Joseph's Intention.
 Saturday: 23rd Jan - Private Mass.
 Sunday Vigil: **Public Mass** 6pm.
 Sunday: 24th Jan **Public Mass** 9.15am.

This week's Memorials:
Mon: Start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Tues: St. Wulstan, Bishop.
Wed: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr & St. Sebastian, Martyr.
Thurs: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (*see overleaf*).
Fri: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11am
the Church is open for Private Prayer.

'Thank you'
 Collection - Epiphany: - **£32.50.**
 Collection - Sunday 10th:- **£233.08.**
 Sudan Appeal - **£10.00 (see overleaf)**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

PARISH REGISTER

During this period of the Covid crisis, it has become clear that we do not have contact details for many of our parishioners, especially those who are not on the internet or social media. We are now trying to build up a register for the parish. This would be useful to keep in contact with people, and help keep them up to date with what is going on in the parish. The details would be kept securely and only made available to Fr David and one or two other parish members who would be responsible for keeping in touch and getting information out to people. If you wish to be in the register please contact Sue Shakespeare. The email address is info@stpeterslytham.co.uk. You can also phone her or bring in, or send in, your name address and contact number in a sealed envelope marked FAO Sue Shakespeare, and give it to a steward at church when you come to Mass.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Tony Bolton, Patricia Sumner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents.
May God give them His healing grace.

Keeping Churches Open

The government's Places of Worship Task Force has been meeting. This group is comprised of representatives from faith communities, Public Health England and H.M. Government. Key points which the Catholic bishops reported include:

1. Health professionals' research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. At this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.
3. Those gathering for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the place of worship. They should disperse immediately.
4. Officials noted that keeping Covid-secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.

St Peter's will, therefore, remain open for worship for now, but we will continue to monitor the situation and, obviously, will follow any directives from the bishop or the government.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ralph Roberts
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

The final total was a magnificent **£1850** and your contributions have now been sent off to the SVP. On behalf of some of the poorest people on earth, a great big **"THANK YOU"** for giving their babies and young children the means of survival.

"Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the king will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." *Matthew 25: 37-40.*

The very essence of what it means to be a Christian.

God bless you for your kindness. *Deacon Michael.*

SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS

(Red) *"Peter & David - Diaconate Training"*

(Blue) *"Ken Worley (RIP)"*

To book, please email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp. Sue is taking bookings for 2021 so if you have an anniversary, event or special intention to place before Our Lord or Our Lady, please contact Sue. The three lamps burn day and night.*

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Ralph Roberts RIP

Mary O'Reilly (Ann)

MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Members of St. Peter's SVP were again able to help 8 local families with Christmas Hampers and we thank the children and staff of St. Bede's School for their generosity. In addition, we again received Hampers for distribution from BAE Systems. Normally, our collections would have helped to fund initiatives at Christmas but as this was not possible, members donated £330 to assist families financially at St. Peter's School who have been impacted by the pandemic.

The SVP have also sent £450 to our twinnage projects in India which has been used to assist 11 families affected by covid, the monsoons and cyclones.

ONGOING FOOD BANK REMINDER

If you wish to donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home.

2021 Diocesan Directories

The 2021 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available and can be purchased (Price £4) from Bill Whiteside on Sundays.

ANNIVERSARIES occurring about this time:

Robert Lupton, Marie Brown, Mary Neall, Thomas Gill, John Boyle, Eric Jamieson, Clare Armer, John Wilding, Susan Hedley, Fergus Gerrard, Betty Parker, Robert Greaves, Nora Hynes, Joan Hobson, Charlotte Wilson, Harold Cross, Mary O'Reilly, Edward Catterall, Rev Stephen Cross, Norman Mather, Robert Barton, Frances E. Courtney. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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HOW TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament, say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen".

ST. AGNES, Virgin & Martyr (21st Jan)

St. Agnes suffered martyrdom during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian around 304 at the age of thirteen and became one of the best known and most highly regarded of the Roman martyrs. Her name is still retained in the First Eucharistic Prayer for Holy Mass.

The young noblemen of Rome, attracted by her wealth and beauty, vied with one another in endeavouring to obtain her hand in marriage, but she refused them all, saying that she had chosen a Spouse who could not be seen with mortal eyes. The most prominent among her suitors was now so enraged that he incited the judge still more against her. The heroic Virgin was condemned to be beheaded. "She went to the place of execution," says St. Ambrose, "more cheerfully than others go to their wedding".

Amid the tears of the spectators she went to meet the Immortal Spouse whom she had loved better than her life. She was buried on the Via Nomentana, and Constantine erected a church in her honour.