



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR

Sunday 19th March 2023, 4th Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'

Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 18th/19th March, Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Sat 18th 6:00pm St. Joseph's In loving memory of Bobby Kelly

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

Sun 19th 10:30am St. Peter's Margaret Lee

Mon 20th 9.00am Maire Leese followed by Confessions and Exposition until 10.00am

7.00pm St Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tues 21st 10am St. Joseph's Michael T Cross followed by Confessions & Exposition until 11.00am

7.00pm St Joseph's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wed 22nd 9:00am The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Thurs 23rd 10am St Joseph's Craven Family followed by the Holy Rosary

Weekend 25th/26th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat 25th 6:00pm St Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 26^h 9:15am St. Joseph's Greta Nickson

Sun 26th 10:30am St Peter's Stanley Hartley

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9.30-10.00am at St Peter's, Tuesday 10.30-11.00am at St Joseph's

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

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

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: Video & Discussion Every Wednesday in Lent at 7.00pm in St Peter's Parish Hall.

The Holy Rosary Every Thursday 10.30am after Mass at St Joseph's

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4th Sunday in Lent: Christ is the light of the world; let us pray that we may allow his light to shine in our hearts and minds, that we may finally share his glory.

1st Reading Samuel 16:1, 6-7: David is anointed king by the prophet Samuel. David will prophesy the coming of the true Messiah, Jesus.

2nd Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the light of Christ..

Gospel John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man blind from birth, who recognises Jesus as Lord and God.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Today is mid-lent Sunday ! So how are we doing ? Have you been to Stations ? Taken an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation ? Kept up with your Lenten fast ? Well, if we are feeling a bit jaded with our Lenten observances, and if our Lenten acts of penitence and giving up things have completely gone by the board, if our acts of charity haven't quite been what they should be, and our extra prayer never materialised, then today is a chance to start again, because this is Laetare Sunday, or, as it used to be known in England 'Refreshment' Sunday, a chance to pick ourselves up, refresh ourselves, and continue to prepare for the great celebrations of the Paschal mystery in a couple of weeks' time. It's only two weeks to Holy Week, so the whole timetable for those special days is overleaf.. Please make time in your diary to join us for our most especial services of the year. My Origami Challenge continues, and thanks to those who have donated paper and books to help me on my way. There are envelopes at the back of church if you'd like to sponsor me, with any contributions going to SJ's Care and SP's SVP – and if you would like a set of Origami napkins, just let me know. At this rate I'll soon have a black belt in Origami. Talking of which, *Dwayne Johnson is a master of Origami... As his apprentice, I once assisted him at an exhibition and I managed to lose the cutting implement he uses to prepare the paper for folding. I can't believe I lost The Rock's Paper Scissors.* I'll get my pakamac.....

The Stations of the Cross: This week our prayers are entitled, 'With Mary, a Mother'. They were written during the quiet Lents of Covid by Eileen MacCormac, the secretary at St Bernadette's in Bispham, who now also sorts out the office for me here at SJSP's every Thursday, with prayers added by myself. The Stations' title reflects their theme: not the prayers of a Saint of God, but a humble earthly mother, watching her Son being abused, tortured, and dying in agony, with nothing that she can do, other than that which she had done every moment from the Annunciation: love him, and be there for him, no matter her personal grief. These prayers really do lead us into the moment of which Simeon prophesied when Jesus was eight days old, that for Mary, 'a sword will pierce your own heart too' and take us to the foot of the Cross with our Blessed Mother. **Monday 7.00pm at St Peter's, Tuesday 7pm at St Joseph's.**

Easter Triduum: Following the Bishop's instructions for our celebrations, and the liturgical norm of the Easter Triduum being one complete service, this year the Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday Service will take place in one of our Churches. There are areas in the diocese now where up to six Churches only have one Triduum (including South Blackpool, where three churches have only one). This year the Triduum will take place at St Joseph's, with St Peter's hosting the Triduum next year. Due to the numbers involved, I have been advised to have a Good Friday Service in both churches, as well as Stations of the Cross in both churches on Good Friday. Members of both churches are invited to take part in all services, with readers and singers all invited. If anyone needs transport from St Peter's to St Joseph's this will be organised nearer the time. Many thanks for your support and understanding. The full timetable is overleaf.

HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST PETER'S 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April St Joseph's 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday St Joseph's 9.15am, St Peter's 10.30am

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

Monday 3rd April: St Peter's 9.00am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition until 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm – 6.55pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm

Tuesday 4th April St Joseph's 10.00am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition until 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm to 6.55pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm

Spy Wednesday 5th April St Peter's 9.00am Mass

Maundy Thursday 6th April St Joseph's 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, led by our First Holy Communion Children from SJ's & SP's with Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession and watching until 10.00pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9.50pm.

Good Friday 7th April Stations of the Cross St Peter's 10.00am and St Joseph's 7.00pm

St Joseph's 3.00pm and St Peter's 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 8th April St Joseph's 7.00pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light

Easter Sunday 9th April St Joseph's 9.15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass, St Peter's 10.30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

Singers and Musicians: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent there is a music rehearsal for the Easter Services. Everyone is welcome from both churches to join in preparing for our great celebrations.

St Joseph's Parish Hall at 7.00pm every Friday

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 12th March: **£436.50**

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast : **£667.00**

Standing Orders and Online Donations received in

February : **£1036.00**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

The CAFOD Family Fast Day raised the magnificent sum of **£667.00**. The parish CAFOD team thank you most warmly and sincerely for the kindness and generosity which you continue to show to those less fortunate than ourselves. **MANY THANKS !** God bless you all.

BINGO 23rd March – 7pm Parish Hall

£3 Adults, £1 Children - BYO wine/beer & glasses

There will be tea, coffee & juice available on the night.

(and Fr Peter calling the numbers.....!!)

Raffle Prizes Needed ! Raffles are a great way for us to raise money. If you are able to donate anything that we can use as a raffle prize it would be very much appreciated. Many thanks in anticipation. Ali Croft.

Flower Garden : We all need to do our bit to be more sustainable, so the "Flower Ladies" are going to plant a cut flower border around the front lawn at St Peter's. They hope to be able to cut the various flowers and shrubs all year round to use for the Altar flowers. This will not only save us money in the long run, but it will stop us from buying flowers that have travelled half way across the world.

If you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost please see **Cath Powell or Pauline** or place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flower Garden' and hand it to **Deacon Michael**. Many thanks, Cath.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: 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, Greta Turner and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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.**

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

Edwin Lloyd, Hilda Taylor, Ted Fahey, Thomas Barker, Eileen Dummigan, David Pownall, Fr. Anthony Quinn, Ellen Houghton Eccles, George Hindle, Mabel O'Kane, William Hargreaves, Sheila Ashton, Ann Houston, Patrick Quinlan, Eileen Sharples, Hilda Callon, Anthony Finnerty, Michael R. Moody, Bayne Spedding, John Harrison, Phyllis Tierney. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions –

Red Lamp: "Jordan – RIP and family "

Blue Lamp " In loving memory of Mary Sumner "

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

Responsorial Psalm for 4th Sunday in Lent
and the response is:

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD:
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT**

Gospel Acclamation For Lent :

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

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