



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 20th August 2023, 20th 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 19th / 20th August, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 20th 9:15am St. Joseph's Yvonne Thompson

Sun 20th 10:30am St. Peter's Rose Moss RIP & Members of the Prayer Group

Mon 21st 10:30am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Sheila Burdett

22nd 10am St. Joseph's William & Mary Murray *followed by Exposition & Confessions*

Wed 23rd 9am St. Peter's Donor's Intention

Thurs 24th 10am St. Joseph's Colin McIntosh

Weekend 26th / 27th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26th 6pm St. Joseph's Geoff Healey

Sun 27th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 27th 10:30am St. Peter's Barbara Rouse

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's

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

This Week's Readings: The Lord's concern and compassion are open to all. Like the Canaanite woman in the Gospel, maybe it is time we pestered the Lord with our petitions.

1st Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7* - The Lord's salvation is available to foreigners as well.

2nd Reading *Romans 11:13-15;, 29-32* - Our disobedience can be transformed into obedience when we accept God's mercy.

Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28* - Jesus is touched and charmed by the faith of the Canaanite woman, who wants her daughter cured.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: I wonder what attendance will be like at Mass this weekend, and whether the second Mass on Sunday Morning will be somewhat depleted as people will be staying at home to watch the Lionesses in the Women's Football Final in Australia? Obviously, I won't be able to watch it live, as I will be fulfilling my priestly duties at St. Peter's - though I might make it back for the second half, or at least the Penalty shoot-off (if it comes to that). And whilst I wasn't able to sit down on Wednesday morning and watch the footie live either, I was kept abreast of events from my sister, who was watching the match from a freezing cold outdoor fan zone over in Australia, (it is winter over there, after all) and who WhatsApped me throughout the match with ball-by-ball commentary, as well as photos of the huge screen, and thoughts on the general mood of the crowd - who, she reported - left, somewhat despondently, grabbing their fish and chips (which sounds distinctly British) as they made their way home - with mixed feelings, I guess, in her Anglo-Australian home! The fact that I was able to have immediate news and photos is a constant joy of the modern age with a family so far away. Despite the fact that my brother and sister are thousands of miles away, a day rarely passes without messages and photos passing between us - family events being celebrated, as well as the trivial and amusing (I've been running a commentary on the episodes of 'The Gentle Touch' which I've been watching on ITVX!). If you haven't been in touch with a relative or a loved one recently, why not think about sending a text, mail, or message? The world is, in this instance, thankfully a much smaller place. And come on the Lionesses! Football's coming home...! *In other news, I met a bloke from Australia who works in telecommunications. I asked him, 'Do you come from a LAN down under?' I'll get my coat...*

'Thank You'

Envelopes received via SJ's: **£165.00.**

Collection Sunday 13th August : **£1098.30.**

Further donations to recent special collections:
£320.00.

Collection Feast of the Assumption: **£72.20.**

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

TODAY - SVP will be selling tickets for the SVP Annual Raffle before and after Mass.

St. Peter's parish SVP will receive 50% of the proceeds after expenses, which helps to fund our work in assisting families and individuals in our community. Your support is much appreciated.

Reminder for next Sunday (27th)

Collection: Catholic Trust for England & Wales

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, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CLEATOR ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. It is hoped to have a coachful from this Deanery. Bring your rosary beads together with waterproofs & food for the journey. Details of price & times at pickup points will be given later through your parish newsletter. All seats booked need to be PAID even if you have to cancel. Thank you for your support. *Rev David*

Reminders:

Tuesday 22nd August is the Memorial of the **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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Thursday 24th **Feast of St. Bartholomew**, Apostle.

Because of our connection with the Cross & Passion Order, on Sat 26th we remember **Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious, Nat Cal.**

A LOVELY REMINDER OF WHAT TAKES PLACE AT THE CONSECRATION:

The bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, when, at the Consecration, the Holy Spirit over shadows the Priest and the offerings and infuses into them the same elements as into the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Responsorial Psalm for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the response is:

**"LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD;
LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU."**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -
Red Lamps: "*Chris - Training for Ministry*"
℣ "For all Parishioners of St. Peter's"
Blue Lamp: "*Andy*"

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 - **SHEILA BURDETT** and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Tony Williams, Edwin Clarkson, John Moore, Sarah Reed, Alice Atherton, Paddy Dillon, Sister Kevin, Margaret Thistleton, Eugenie Richards, Bill Orr, Winifred Moore, Jack Braithwaite, Ben Smith, Val Kirkman, Edith Howard, Leopold Zawadzki, Sister Dolores CP, Father David Elder, Deacon Eric Wooff, Bernard Heselwood, Marian Mansfield. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. If you would like to take part in a survey, here is the link <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim> The deadline for completion of the survey is the 31st August 2023. Many thanks for your support. *Sharon Tipping. Safeguarding Coordinator. The Catholic Diocese of Lancaster.*

MESSAGE FROM EDWARD

He brought back some Holy Water from Lourdes. If anyone would like some, please speak to Edward or email

info@stpeterslytham.co.uk

First come first served! and it will be necessary to provide your own container. Many thanks, Edward

St. Joseph's & St. Peter's Race Night:

Advance Notice

Saturday 30th September at SJ's hall. Save the date!

More information coming next week!

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter

All welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord on Monday at 7pm in the presbytery. Newcomers still most welcome!