



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
Sunday 18th December 2022, 4th Sunday of Advent - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

Weekend 17th / 18th December

Saturday 17th December 6:00pm St. Joseph's Pat Eastham

Sunday 18th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sunday 18th 10:30am St. Peter's Norah Shortt

Mon 19th 9am St. Peter's Intentions of Peter Pearson followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 10am

Tues 20th 10:00am St. Joseph's Bill & Pauline Drake followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am

Wed 21st 9:00am St. Peter's Maria McKay

Thurs 22nd 10:00am St Joseph's George McKeon

The Nativity of Our Lord Year A

Weekend 24th / 25th December - Nativity of Our Lord

Sat 24th 6pm St. Joseph's for Children Sr. Celine McGuire

8.00pm St. Peter's Sr. Kay C.P.

Sun 25th 9:15am St. Joseph's Bob Cookson

Sun 25th 10.30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Mon 26th 9am St. Peter's John Holdsworth

Tues 27th 10.00am St. Joseph's Philomena Cocker

Wed 28th 9am St. Peter's Deceased of Spafford & Stephenson Families

Thu 29th 10.00am St. Joseph's Margaret Nickson

Weekend 31st / 1st January, Mary the Mother of God

Sat 31st 6.00pm St. Joseph's Freda McGuinness

Sun 1st 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 1st January 10.30am St. Peter's Harold Thornton

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's, Tuesday 10:30-11 am at St. Joseph's (not Christmas week).

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

CHRISTMAS at ST. JOSEPH'S ANSDALL and ST. PETER'S LYTHAM

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS EVE Sat Dec. 24th : 6pm at St. Joseph's Children's Mass of Christmas - *All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.*

CHRISTMAS EVE Sat Dec. 24th: 8pm at St. Peter's CandleLit Mass of Christmas with Carols & Readings from 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY Sun Dec. 25th : Family Morning Mass of Christmas, Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th. 9:15am at St. Joseph's and 10:30am at St. Peter's.

4th Sunday of Advent A: Mary and Joseph are called to participate in God's saving plan. Let us imitate their reverence and generosity.

1st Reading Isaiah 7:10-14 The future Incarnation is prophesied through Isaiah. God will come and dwell with his people.

2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7 Paul writes to the Romans, telling them that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24 The prophecy is fulfilled as Mary conceives, and God is born into a real human family.

Christmas Mass A

In the quiet of this night a child is born. Into the darkness of this world a saviour comes. Let us gather round this child and welcome the Lord of life.

1st Reading Isaiah 9:1-7 Isaiah, the prophet, describes the ideal king of Israel, a ruler who is wise and just, a prince of peace.

2nd Reading Titus 2:11-14 Paul tells us what the birth of Jesus means - that salvation and holiness are possible for the whole human race.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14 Luke describes the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and how glory shone down upon the world.

MESSAGE FROM FR PETER: The third week of Advent really focussed our Christmas preparations, not least with a tremendous Advent Service led by the upper school children - beautiful singing and reading really brought home the Advent message. Well done to all involved. School closes now for the holidays, so we look forward to seeing the children at our Masses next weekend. I hope your last minute preparations go well, and I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas weekend together. Wherever you are having lovely celebration of the birth of Jesus. Happy Christmas!

Many thanks to David Pope for leading the excellent Advent 'Sycamore' course at St. Peter's. It was very thought provoking, and a wonderful few hours of calm and prayer in this busiest of times.

Mass Intentions for the year ahead: If you would like a mass said for a relative or friend for a particular date in the coming year now is the time make your request. We have the diary ready in the parish office to save the date. There are 3 masses per week available at each church. Please put mass intentions in an envelope and state a preference of where you would like the mass to be said if necessary. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

FEASTS: 26/12 St. Stephen, First Martyr. 27th: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. 29th: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr (Nat Cal). 30th: The Holy Family.

**St Vincent de Paul Society
Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2022**

Two weeks ago we launched our annual appeal on behalf of the SVP for your help in feeding the poor babies and young children in Sudan and South Sudan. Continuing civil unrest, the effects of Covid 19 and global food shortages have contributed to a worsening plight of some of the poorest people in our troubled world. The baby feeding stations set up by the SVP keep hundreds of babies and young children alive each year. This work has been generously supported over the years by St. Peter's parishioners and friends and we cannot thank you enough. However, these poor people continue to need our help to keep their babies and young children alive and so we again raise our voices on behalf of the poor and ask for your support. It costs about £50 to feed a baby/young child for a year; whatever you can afford to give, at a time when we are all feeling the effects of rising food and energy prices, will be a great help and will be much appreciated. SVP members will be handing out donation forms as you leave church today. These can be returned with your kind donations in the weeks up to Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to 'SVP Twinnage'. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

***The Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal
remains open until after Christmas.**

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 11th December: **£337.60.**

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: **£361.20.***

Further donation: World Missions: £10.00.

Thank you for your generosity.

Collection on 25th December - Christmas Offering.

**Responsorial Psalm for 4th Sunday of Advent
and the response is:**

**LET THE LORD ENTER!
HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**

Sanctuary Lamp Booking - Red Lamp -

*"David & Christopher - training for Ministry"
& Our Lady - "Hayes Family".*

Christmas Day: Red Lamps -

"In loving memory of Joan & Harold Thornton"

&

"Deceased Parishioners of St. Peter's".

Our Lady: "In Loving Memory of Kenneth".

To book email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue is now taking bookings for 2023.

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:
Robert Sutton, Frank Molloy, Margaret Hothersall, Elsie M. Ashton, James M. Ashton, Frances M. Ashton, Sr. Compassionata, Gordon Turner, Rose Marsden, Dorothy Bentham, Coral Bell, Michael Murphy, Joan Thornton, Simon Hargreave, Mamie Heyworth, Ursula Almond.

Sr. Gonzales, Margaret Beck, Molly Brown, Mary Tomlinson, James Simpson, Kevin Craig, Thomas Whiteside, Winifred Baines, Kathleen Windley, Bob Cookson, Rt. Rev. Brian Charles Foley (3rd Bishop of Lancaster), Edith Robinson, Mary Morris, George Smith (Jun.), Emily E. Illingworth, Joyce Lloyd, Joseph W. Ashton, Stanislaus Chevsky, Mary Plumb, Kathleen Kyte, Marion Cross, Jeff Woodburn, John Donegan, Sr. Fidelis, Jessie Hope, Sr. Gemma CP, Stuart Ridgway, Peter F. Bamber, Msgr. James Hook. **May they all rest in peace. Amen.**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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