



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
 Parish Website www.stpeterslytham.co.uk



FOR
Sunday 20th December 2020, Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year 'B'
Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 20th December	People of the Parish Special Intention	Public Mass at 10.30am Recorded Mass
Monday 21st December	No Mass	-
Tuesday 22nd December	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 23rd December	George McKeon RIP	Public Mass 9.00am
Thursday 24th December	Mamie Heyworth (Ann) Julie Metcalfe RIP Paul Jackson RIP	Recorded Mass Christmas Vigil Public Mass at 8pm Recorded Mass
Friday 25th December	Bill Illingworth	Christmas Mass, Public 10.45am.
Saturday 26th December	-	No Morning Mass
Sunday 27th December	People of the Parish	Public Mass 10.30am No Recorded Mass this Sunday

St Joseph's Mass details:

Saturday: 19th Dec Vigil - **Public Mass** 6pm.
 Sunday: 20th Dec **Public Mass** 9.15am.
 Monday: 21st Dec - No Mass.
 Tuesday: 22nd Dec - Recorded Mass St Joseph's Intention
 Wed: 23rd Dec Requiem Mass 12 noon
 Thursday: 24th December - **6pm Christmas Vigil Public Mass**
 Friday: 25th Dec - **Public Masses 9.15am & 12noon.**
 Saturday: 26th December - No Morning Mass.
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass** 6pm The Parish.
 Sunday: 27th Dec **Public Mass** 9.15am. No Recorded Mass.

This week's Solemnity & Feast:

Fri: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Solemnity.
Sat: St. Stephen, 1st Martyr (see overleaf).

'Thank you'

Collection Wednesday 9th:- **£45.60.**
 Collection Sunday 13th:- **£196.90.**
 Other Donations:- **£90.00**
 SVP Sudan Appeal - **£835.00**
Many thanks for your generosity.

SUNDAY 20TH: PRIVATE PRAYER -

St. Peter's Church will be open for private prayer on Sunday 20th December from 2 - 4pm as we watch and await the arrival of the Prince of Peace, the Infant King. There will be carols playing "*Come Lord Jesus, Come*". A very special invitation to our children, especially those waiting to receive their First Holy Communion. **Jesus is waiting for you!**

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Many thanks for all your kind good wishes, cards and offerings - it is very much appreciated. May you all have a blessed, happy and peaceful Christmas - despite all the restrictions - with every good wish for the New Year, and a prayer that we can start to move towards happier and healthier times, and get back to gathering for Mass, and as a parish community, as we did before!

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Bill Illingworth, Emily & Harry Illingworth, Thomas & Annie Ainsworth, Kathleen Leeming, Brian Matthews, John & Florence Matthews, William & Nellie Holland, Frank Holland, Pat Weatherby, Rita Goggins.

SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2020

This appeal to help some of the poorest people on earth feed their malnourished babies and children remains open until Christmas.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked '**Sudan Appeal**' and drop it into the collection bucket in church after Mass.

Cheques should be made payable to '**SVP TWINNAGE**'. Gift Aid forms can be requested from the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). Donations can also be handed to Deacon Michael or any SVP members.

Amount donated to date £1160 - Thank you very much!

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Current update: Vigil Mass fully booked. Christmas Day - spaces available.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings

(Red) "*Peter & David - Diaconate Training*"
"In loving memory of Mamie"
(Blue) "*In Loving memory of Mamie*"

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

CONFESSIONS

If you are at the 9am Mass next Wednesday, there will be an opportunity to go to Confession after the end of Mass. Fr David will be hearing Confessions at the Lady Altar. Those who wish to go should remain in their places after Mass. You can also give Fr a ring (on 737037) to make an appointment to go and see him for Confession.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Unfortunately, due to the continuing Covid crisis, I am unable to ask for the Red Missio boxes to be brought into church for the second collection of the year. Your small change still makes big positive changes to the promotion of the Catholic faith around the world. Please could I ask you all again to empty your own red boxes, and send the money directly to Missio? This can be done in several ways, details of which are in the porch at the back of church, outside near the notice board in the church gate, and on the Missio web site. Magazines and Calendars are available at the back of church. Thanking you in advance for your continued generosity and pray that by the next collection things may have improved.

Any queries, phone Andy 07708807454.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year.**

ANNIVERSARIES::

Sister 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 Ashton, Stanislaus Chevsky, Mary Plumb, Kathleen Kyte, Marion Cross, Jeff Woodburn, John Donegan, Sr. Fidelis CP, Jessie Hope, Sr. Gemma CP, Stuart Ridgway, Simon Hargreave, Mamie Heyworth, Peter Francis Bamber, Deacon John Kennedy (Cleator).

May they rest in peace. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Tony Bolton, Patricia Sumner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

FOOD BANK - Sincere thanks to all who have very kindly contributed.

If you are still not confident to come out to Mass or reluctant to bring food to church, you can contact Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will collect from your home.

A Message from Children's Liturgy

Dear children,

Today you can colour the fourth candle on your Advent wreath. It is glowing so brightly now because this is the candle which represents LOVE!! Not long to go to Christmas day is there?

The Sunday Gospel tells us how the Angel Gabriel was sent by God to tell Mary she was to have a son and she was to name him, Jesus. Mary said 'yes' to God. Make or draw an angel to hang on your tree or place in your Advent prayer space.

Visit a crib if you can, kneel down and say YOUR 'yes' to God. *Come Lord Jesus, Come, I am waiting for you.*

**Well done lovelies,
Keep praying, Keep hoping,
Keep smiling God loves YOU
The Holy Communion Team**

JAMES KNIGHT:

We have a young man staying with us at the moment. James Knight is discerning a vocation to the priesthood, and is spending a year at college in Valladolid as a preparation for further formation at seminary. When he is back in the diocese, this will be a base for him. So, we will be seeing him around the parishes from time to time. I know you will make him welcome; and do keep him in your prayers. We need more young men like James to come forward!

2021 Diocesan Directories

The 2021 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available and can be purchased (Price £4) from Bill Whiteside on Sundays or from the sacristy on Wednesdays.

ST. STEPHEN, 1ST MARTYR (26/12)

St. Stephen, a disciple of Christ, chosen after the Ascension as one of the seven deacons, and "full of grace and fortitude was working great wonders and signs among the people". Many rose up against him, but they were not able to withstand the wisdom that he spoke.

Accused of blasphemy against Moses and against God, he was brought before the Sanhedrin and condemned to be cast out of the city and stoned to death. Kneeling down before his murderers he cried out with a loud voice saying: "*Lord, do not lay this sin against them*" and when he had said this he fell asleep in the Lord 35 A.D.