



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 19th November 2023, 33rd 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 18th / 19th November, Bereavement Sunday

Sat 18th Nov 6pm St. Joseph's Samantha Rawstron

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

Sun 19th Nov 10:30am St. Peter's Father Frank Flynn

Monday 20th 9am St. Peter's For a successful Operation followed by Exposition & Confessions

Tues 21st 10am St. Joseph's Deceased Clergy of the Deanery

Tues 21st Nov 7pm St. Peter's Mass of Confirmation

Wed 22nd Nov 10am Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel William & Mary Murray

Thurs 23rd Nov 10am St. Joseph's Margaret T. Nickson

Weekend 25th / 26th November - Solemnity - Christ Our Universal King

Sat 25th Nov 6pm St. Joseph's Norah Shortt

Sun 26th Nov 9:15am St. Joseph's John Joseph McGuirk

Sun 26th Nov 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition: Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Brothers and sisters in Christ, St Paul calls us children of light and children of the day. May we rejoice in the gifts God gives us, and share God's blessings with the world.

1st Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 - The power and influence of a good woman is an image of wisdom.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 - In Jesus Christ we live in the light. We have no excuse for deeds of darkness.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 - The parable of the talents points to capable people who refuse to live a generous life.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: Each week at the end of the Confirmation Sessions over the past couple of months, all the candidates have come into Church to discuss, and then pray, a particular prayer - the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, various Acts of Contrition, and the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. We've also prayed the Angelus, which proved to be unfamiliar to the candidates, as well as some of the older people who joined us. The Angelus is a special prayer in which we remember the Incarnation of Jesus, the moment that Jesus was made flesh on this earth, the moment Mary conceived Jesus in her womb, when she allowed God's will to be done at the Annunciation, as recorded in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke. The prayer comprises the words and the responses of the Angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary, each followed by the Hail Mary, which also includes the words of Mary's cousin, Elizabeth. It is often led by a leader with everyone responding, and joining in with the Hail Mary and the final part of the prayer, which reminds us that Christ's coming to earth - the Incarnation - means that we can one day go to heaven. It is traditionally said three times a day - at morning, noon and evening - and our church bells often ring to call us to celebrate this beautiful prayer. We say the Angelus before Weekday Mass at SJ's, and from this week we will also start saying the prayer at the beginning of Mass at SP's. I've put some copies of the prayer at the back of Church in case anyone needs familiarizing with this beautiful devotion, the text of which is: *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary... Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace... And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace... Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

TODAY - World Day of the Poor.

Special Day this coming week: Tues 21st Memorial - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Mass of Confirmation 7pm at St. Peter's.

Reminder: Next Sunday - Collection for Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Family Christmas Fair at St. Peter's on Sunday 3rd December after the Children's Mass: with coffee, tea, cakes, decorations and a children's Treasure Hunt. **Donations for the Tombola and The Raffle would be gratefully received and can be given to Ali Croft, Sue Shakespeare, Ann-Marie, Lise & Gemma (please label them!)**

NOVEMBER AT SJ'S & SP'S

Tue 21st Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, 10am at SJ's followed by refreshments.

Tue 21st: Mass of Confirmation: 7pm at St Peter's.

Wed 22nd Mass in Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am
Lifts available from SP's at 9.30am.

Sun 26th: The Feast of Christ the King: Morning Masses led by some of our Newly Confirmed.

Bereavement Sunday: this Sunday we pray for those gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those whose funeral services we have celebrated in our parishes this year, whose names will be read out after communion. We especially welcome members of the families to our especial masses this weekend. **May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery: this Tuesday at SJ's at 10am we welcome members of the Deanery for this special annual mass, followed by tea and coffee in the Hall. All welcome.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: the rehearsal for the Candidates and their sponsors is **this Monday at 6pm in St. Peter's.** We look forward to celebrating the **Mass of Confirmation on Tuesday at 7pm at St. Peter's with Bishop Paul.**

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra in St. Peter's Hall at 7pm this week, following the Confirmation Rehearsal. All welcome.

This Wednesday 22nd Mass will be at 10am at Saltcotes Chapel, to which everyone is as ever welcome. If there is enough enthusiasm, we would make this a monthly event.

On going reminder for November:

Please place your names of loved ones in the box on the altar to be remembered in our masses this November. Masses for the Holy Souls can be requested in the usual way, using the mass intention offering envelopes.

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, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley and Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

'Thank You'

Collection - Sunday 12th November:- **£498.40.**
Further donation:- Sick & Retired Priests:- **£5.00.**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

GIFT AID If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

Date for the Diary:
Christmas Quiz & SingAlong.
Saturday 16th December 7pm in SJ's Church Hall.
£5 per ticket, £2:50 for children includes Quiz entry and a HotPot supper. The Ukelele Orchestra will be playing and leading the sing-along! **Tickets are available after Masses** - and are limited due to numbers, so get in quick!

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

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

Our Lady: *"Betty Q - A Special Birthday"*

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

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

Rt. Rev Thomas Bernard Pearson (Auxiliary Bishop of Lancaster), Mgr. O'Reilly, William Brockbank, Elizabeth Hoyle, Alfred Green, Lesley Cookson, Angela Hoole, John Lavelle, John Johnson, Alfred Upton, Elizabeth Hothersall, Margaret Fox, Nellie Lenehan, Jim Cottam, Sr. Augustine CP, Doris McNulty, John Wolstenholme, Bill Henderson, Sr. Marie Hamill CP, Jim Pownall, Jim Connaughton.

May they rest in peace. Amen

Advance Notice:

The 15th annual Tinkerbelle Ball is a special Christmas edition this year to be held on Friday 22nd December. Tickets £50 each - The Clifton Arms, Lytham. For tickets contact Emma Cox 07808821397 Don't miss out on lots of fun and festivities whilst helping Lee Steer to raise money for his friend Joe: read his story at www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-joes-journey

Please send newsletter items to Mary by 4pm each Thursday. *Many thanks.*
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Responsorial Psalm for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and the response is:
"O BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD"