



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



Sunday 19th February 2023, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 18th /19th February, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 18th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Florence Lilian Lutas

Sun 19th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 19th 10:30am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth**

**Mon 20th 9am St. Peter's Michael King followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am**

Tues 21st 10am St. Joseph's Freda McGuinness followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am

12:45pm St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Betty Gray

**Wed 22nd February 9:00am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth**

**Ash Wed.** 12noon St. Joseph's Mike French & 7pm St. Joseph's Bill & Pauline Drake

Thurs 23rd 10am St. Joseph's Michael Cookson followed by the Holy Rosary

12:15pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Anne Mary Hawkes

**Weekend 25th / 26th February, First Sunday of Lent**

Sat 25th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Richard Sisson

Sun 26th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 26th 10:30am St. Peter's John and Veronica Wilson**

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

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

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

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**LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PETER'S**

**This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday 22nd February** - Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

St. Peter's 9am, St. Joseph's 12noon, St. Joseph's 7pm

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** St. Peter's Every Mon evening at 7pm, St. Joseph's Every Tues evening at 7pm.

**Lent Sycamore Course:** What do you Believe? All Welcome to further our Faith in this Holy Season.

Every Wednesday of Lent (starting next Wednesday) at 7pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall.

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**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - God's Spirit is here among us. Let us prepare ourselves to be touched and challenged by the love and generosity of that Holy Spirit.

**1st Reading Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18** - God calls for the people to embrace holiness, showing love and avoiding grudges.

**2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23** - St. Paul points out that God's wisdom is different from the thinking prevalent in the world. Every person should be regarded as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Matthew 5:38-48** - Jesus tells his followers to take on the challenge of loving enemies as well as family and friends.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER:** Every day during Covid, when the children were at home working online, via the school I would send them a prayer video. I had to be creative in filming the videos; as well as filming around the Church, I was also filmed at the barbers, in the dentist's chair, in Wynsor's World of Shoes (don't ask) and many other locations, including the Pizza Counter at Morrisons, at which I made this prayer (with curious looks from the shoppers and pizza maker): *God our Heavenly Father, the crust of the pizza goes round and round, like your everlasting love for us; the tomato base makes sure that every bite of pizza has tomato in it, reminding me that everything that I do today has to have You in it, helping me in every way; the many different toppings remind me that there are many different ways that I can show people your love; so help me be a pizza of love in the world today. Amen.* Why am I telling you this? Because Lent begins on Wednesday, and I'll be giving up Pizza for Lent (harder than that might sound!). I'll also be doing an Origami Challenge, making a different paper creation every day, and seeking your sponsorship to raise money for SJ's Care and SP's SVP. There are lots of ways we can celebrate this joyful season (that's what the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer calls Lent), so let's together make the most of these 40 days of preparation for our great celebrations of the Resurrection (and a gargantuan Margarita on Holy Saturday night). In other news, on Ash Wednesday I've got a job delivering pizzas. You're not allowed to eat liver on Ash Wednesday. I'll get my coat...

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. 2 smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

**Home & Rest Home Visiting:** Many thanks to members of SJ's Care & SP's SVP who came together to further this important ministry.

**Lent Sycamore Course; What do you believe?** Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation He offers in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. Each session involves a

short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. Starting Wednesday 1st March 7pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Lytham.

**Pancake Celebration:** Please see last week's newsletter for details.

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**TODAY, 19TH, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION AT THE END OF MASS -  
SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.**

**NEWSLETTER - IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MARY WADDINGTON - Due to circumstances, Deacon Michael will take over the parish newsletter for the next 2/3 weeks so if you have an item to include, please send to Deacon Michael via the parish email address : info@stpeterslytham.co.uk. Thank you.**

**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 12th February: **£348.30.**

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

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**CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in prayer for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

Your can donate via the link below or there will be a special collection at the end of Mass on Sun 19th February.

<https://cafod.org.uk/?form=syriaturkeyearthquake>

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**Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Led by Bishop Paul, the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year 21st - 28th July. Cost from £829 based on two people sharing. All bookings must be made through the agents, Joe Walsh Tours, and a poster with further information, and booking forms for anyone interested in travelling are available at the back of Church. *Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of the diocese, pray for us.*

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**SICK & CARE HOME VISITING FOR THE PARISH**

Fr. Peter has asked the parish SVP group to re-organise this important ministry, especially in the new situations we find ourselves in after Covid. If you think you could help by visiting someone who is sick or housebound, please let an SVP member know. Someone will be in the porch after Mass for the next 2 weeks.

Also, if you know anyone that would like a visit from the parish, please provide their details, or email [stpsvp2023@gmail.com](mailto:stpsvp2023@gmail.com) The SVP will arrange a meeting asap to provide more information. Thanks & take care.

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**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, 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.**

**MESSAGE FROM FR PHILIP NEWBOLD** a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area.

He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support "Aid to the Church in Need" (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him, you can sponsor him on line at: [www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?](http://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?)

**OR** sign the sponsor form to be found in the church porch and he will arrange collection after Easter. **Thank you.**

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**THE BIG LENT WALK 2023** - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Gretta, Lise, Anne, Trish, Pat, Sue and our resident super stepper Fr. Peter, will be walking 5km per day. Every £1 raised will help CAFOD to be there for people fighting extreme poverty globally. You can sponsor us, and follow our progress on the web page:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stpeterslytham>

Alternatively, there will be a sponsor form at the back of church. **Many thanks for your support and prayers.**

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

Monica Tomlinson, William Eccles, William Turner, Thomas Ainsworth, Selina Shaw, Monica Lang, John Fuller, Eileen Hollis, John Dowling, Eddie McCarthy, Bernard Antoine, Barbara Colwell, Christopher Sheerin, Bridie Foy, Marion Rothney, Rev. B. Monaghan, Rev. J. Danson, Moira Linden-Adams, Alan Clark, Esther Hogan, Gertrude E. Howard, Gerald Greenwood, Bill Illingworth, Dennis Kilgannon, John Clare, Margaret Hayes. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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**Sanctuary Lamp Booking -**

**Red Lamp** "*Greta Turner - a successful operation*"

To book, email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue is taking bookings for this year.

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**Responsorial Psalm for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*and the response is:*

**THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE.**