



# NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 18th February 2024, 1st 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 17th / 18th February - 1st Sunday in Lent**

Sat 17th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 17th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 18th 9:15am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray

**Sun 18th 10:30am St. Peter's Michael King plus 4 - 5pm Prayer before Blessed Sacrament**

**Mon 19th 9am St. Peter's John Cavanagh followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am**

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

Tues 20th 10am St. Joseph's Claire Critch followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm

**Wed 21st 9am St. Peter's Panagotis Chrisopoulos, plus Lenten Talk 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

Thurs 22nd 10am St. Joseph's Dennis Turner

Fri 23rd 10am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Bridie Ashton

**St. Peter's Wedding Service for Emily and Mahmoud - arrival time 2pm, start time 2.30pm**

### **Weekend 24th / 25th February - 2nd Sunday in Lent**

Sat 24th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 24th 6.00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 25th 9.15am St. Joseph's Richard Smith

**Sun 25th 10:30am St. Peter's Sister Helen Forshaw, plus**

**4-5 pm St. Peter's 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:** We gather to hear the word of God and draw near to the table of life that we may believe the Good News.

**1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15** - God makes a covenant with Noah and every living creature - the waters shall never again destroy the world.

**2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22** - The waters of the flood brought destruction. Peter describes how the waters of baptism are life-giving and bring salvation.

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15** - Jesus endures forty days of temptation in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** And so Lent has begun, and it was wonderful to see so many people at SPSJ's and Stella coming to Mass to receive Ashes and make a great start to the season. Our Lenten disciplines begin in earnest this week, with extra time for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as Stations of the Cross on Mondays and Tuesdays, followed by a simple Benediction. The Stations of the Cross originally came into being to help those who were unable to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to make their own journey with Christ to Calvary, especially being formulated and encouraged by St. Francis of Assisi, who wished people to enjoin themselves to the sufferings of Christ, as he was especially linked to Christ's sorrows in receiving himself (possibly the first to do so) the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his own body, and by the end of the 18th century all Churches were permitted and encouraged to have their own 'Stations of the Cross'. Please join us for these most prayerful of celebrations round our Churches. Our Lenten talks at 6.30pm on Wednesdays at SP's begin this week; I'll be giving a talk on the Liturgical Year and the placing of Lent, and throughout Lent our Deacons and Fr. Phil will be speaking about Marian and Eucharistic Devotions, and the Scriptures. All Welcome! As well as the usual, and extra as advertised, times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on March 1st at SJ's there will be a short service of Reconciliation, followed by the opportunity for individual confession and absolution, in conjunction with our friends at Our Lady Star of the Sea, a perfect time to fulfil our 'Easter duties'. And no doubt we have our own giving up and taking up, our opportunities to charitable giving - CAFOD fast day is approaching - as well as the usual weekly timetable. Let's make the most of this joyful season of Lent - and look forward to a joyful Eastertide.

### **WEDDING SERVICE**

We ask God's Blessing on *Emily Charlotte McINDOE* and *Mahmoud Elhibir ABUSIN* who will be married here in St. Peter's on Friday 23rd February: arrival time 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

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**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 11th February:- **£489.40.**

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:**

Application forms for the Course must **be returned by TODAY Sunday February 18th.**

**Huge Thanks** to everyone who organised and came along to our Pancake Evening at SP's. It was a jolly evening and the pancakes were delicious! Keep your eyes out for more Parish Social events.

### SVP SOUTH SUDAN APPEAL

The Twinnage certificate from the SVP was received last week and is now on the notice board in the porch. You will see that through your generosity, 30 needy children in South Sudan will be fed for a year. Thanks for your kindness.

This year's "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER" will be hosted by St. Annes United Reform Church in St. Annes, Clifton Drive. **Friday 1st March 2024 at 2pm.** The Service this year has been prepared by a group of Christian Women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, administered and died, where the Christian Faith began. Women and men welcome.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

If we are to continue having tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass, we urgently need more people to volunteer to make this happen. The more people who volunteer, the easier it is for everyone, as your turn will come round less frequently. If you are able to help please put your name against the date(s) of your choice on the notice board list located near the kitchen door in the hall.

**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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:

**This Fri 23rd Feb:** This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can give using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

### CAFOD : Message from Chris McIndoe

**Are you looking for a different Lenten challenge this year?...**

...Why don't you join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk? The aim is to walk approximately 5km per day for 40 days of Lent and raise money to help people fight against poverty.

You don't have to walk the full 5km every day - SP's & SJ's are joining together as a team so any contributions, however big or small, will be appreciated both in steps and donations. See notice board for more details or contact Chris McIndoe.

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

*BRIDIE ASHTON*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Hilda Mann, John Worsley, Vincent Bonney, Ada Hoole, Stanley Lee, Thomas Hall, Arthur Melia, Lucy Dagger, John Stevenson, Chris Horan, George Hindle, Dorothy O'Kane, Sister Dymrna, James Read, Helen Spinks, Beatrice Harrington, Margaret Walton, Mary Ashton, Eddie Wilson, Bill Illingworth, Judith Hollings, Jim Parker, Desmond Vile, John Taylor, Mary Watson, Eileen Parr, Rev. B. Shuttleworth, Rev. Anthony Ashcroft, Father Bill Dowds MHM, Hilda O'Connor, Joan Green, Canon Tom Dakin, Canon Parker, Dennis Kilgannon, John Clare, Francis (Frank) Loftus. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**ST. PETER'S CHOIR** - Do you enjoy singing? No audition required!! We need more choir members. Come and see us upstairs any Sunday - occasional short practises after Mass.

### Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

**Red Lamps:** "Chris - Training for Ministry"

ℒ "Prayers for Isabelle"

'Our Lady' Lamp: "Andy - B"

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

**Hail Holy Queen.** During Lent our Marian Prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers each Day will be the Hail Holy Queen. In case you need the words: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

### Trinity Hospice Fundraising February 2024:

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to our 2024 Appeal up to this point. Our collections over the past fortnight have raised a fantastic total of £2,035.53. In addition, our 'Just Giving' page will continue to accept voluntary donations - large or small - throughout the month of Feb 2024. A further £240 plus £60 Gift Aid has been raised up to now through this. Our page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dennis-duignan-1706701337238>. All monies raised go directly to Trinity Hospice.

### 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** (on certain weeks confession will be available in this hour: details as advertised each week).

#### Stations of the Cross & Benediction:

**Mondays SP's at 7pm & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm**

#### Lenten Talks

**Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for Individual**

**Confession:** Friday 1st March 7pm at SJ's.

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

**Congratulations** to Isaac, Wren, Kelly and Laura who were presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Saturday in preparation for their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Social Event - St. Patrick's Day Party:** 17th March at SJ's - further details in next Sunday's newsletter.

### Responsorial Psalm for

**1st Sunday in Lent**

**and the response is:**

**"YOUR WAYS, LORD, ARE**

**FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE**

**FOR THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT"**

