



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



FOR
Sunday 21st May 2023, 7th Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 20th / 21st May, 7th Sunday of Easter

Sat 20th 6pm St. Joseph's Margaret McKeon Birthday Remembrance
 Sun 21st 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 21st 10:30am St. Peter's John & Agnes Walsh
MONDAY 22nd - WEDNESDAY 24th NO MASSES

Thurs 25th 9am St. Joseph's Greta Nickson

Thursday 25th 10:45am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Kathleen Benyon

Friday 26th 10:30am St. Peter's Requiem Mass for Mary Buckley

1:30pm St. Peter's Requiem Mass for William Dagger

Weekend 27th / 28th May - PENTECOST

Sat 27th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 28th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Nolan

Sunday 28th 10:30am St. Peter's Paddy Corrigan

No Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

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

Readings for This Sunday: Jesus prepares his disciples for his return to the Father. He prays that they may share in the same eternal life that is the glory he shares with his Father. We pray that we too may receive that life as we share in the Eucharist he gave us.

1st Reading Acts 1:12-14: When Jesus leaves his disciples they return to Jerusalem and gather together in continuous prayer.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16: We are to be glad if we can have some share in the sufferings of Christ.

Gospel John 17:1-11: The time has come for Jesus to be glorified as he returns to his Father.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER. Monday evening we beautifully celebrated Evening Prayer at SJ's with David Pope making his Profession of Faith, one of the final stages towards his diaconate. I've asked David to write us a Message, so...

Message from Deacon-to-be David: Well, 6 years of formation, studies and training for the Permanent Diaconate came to an end last Saturday. It was a time for goodbyes to my fellow deacons-to-be as we take our final steps on the journey to ordination. As I look back on the journey so far I am aware that this is not the end but a continuation of my journey of faith that started at my baptism. Don't forget, each one of us is called to minister to others by virtue of our own baptism, ordained or not. I have been called to ordained ministry and I am acutely aware of my inadequacy but I know that with the prayerful support from both our parishes, I can be sure of a fruitful ministry in the future. This was so evident on Monday evening at St. Joseph's when standing at the altar with my hand on the Book of the Gospels I made my Public Profession of Faith during a Service of Vespers. It was a very powerful moment, a real high point on this journey, and I am so grateful to everyone who shared that moment with me and my family. Perhaps as a community we could pray together more, sharing our buildings and our talents for music and hospitality. In other news, *A little boy was listening to a long and boring homily in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"* Don't worry, if there is something Fr Peter has taught me, I'm already wearing my coat...

Thursday 1st June Mass at St. Joseph's will be at 2pm in Honour of the Beginning of the Month of the Sacred Heart. **This will be a Healing Mass at which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. All welcome from both our Churches.** The Mass will be followed by **Tea & Chat** in the Hall, and one of the subjects of the 'chat' will be to discuss whether we should make this a monthly event. Helpers would be needed, so if you would like to assist, or have any ideas, please come along.

The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope. There will be a **coach to David's ordination on July 8th**, picking up at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's, and if you wish to join the coach (around £10) **please sign up** at the back of Church to gauge numbers. **The newly Rev. David will lead Rosary, Sermon & Benediction at St. Peter's on Sunday 9th July at 3pm**, followed by strawberry scone & cream tea with refreshments in St. Peter's Hall. (We will gauge numbers nearer the time.) Please keep David in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his diaconate and appointment as Deacon to St. Joseph's & St. Peter's.

Congratulations to all our First Communicants who have done so well in making this important step in their journey of faith, and a huge thank you to all our catechists, teachers and parents, who do so much to share the faith with our children.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 14th May : **£438.20.**

Further donation - Ecclesiastical Education Fund: **£5.00.**

Thanks to all who contributed.

TODAY Sunday 21st

World Communications Day of Prayer &
Special Collection for Catholic Media.

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, 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.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp

"For the young people taking exams"

Our Lady's Lamp: "Phoebe"

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

A reminder that if you or a relative are admitted to hospital and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain, it is necessary these days to specifically inform the Catholic Chaplain directly.

Ring the Catholic Chaplain on 01253 956299** giving the person's name as recorded by the hospital and the ward. If the Chaplain is required urgently, please ask the ward staff to contact the **on-call RC Chaplain.**

***Please note that the telephone number above relates only to people admitted to Blackpool Vic. Quite a number of people are sent to The Royal Preston Hospital where it will be a different number, and if they go to Clifton Hospital.*

Responsorial Psalm for 7th Sunday of Easter

and the response is:

***"I AM SURE I SHALL SEE THE LORD'S
GOODNESS
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING"***

MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER, ST. BEDE'S

Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors have a particular responsibility within Catholic Schools in preserving and developing the distinctive Catholic character and ethos of the school. To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs. S. Kelly, Head Teacher's PA, on 01253 667526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

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

Henry Hothersall, Marjorie Ash, Doris Carey, Elsie Porteus, Louis C. Ritchie, Frederick Yale, John Valentine, William Mackay, Mary Singleton, Elizabeth Bould, William Reynolds, Kathleen Leeming, Helen Chandler, William Hutchinson, Gwen Loftus, Sandra Webb, Tom Eccles, Mary Cairns, Pat Cross, Peter Harrison, Katharina & Walter Graham, James P. Richardson, Sr. Veronica Wallace CP, Veronica Shaw, Len Whiteside, Gwyneth Jones. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sue's Fundraising walks for Macmillan

On 19th June Sue will be walking a 100km (62miles) continuous challenge up and down the hills of the Lake District.

There will be a fundraising coffee morning on 4th June in our Parish Hall. All donations of cakes and bakes, or raffle prizes will be very welcome.

For further information please use this link or speak to Sue

<https://stpeterslytham.co.uk/sue-shakespeare-fundraising>

PIETY STALL: Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.

Lytham Club Day Magazine is available at £3 to raise funds for their celebratory day, after all masses this weekend.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

If you wish to include an item in our Newsletter, the wording needs to be with Mary Waddington before 4pm each Thursday.

mary.waddington@btinternet.com

Thank you.