



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



FOR
 Sunday 23rd January 2022, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'C'
 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 23rd January	People of the Parish	Mass 10.30am
Monday 24th January	-	No Mass
Tuesday 25th January	-	<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Wednesday 26th January	Tom & Monica Hindley	Mass 9.00am
Thursday 27th January	Mary Brady RIP	Mass 9.00am
Friday 28th January	-	<i>Mass at St Joseph's 10.00am</i>
Saturday 29th January	Mattie Simpson RIP	Mass 10.00am (Confessions after Mass)
Sunday 30th January	People of the Parish	Mass 10.30am

St Joseph's Mass details:
 (Vigil) Mass at 6pm.
 Sunday 23rd January - Mass 9.15am & 5.05pm.
 Monday 24th January - No Mass.
 Tuesday 25th January - Mass 10.00am.
 Wednesday 26th January - Mass 9.00am at St. Peter's.
 Thursday 27th January - Mass 9.00am at St. Peter's.
 Friday 28th January - Mass 10.00am.
 Saturday 29th January - Mass 10.00 at St. Peter's.
 (Vigil) Mass at 6pm.
 Sunday 30th January - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.

This week's Feast & Memorials:
Mon: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial).
Tues: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle (Feast)
 (see overleaf).
(End of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity)
Wed: Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial).
Thurs: St. Angela Merici, Virgin.
Fri: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (Memorial).

TODAY IS SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

'Thank you'
 Collection Wednesday 12th January:- **£23.50.**
 Collection Sunday 16th January:- **£253.53.**
 Further donations:- Crib **£21.00.**
 Christmas **£120.00**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp:
"Our Schools and those in Education"
 &

Our Lady's Blue Lamp:
"Phoebe Rowlings"

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

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - If you would like to especially remember a loved one's anniversary, or perhaps thank Our Lord or Our Lady for a special favour received, both red lamps burn 24/7 next to Our Lord in the tabernacle and the blue lamp burns in front of Our Lady's beautiful statue 24/7. Bookings are from Sunday to following Saturday. Sue has spare dates for your bookings in her 2022 diary and is waiting to hear from you!

LATELY DEAD
MARTHA (Mattie) SIMPSON
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:
 Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Florence Kirelly, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Harold Thornton, Michael Golowicz, Frank Cottam, Brian Craig, Deacon Brian Burns, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
 In this Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th Jan), we pray for the survival and growth of the small Christian community in the Holy Land, which is threatened as many are driven to seek a more secure and prosperous life elsewhere. Like the light which is the child Jesus, the light of Middle Eastern Christianity is increasingly threatened in these difficult times. Despite this, efforts continue to maintain and build the Christian witness in the very cradle of our faith (see also our Crib Collection for *The Friends of the Holy Land*).

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:
Evelyn Novak RIP.
Mattie Simpson RIP.
Sr Patricia O'Neill SHCJ RIP,
Winifred McIntosh RIP.

HELP FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES:

Fylde Borough Council will be working in partnership with charity Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre to co-ordinate the collection of items needed to support Afghan refugee families. This will be done through the Home-Start shop at 135 St Alban's Road, St Annes, FY8 1UY. Items required are: nappies, children's books, children's clothing, sanitary products and toiletries. These can be dropped off at the shop when it is open Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm. Home-Start are looking for volunteers to help process and sort the items donated. If you would like to be involved, please see Sue Uttley at the shop, or contact Gill at the charity office on (01253) 728615 or at enquiries@homestartbfw.org.uk.

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE - January 25th

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of St. Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era. To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction and emotional character made his zeal develop into a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career. An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith and became an Apostle.

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Robert Lupton, Marie Brown, Mary Neall, Thomas Gill, John Boyle, Eric Jamieson, Clare Armer, John Wilding, Susan Hedley, Fergus Gerrard, Betty Parker, Robert Greaves, Nora Hynes, Joan Hobson, Charlotte Wilson, Father Tom Ward, Harold Cross, Edward Catterall, Father Stephen Cross, Norman Mather, Robert Barton, Esme Stimpson, Maureen Isherwood, Ciro Buono, Eddie Hollis. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Responsorial Psalm for 3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time *and the response is:***

**YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT, LORD,
AND THEY ARE LIFE.**

ONGOING REMINDERS:

CRIB OFFERINGS

Bishop Paul has asked that this year's crib offerings are for the benefit of Friends of the Holy Land (FHL).

FHL help the most deprived Christian families in the Holy Land, especially those living around Bethlehem. With no pilgrims and tourism since March 2020 and no government support to individuals or businesses, many families in and around Bethlehem have lost all of their income and are increasingly calling on FHL for help with day to day living. Please be as generous as you can be. Thank you.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP -

MESSAGE FROM GEMMA & PHOEBE

Gemma and Phoebe Rowlings are collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Bone Cancer Research Trust, who can turn them into vital funds for life saving research (1kg of stamps can fund 1 hour of research!). Please remember to leave a 1cm (or ½ inch) border around the stamps when cutting them from the envelope or parcels. There will be a collection point in the porch at Church. Please, help Gemma and Phoebe make a difference to the future of bone cancer research and treatment. And please spread the word - tell all your family and friends.

GIFT AID

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES Copies of the 2022 Lancaster Diocese Directory are available from Bill Whiteside, price £4.50p.

THE PIETY STALL is open each Sunday and offers a selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books and Prayer Books.

ANNE & PIA'S 'COLD WATER CHALLENGE'

for Cancer Research.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/annes-cold-water-challenge-giving-page>.

FOOD BANK:

To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home. Please also help with any spare toiletries you might not need.