



# NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 21st April 2024, 4th Sunday of Easter - Year 'B'  
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope - 07950844747  
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

### Weekend 20th / 21st April - 4th Sunday of Easter

Sat 20th 6pm St. Joseph's Clare Critch

Sun 21st 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 21st 10:30am St. Peter's Joe Ainsworth**

**Mon 22nd 9am St. Peter's Joy Warwick** followed by *Exposition & Confessions till 10am*

*1.15pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Tony Willis*

Tues 23rd 10am St. Joseph's Anita Walsh followed by *Exposition & Confessions till 11am*

**Wed 24th 9am St. Peter's Ted Hudson**

Thurs 25th 10am St. Joseph's Deceased of O'Dea Family

**12:30pm St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Brian Craig**

### Weekend 27th / 28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

Sat 27th 6pm St. Joseph's Cathleen Sanders

Sun 28th 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 28th 10:30am St. Peter's Andrew Towler**

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

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

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

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**This Week's Readings:** The image before us today is of the shepherd with his sheep. Many of us may not think of ourselves as docile sheep. Others may find it hard to relate to a rural image. Yet the readings are about good leadership and service, vital requirements in our world today.

**1st Reading Acts 4:8-12** - Peter and John have spent a night in jail after causing a disturbance by healing a paralysed beggar. Peter tells the judges the following day that the healing was by the name of Jesus. His boldness, attributed to the Holy Spirit, amazes the Jewish leaders.

**2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-2** - If we seriously follow Jesus, we will not be popular in mainstream society, yet we shall be children of God.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18** - Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life. He contrasts the good shepherd to someone who is simply hired to look after the sheep. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare. Jesus, on the other hand, will always be there with the sheep.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Well we are now around half way through Eastertide, and that means we are about half way through our Eastertide first readings at each Mass taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Written by St. Luke as a sequel to his Gospel, Acts is a great adventure story, taking us from Easter Sunday, through Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the beginnings of the Church, leading the Apostles, to which becomes added Saint Paul, to spread the Church throughout the world from Jerusalem, and finding its new centre in the city of Rome. This week we hear about the first Great Council of Jerusalem, the first of many great Councils of the Church, when leaders of the Church would gather to discuss and formulate and correct teaching and theology, to ensure that the Catholic is truly that, Catholic meaning universal - the last Council, of course, being Vatican II in the 1960's. The First Council especially discussed entrance rites into the Church, especially for those coming from Judaism. Its a fascinating glimpse of the history of the Church, but also shows the holiness and determination, as well as the humanity and fallibility, of those first leaders of the Church, and also their great devotion to the formation of the Sacraments as instituted by Jesus, and their deep focus on prayer - indeed I don't think there is a single chapter in Acts which does not contain either a prayer or some reference to the disciples praying. As the disciples spread the word of Jesus and introduced the Church to a misunderstanding and unwelcoming world, not unlike our own, perhaps we might echo the prayer of Peter in Acts 4: 'Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' Amen.

### 'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 14th April:- **£495.20.**

Further donation, Holy Places:- **£20.00.**

*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

**TODAY (21st)** is the

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Collection for Ecclesiastical Education Fund (EEF).

### First Holy Communion 2024:

Next class in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday 22nd at 6pm, where our candidates will be looking at the Offertory and how we prepare for the Eucharistic Prayer. Please pray for our twenty children on this important step in the faith journeys.

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### Parish Young People Going to Lourdes with the Diocese Fund Raiser:

Come and join us for a fundraising event in St. Joseph's Hall on 4th May at 7pm until 9pm. This family games night is sure to be great fun and a little bit competitive. We are raising money to assist two of our parish youth members to attend the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The evening will involve playing a number of family friendly board and card games and a light pizza supper. Drinks will be available to purchase and a raffle will take place. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for under 10's. Please come along and help raise funds to support our young parishioners. Tickets will be available after mass each week. Tickets will not be available on the night.

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### Lancaster Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July 23rd - 30th). The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris (22nd July - 1st August). Further details are available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or youth email: [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

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### SCHOOL FAMILY FUND -

A number of parents have asked if and how they can support some of our families who may be struggling financially. We have had some very kind and generous offers from parents to pay towards the cost of trips for other children and buy uniform for them.

Many working families fall just below the threshold to be eligible for free school meals and additional benefits. Due to rising costs, parents go without food in order to feed their children. We try to support these families as much as possible.

We are appealing to staff, parents, friends, parishioners ..... Only if you are financially able, please consider adding a supermarket shopping voucher/gift card to your weekly or monthly shop to donate to our Family Fund. We ask that if possible, these are Lidl, Tesco or Sainsbury's vouchers and please write the amount on the card. Regular donations will enable us to continue to support more families when they need it most. The vouchers can be dropped off at the school office. They will then be given to families who are struggling to afford basic essentials, particularly in school holiday periods.

Our uniform recycling scheme will continue, which benefits many families, so please bring any clean, out grown uniform (in good condition) into school. Recycled uniform is open and available to everyone and is part of our recycling mission led by the Laudato Si group.

### Social Event - Advance Notice

Message from Alison Croft

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the Race Night will have to change - more details to follow shortly.

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### Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:

*"In loving memory of Anita Walsh" & "Tina - B"*

### Our Lady's Blue Lamp:

*"Special Intention - B"*

**Sue has room in her diary for new bookings.** To book, email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

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Please pray for all who have died recently

**BRIAN CRAIG & TONY WILLIS**

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lily Falkingham, Mary Brown, Lily Cross, Thomas Tiplady, Philip Twist, Fr. Michael Hennemann, Bob Thornton, Mary E. Hothersall, Lawrence Cooper, Ted McGuinness, Marion Wilson, Michael McMahon, Michael Fallon, Mark Lavelle, Alfred Sinclair, Jack Conway, Joan Desborough, Vonnie May, Ronnie Baines, Irene Cookson, Hugh Quigley, Alec Rothney, Deacon John Forster, Eileen Pace, Vincent Burke, Henry Ball, Patricia Hill, Joan Keefe, Robert Newsham, Janet Lawrenson, Anita Walsh, Betty (Elizabeth) Sherman. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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### Message from Colette Mason

Last weekend for Spectacles! Thank you everyone for your kindness in donating so many Spectacles for the Ukraine. I am taking them to ITA (International Aid) sometime in the last week of April. I will inform how many have been collected when they are all in.

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**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, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", King Charles and the Princess of Wales, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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### NEWSLETTER - Important Reminder

If you wish to include an item in St. Peter's newsletter, the wording needs to be with Mary no later than **mid-day on Wednesday. Thanking you.**

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### Responsorial Psalm for

**4th Sunday of Easter** and the response is:  
**"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS  
REJECTED  
HAS BECOME THE CORNER STONE"**