



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



Sunday 17th September 2023, 24th 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 16th / 17th September, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 16th 6pm St. Joseph's Marie Gillett

Sun 17th 9:15am St. Joseph's Margaret McCusker

Sun 17th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Mon 18th St. Peter's NO MASS

Tues 19th St. Joseph's No Mass

Wed 20th 9am St. Peter's Joan Horton Birthday Intentions

Thurs 21st 10am St. Joseph's Margaret Saum

Weekend 23rd / 24th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 23rd 6pm St. Joseph's Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

Sun 24th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 24th 10:30am St. Peter's Intentions of Deacon William, Dorothy & Emma

No Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: We come together to celebrate the God who loves and forgives us all. As a community of faith we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7 - We are warned of the dangers of resentment and lack of forgiveness, while being reminded of the commandments and of God's mercy towards us.

2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9 - No one lives for themselves, and Christians live for the Lord. The risen Christ is Lord of both the living and of the dead.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 - Jesus' parable of the cancelled debt tells us that, as we have been forgiven, so we should forgive.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: In last weeks homily, when speaking about some of the discordance in the early church, I made a brief speculation about the future of our parishes. Well some of the events of the past couple of weeks, especially with regard to our wonderful children, families, teachers and catechists have provided much food for hopeful thought! The school year began with a beautiful mass for the whole of the school at St. Peter's, with many parents, family and parishioners joining us. Our blessings on the school year were doubly portioned on Sunday when in both churches many of our young people - including a couple of those heading off to university - brought their pencil cases and school bags (and in one case, a dad told me, football boots and kit) - for a special prayer. Children's liturgy continues at both our parishes, thanks to our wonderful leaders who week by week carry out a hugely important ministry in sharing the Word of God with our children. On Monday I met with parents from Year 4 to introduce the First Holy Communion programme to them, which will formally begin after Christmas, and we look forward to Bishop Paul coming in November, as we ask our young people to come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation, both Sacraments being led by a great team of catechists. How blessed we are in our Parishes to have so many people working for a great and glorious future of our Church! Please keep all our families, parents, teachers and catechists in your special prayers - in doing so you are actually praying for *all* our futures. And a great and glorious Amen! to that! *A parent in church was telling their child to be quiet during the sermon. 'Is that because everyone is asleep?' the child asked. 'No,' the parent said, 'It's because if Fr. Peter loses his place he'll have to start all over again...'* I'll get my chasuble...

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 10th September : **£417.90.**

Catholic Education Service: **£112.60.**

Further donations:

Good Shepherd Fund: **£3.00.**

Catholic Trust: **£4.00**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

TODAY (17th) Special Collection for Home Mission
 Evangelii Gaudium Day

The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Paul will be coming to our Parishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation on November 21st at 7pm at St. Peter's.** The Sacrament is open to young people from Year 7 and above and if you wish to find out more and enrol for the Sacramental Course beginning in October, **please see Father Peter or Deacon David for an application form.**

The Ecumenical Season of Creation has begun and lasts until October 4th. Pope Francis encourages: 'in this Season of Creation, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.' To tie in with this, the Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am - 3.00pm at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. For further information contact Sue Grubic on

ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417

MESSAGE FROM GEMMA DANIEL
Cockroach Race Night!

All parishes social get-together on Saturday **30th Sept 7pm** in St. Joseph's Church Hall.

£5 entrance, which includes supper.

Fully stocked drinks bar available on the night at discounted prices.

Tickets are limited so get yours now to avoid disappointment. Tickets available after Sunday Mass at back of church **or call Gemma on 07918027632** for more information.

There is an opportunity to own and name a Cockroach for £5 each, or to be a race sponsor for £50 (great business advertising opportunity!)

This weekend is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in England & Wales and Bishop Paul has instructed us to have a **mandated Second Collection** for this work. He tells us: *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. To support the Church in England & Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

Responsorial Psalm for
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:

**"THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE,
SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN MERCY"**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamps: *"Chris - training for ministry"*

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"In loving memory of Stephen Stainton"

Our Lady: *"In loving memory of Ken"*

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

SUE DID IT!! Thank you to everyone who supported me on my Ultra Challenge. I completed the Thames Path 100km last weekend in temperatures of 33 degrees. It was an amazing experience, which, despite some blisters, I absolutely loved. I have, with your help raised **£3,540** plus gift aid for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for helping me to make a difference to the lives of others.

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter
Monday at 7pm in the presbytery. We're twanging away! No musical experience necessary (or preferable). First Performance at the Race Night! (See first column).

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, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Susan Walder, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Special Day this week:

Thurs 21st Sept: FEAST :

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.

Reminder for next Sunday 24th:

Collection for Bishop's Administration Fund.

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

Sigmund Boceska, Jenny Turner, Richard Brookbank, Ann Roe, Julia Simpson, Anne Murphy, John North, Malcolm McMullen, Susan Southern, George Robinson, John T. Hoyle, Edward Ashton, Moira Adamson, Lawrence McNamee, Billy Taylor, Kneale Hodson, Sr. Elizabeth Kane, Eileen McKenna, Maurice Rawcliffe, John Dawson, Sheila Burns, Kitty North, Simon Hill, Nora Smith, Kenneth McKeown, Albion Gee, Yvonne Talbutt, Rosanna Delizzos, Stephen Stainton. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**