



# NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 17th March 2024, 5th Sunday in Lent - Year 'B'  
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope - 07950844747  
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

## **Weekend 16th / 17th March - 5th Sunday in Lent**

Sat 16th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 16th 6pm St. Joseph's Bobby Kelly Birthday Remembrance

Sun 17th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 17th 10:30am St. Peter's Nellie Holland**

*plus:* St. Peter's 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mon 18th 9am St. Peter's Fr. John Gornall** followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

1:15pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Aileen Robinson

*plus* St. Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7pm

Tues 19th 10am St. Joseph's In Thanksgiving followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm St. Joseph's

**Wed 20th 9am St. Peter's Anne Mary Dewhurst**

Thurs 21st 10am St. Joseph's Dec'd of McLaughlin & Jaconelli Families

Friday 22nd **No Services Today**

## **Weekend 23rd / 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

Sat 23rd 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm St. Joseph's Charles O'Neill Birthday Remembrance

Sun 24th 9:15am St. Joseph's James C. Donavan

**Sun 24th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes plus: 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues St. Joseph's 10:30-11am**

**Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037**

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**This Week's Readings:** Christ became truly human for us and suffered death to save us. We are called to follow him through death to eternal life.

**1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34** - God promises to place divine love and knowledge in the hearts of his people, so they can receive forgiveness.

**2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9** - Jesus is shown pleading on our behalf, and becoming for us the source of eternal life.

**Gospel: John 12:20-33** - The hour has come for Jesus to offer himself as a sacrifice, in loving obedience to the Father.

**Message from Fr. Newbold:** The topic for this week's Lenten talk was 'The Bible'. The books of the Bible, at least 72 of them, are sacred books. All the major religions have their sacred texts which are revered, read, chanted and prayed. Our books of the Bible tells us of the God who created us and the wonderful universe in love. It's the story of saintly men and women as well as people with weakness. To David's dynasty came Jesus, known as the Christ: Jesus the God made visible who speaks to us of the Creator's love, mercy, forgiveness and gentleness. Those who acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God are promised life eternal. How we are excited by the prospect of having purpose in our life and to have our destination assured with the joy of the creator's presence. Have you a modern English Bible, either a hard copy or access on line? More importantly read it and use it for reflection and prayer - especially the Gospels. *Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen.*

### **'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 10th March:- **£489.10.**

Envelopes (previous weeks) received via SJ's: **£155.00**

CAFOD:- **£60.00** (Running total **£716.00**)

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

### **Fr. Peter's Lenten Boat & Saxophone Challenge:**

All sponsorship is welcome to raise £850 per boat to buy boats for Fr. Victor in Malawi. Box at the back of each Church. Many thanks for the support given already - and please excuse any strange noises coming from SJ's presbytery .....

### **First Holy Communion 2024:**

Third session for the children this Monday at 6pm at St. Peter's Hall. Please pray for all our candidates for this great Sacrament.

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Message from Deacon David

### **CHURCHES IN LYTHAM LENTEN PRAYER**

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us for evening prayers for Lent at Lytham Methodist Church on 20th March at 7pm followed by light refreshments. It is an opportunity for ecumenical prayer and fellowship.

**Offertory Envelopes** - The new issue of Offertory Envelopes, which come into use on the 7th April, are available for collection from the sacristy. If you have recently changed from envelope giving to Standing Order, but would like to continue to Gift Aid your special collection donations, please ask Deacon Michael for a box of 'Special Collection Only' envelopes. Thank you.

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**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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### Two Social Events:

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long, the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun. **SJ's Hall, TODAY Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm (early as its a school night!)** Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses.

### PLUS - Advance Notice

#### 10th April 7pm in SP's Parish Hall - Family Bingo.

all proceeds made on night will go towards Club Day. More details & tickets to follow shortly.

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**Safeguarding:** Due to new Safeguarding Practices within the Catholic Church, our parish safeguarding representatives are required to ensure that parishioners undertaking ANY ROLE within our two parishes are listed. Over the next few weeks a Safeguarding Representative will be at the back of the church after Mass to take your details. Thank you for your help. If you need to contact us: St. Peter's Teresa Mallabone 07843151914; St. Joseph's Margaret Gregory 07711698195, Kelly Godden 07932048793. *(And huge thanks to these people who organise this for us. Fr. P.)*

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### FOOD BANK UPDATE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Yet another fantastic collection of food, money and clothing from our brilliant parishioners during the month of February:

St. Cuthbert's: 148kg Food Stuffs.

Dock Road/Harbour House - 7kg Toiletries.

St. Peter's: £150 Cash.

Salvation Army: Sleeping Bags & Blankets.

*Sincere thank you from Pete & Ellen Rickards / SVP.*

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**Book Launch:** As part of the Centenary Celebrations of the Diocese, Dr. Paul Severn has written a book entitled 'The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster' to be launched at Boarbank Hall, Grange over Sands LA11 7NH on Tuesday 9th April 2024 with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul and lunch. To book a place, please email: p.severn@freeuk.com

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### Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:

*"Patrick Quinlan RIP Anniversary"  
and "Andy - B".*

**Sue has room in her diary for new bookings.** To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

Reminder:

Tuesday 19th March: **Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

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### Lent 2024 at St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

#### Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at SJ's 5pm - 5.50pm and **Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm.**

Stations of the Cross & Benediction: **Mondays at SP's at 7pm** & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm.

*On Fridays there is Mass at Star of the Sea St. Annes at 9.30am followed by Stations of the Cross at 10am.*

Last Lenten Talk this Wednesday at SP's at **6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.**

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**Please pray** for all who have died recently -

*Aileen Robinson*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Lebligue, Lilian Ogden, Robert Waring, Kathleen Murphy, Kenneth Walmsley, Fr. Lawrence Wells, Fr. Anthony Howe, Richard Battersby, Edward Cottam, Joseph Morris, Charles Watson, Therése Seed, Veronica Hughes, John Hanby, Clementine D'Souza, Elizabeth E. Hardman, Michael R. Moody, Margaret Fearn, Bayne Spedding, Fr. Joe Diskin. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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### HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. PETER'S 2024

Palm Sunday 24th March: SJ's 6pm Sat Vigil Mass, Sun SJ's 9:15am, SP's 10:30am.

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.*

Monday 25th: SP's 9am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am.

**SP's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm.**

Tuesday 26th: SJ's 10am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am.

SJ's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm.

Spy Wednesday 27th: SP's 9am Mass.

Maundy Thurs 28th : SP's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper led by our *First Holy Communion Children* from SP's & SJ's with *Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession* and watching until 10pm with *Night Prayer of the Church* at 9:50pm.

Good Friday 29th March:

**Stations of the Cross SP's 10am.**

SJ's 3pm & SP's 3pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Prayers around Calvary: Outside at SJ's 6pm.

Holy Sat 30th: SP's - 7pm Easter Vigil & Service of Light.

Easter Sunday 31st: SJ's 9:15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass SP's 10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass.

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**Responsorial Psalm for  
5th Sunday in Lent  
and the response is:**

**"A PURE HEART CREATE FOR ME, O GOD"**