



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



Sunday 22nd March 2020, 4th (Laetare) Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'
Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

In accordance with instructions from the Bishops' Conference there will be **no public worship in our churches** from the evening of Friday 20th March until further notice. This includes public celebrations of Mass, funerals, baptisms, weddings and other liturgies or gatherings of the faithful. Fr David will continue to celebrate Mass, but this will be in private only. Mass will still be offered for intentions as usual – these will be posted weekly in the bulletin. Arrangements for Confessions are given below. We are going to try to keep St Peter's Church open as it is now: 9am – 3.30pm on weekdays.

Sunday 22 nd	The Parish
Wednesday 25 th	Margaret Lee (Anniv)
Thursday 26 th	John Harrison (Anniv)
Saturday 27 th	Fr John Gornall (Anniv)
Sunday 28 th	The Parish

Confession Times:
St Peter's:

Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30am
Wednesdays 9.00 – 9.30am

St Joseph's

Saturdays 4.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.00am

Confession available also on request

N.B. All Confessions must observe hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed i.e. in the Confessional and with a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest.

There will be no Holy Communion visits after this week until further notice. Visits to the sick will be made only on request when someone is seriously ill.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Lee (Anniv)
John Harrison (Ann)

During this difficult and challenging time we turn to our faith in the Lord, who has conquered all things, and who promises to be with us always, even to the end of the ages. Although there will not be access to Mass and the Eucharist, we can stay close to the Lord in prayer – and to one another – and He will be close to us. We will try to make available sheets in the church porch with prayers and other resources and keep the parish website up to date. If you, or someone you know is in need, St Joseph's Care has a helpline and we have volunteers who will be in a position to provide basic support such as shopping. The number is 07840 112 265 9am – 7pm daily. Below are the web addresses of churches in our diocese where live streaming of Mass is available.

Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Michael, Workington follow:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd> and for Our Lady of Furness, Barrow:

<https://camsecure.co/httpswebcam/owenbayliss/owenbayliss5.html>

LAST WEEK: Attendance: **125.**

Collection **£464.18.**

CAFOD: £1071.23.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

GIFT AID -

If you pay Income Tax, Gift Aid is a painless way of helping the Parish at no extra cost to yourself. In respect of the Income Tax year 2018/19, the Parish received a tax refund **of £9804.43,** so you can see what a big help this is to us and forms a very significant element of the Parish's annual income. Sadly, as many of our older parishioners are called to their heavenly reward, the number of people signed up for Gift Aid is falling quite significantly. In the 2019/20 Income Tax year the amount contributed in Offertory Envelopes and via Standing Orders will be roughly £3000 lower than in the previous year. As we approach a new Tax year on 6th April 2020, and we have a new supply of Offertory Envelopes available, it is the ideal time to 'sign up for Gift Aid'. Please have a word with Deacon Michael if you are able to help your Parish in this way. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Joan Keefe, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Joan Woodcock, Iain Fair, Don O'Toole, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS:

- **Catholic Women's League** meeting scheduled for 26th March.
- **Rose Queen Joint Churches Fundraising Event - Sat 4th April.** If you have any queries, please have a word with either Gemma Rowlings or William Whiteside.
- **Coffee Morning & Plant Sale:** Park Street Methodist Church Hall, Lytham, Sat 4th April.
- **Feast of Divine Mercy:** Sunday 19th April at St Peter's.
- **Lytham Club Day** (*message from William Whiteside, St Peter's Church Club Day Representative*): There will be no Lytham Club Day this year due to the corona virus. Everything is being deferred to next year so our Rose Queen Elect - Phoebe Rowlings (and her Retinue) will take up her duties in 2021.

'Thank you' message - the Sumner Family wish to thank parishioners for their prayers, sympathy cards and their attendance at Paddy's Requiem Mass. *Many thanks from all the Family.*

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Dora Hyslop, Edwin Lloyd, Hilda Taylor, Ted Fahey, Thomas Barker, Eileen Dummigan, David Pownall, Fr. Anthony Quinn, Ellen Houghton Eccles, George Hindle, Mabel O'Kane, William Hargreaves, Sheila Ashton, Ann Houston, Patrick Quinlan, Eileen Sharples, Hilda Callon, Michael Ronald Moody, Phyllis Tierney.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS

(Red) *"Peter and David – Diaconate training"*

Our Lady's Lamp (Blue) *"Pat – RIP"*