



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
Sunday 22nd December 2019, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year 'A'
Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Reader/s</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
TODAY Sun 22/12	Simon Hargreave (Ann)	Mass 10.30 am Welcomers: Gemma & Phoebe Rowlings	Andy Evans & Kristine Murray	Joe & Teresa Mallabone, Angela Spedding, Richard Hazeldine
Tues 24/12	The Parish	Carol Service 7.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass 8.00pm Welcomers: Jacqueline & Robert Hynes	Marie Wilcock & Sue Newsham	Sister Dominic Savio, Adrian Denye, Richard Hazeldine & William Whiteside
Wed 25/12	Freda & Christopher Cottam (Ann)	Christmas Day Mass 10.30am The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Welcomers: The Beacham Family	Mary Chesworth & Emma Riley	Emma Riley, David Pope, Anne Hayes & William Whiteside
<i>Sat</i> <i>28/12</i>	-	<i>No Mass, Confessions, Exposition or Rosary today</i>	-	-

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Sun 29/12	The Parish	Mass 10.30am Feast of the Holy Family Welcomers: Anne & Michael Hayes Baptism at mid-day	David Pope & Sue Newsham	Joe & Teresa Mallabone, Anne-Marie & Michael O'Malley
Wed 01/01	Harold & Doris Burns (Ann)	Mass 10.00am New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Mary Waddington	Emma Riley & Mary Waddington
<i>Sat</i> <i>04/01</i>	-	<i>No Mass, Confessions, Exposition or Rosary today</i>	-	-
Sun 05/01	The Parish	Mass 10.30am Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord Welcomers: The Beacham Family	Peter Rickards & Kristine Murray	Pauline Elston, William Whiteside, David Pope & Mary Waddington

St Joseph's Mass times:

Sunday 22nd: Mass at 9.15am & 5.05pm
 Tuesday 24th: Midnight Christmas Mass
 Wednesday 25th: 10.15am Christmas Mass
 Saturday 28th: Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
 Sunday 29th: Mass 9.15am & 5.05pm
 Saturday 4th: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
 Sunday 5th: Mass at 9.15am & 5.05pm.

Solemnities / Feasts / Memorial:

Mon 23: St John of Kanty. **Tue 24:** Christmas Eve Vigil
Wed 25: Solemnity Christmas Day. **Thurs 26:** St Stephen, First Martyr, Feast. **Fri 27:** St John, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast. **Sat 28:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast.
Wed 01: Solemnity Mary, Mother of God.
Thu 02 St Basil The Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church.

THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS 2 WEEKS. THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER ON SUN 29TH DEC.

RECENT COLLECTIONS:

8th December Offertory: **£845.19.**
 Further donations to 3 recent special collections: **£135.**
Last Week : Attendance 187. Offertory: £454.14.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK please continue to pray for - Joan Keefe, Ciro Buono, 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, Robin Upton, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Mamie Heyworth, Joan Woodcock, Iain Fair, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

Father David's Holy Communion visits will resume in the New Year.

SVP SUDAN APPEAL :

Following Deacon Michael's appeal on 1/12 regarding the ongoing humanitarian crises in Sudan, he mentioned particularly the **Baby Feeding Centres** where severely malnourished children are fed. It costs £1 a week to keep a baby alive, £52 to feed a child for a year - **EVERY GIFT, OF WHATEVER VALUE, WILL HELP THE SVP CONTINUE ITS LIFE-SAVING WORK.**

If you wish to donate cash, please hand your donations to either Deacon Michael or any member of the SVP. If donating by cheque, please make payable to **SVP TWINNAGE. Donations to date £1520.** This appeal remains open over Christmas (and through into January if necessary). *Sincere thanks to those who have already contributed.*

LATELY DEAD : Irene Brierley

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

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 W. Ashton, Stanislaus Chevsky, Mary Plumb, Kathleen Kyte, Marion Cross, Jeff Woodburn, John Donegan, Sr Fidelis CP, Jessie Hope, Sister Gemma CP, Simon Hargreave, George Smith, Mary Smith, John Blacoe, Lillian, Kelly, Theresa Corcoran, Alice Ingham, Colin Stoupe, Edward Flynn, George Harrison, Marian Smith, Michael Patten, Richard Southern, Hilda Sempers, Mary Anderton, Barbara Anderton, Sr McCarten, Frances Collings, Shelagh Phillips, Ron Smith, Josephine Fleming. *May they rest in peace.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:

"I am the Bread of Life ...this is the bread which comes down from heaven" John 6

We are delighted to announce that the list for young people wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 is OPEN!

Children in Year 3 at St Peter's will receive a letter through school. Other candidates are invited to collect a form from one of the catechists after Sunday Mass. Forms are to be completed and returned either to St Peter's school or to a catechist by **Wednesday 29th January 2020.**

Your catechists are:

Anne Hayes, Nickie Thackwray and Pauline Elston.

A special message to anyone who feels called to share their faith and so help prepare the children to receive this Sacrament, please have a chat with us.

Sanctuary Lamps Bookings:

Red/22.12.19 "Peter & David - Diaconate training" & "In loving memory".

Blue / Our Lady: "In loving memory of Joan Thornton".

Red/29.12.19 Both lamps are lit for "John & Audrey's 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Blue / Our Lady: "In thanksgiving for Nic & Sheila's Golden Wedding Year.

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

Responsorial Psalms and the responses are:

- 4th Sunday of Advent: **LET THE LORD ENTER! HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**
- Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: **TODAY A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US; HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.**
- Christmas Day Mass: **ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.**

A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks go to all who have helped prepare the church and the liturgy for Christmas; and for all your generous good wishes, cards, gifts and offerings. May you all have a happy and blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Ted Hudson, John & Veronica Wilson, Vernon Eccles, The Intentions of Wyn Byrne, John Worlsey, Tom & Monica Hindley, Tom & Peggy Worsley, Dec'd Members of the Hindley Family, Dec'd Members of the Worsley Family, Victor & Ellen Hayes, John & Donald Holt.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to the staff and residents at Brooklands House Care Home for their very generous donation to CAFOD.

**OUR OVERSEAS MISSION * VES * PERU *
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TROOPS. In November, when I sent the last batch of £2500 to Sister Maeve in VES, I asked her if she had a Wish-List for Christmas - this is her reply:

"This is a busy time especially for the Taytacos. We would like to give them all sorts of celebrations, a haircut, a food package which includes a Paneton and hot chocolate which they have at midnight on the 24th which I believe is a Spanish tradition. They all bring their child Christ to Mass at 9 o'clock on Christmas Eve to be blessed. In February we would like to take them to the Park for the day but we will see how it goes. Have a happy Christmas and lots of blessings in the coming New Year. Lots of love from Maeve."

It's great to see that Sister Maeve can do all that, plus the work she does already. Together, we really are making a difference to a lot of people. A ZILLION THANKS to all who support Our Overseas Mission and, *By The Way*, our Running Total will reach **£150,000** very soon. Watch this space!

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:

The 2020 edition of the Lancaster Diocesan Directory is available from William Whiteside, price £3.50 each.

Are you new to the Parish? If you are, St Peter's would like to warmly welcome you - please make yourself known to either - Father David Burns or Deacon Michael Harrison.