



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 23rd April 2023, 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 22nd / 23rd April, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Roseanne Scott

Sun 23rd 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 23rd 10:30am St. Peter's Ken Hargreaves

Mon 24th 9am St. Peter's Brian Pendlebury followed by Exposition & Confessions

2.45pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Jean McCallister

Tues 25th 10am St. Joseph's Michai Kruszynski followed by Exposition & Confessions

Wed 26th 9am St. Peter's Andrew Towler

Thurs 27th 10am St. Joseph's David Perry

Fri 28th 10:30am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Margaret Brindle

Weekend 29th / 30th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

Sat 29th Wedding Service at St. Peter's 2pm

Sat 29th 6pm St. Joseph's Darren Yeates

Sun 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sunday 30th 10:30am St. Peter's Marion Wilson

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

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

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

WEDDING SERVICE

We ask God's Blessing on

Sarah Jayne Thornton & Dr. Anil Kumar Madan

Who will be married here in St. Peter's on Saturday 29th April at 2pm.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER. Throughout the whole of our fifty days of Eastertide our weekday readings are all taken from the Acts of Apostles. This fifth book of the New Testament was written by St. Luke and is essentially a sequel to his Gospel, beginning from the aftermath of the Ascension of Our Lord, with the Apostles all scared and unsure of their future in the familiar Upper Room, where they had first received Holy Communion at the Last Supper. We then have the huge explosion of power and glory that is the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and it's then the adventures really begin, and I use the word 'adventures' because Acts does read like a huge adventure novel, taking the Church from Jerusalem to Rome. This week alone the weekdays tell us about the preaching of Stephen, and how he becomes the first martyr; the story of Philip and the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch (who are mentioned in the blessing of motor cars), and the introduction of the character of Saul, and his conversion on the road to Damascus, becoming Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. It's rare that I suggest reading a book of the Bible from start to finish in one sitting as it were, but why not give the Acts of the Apostles a go this Eastertide?

NEXT WEEK on Sunday 30th at 10.30am Mass we celebrate the First Holy Communion of a group of our children. Please pray for them and their families in their last days of preparations, and let's look forward to celebrating with them and their families next week. The rest of the group will make their first reception of this great Sacrament at St. Joseph's on May 14th Continued thanks to our great team of Sacramental Catechists.

Fr. Philip's Big Walk for Aid to the Church in Need is now complete, and he would welcome sponsorship funds, which should be placed in envelopes clearly marked with your name and amount, and placed in the collection, or given to Fr. Philip or Fr. Peter. Huge thanks - and a big well done to Fr. Philip!

The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 20th to the 29th July 2023, under the leadership of Bishop of Lancaster Rt. Rev Paul Swarbrick. If anyone from our Parishes would be interested in going, please have a word with Fr. Peter, as I'm sure we can organise some funding and sponsorship. For bookings: info@joewalstours.co.uk or Freephone 0808 1890468

Personal Thanks from Fr. P, for the kind prayers and offerings over the Easter Season. God Bless you.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 16th April : **£466.00.**
Further donations: Holy Places: **£20.00.**
CAFOD: **£20.00.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes : There are still a few boxes of Offertory envelopes awaiting collection from the sacristy. If anyone who has changed from envelopes to standing order in the past year would like a 'mini' box of envelopes so that they can Gift Aid their special collections, please speak to Deacon Michael.

Flower Garden: We all need to do our bit to be more sustainable, so the "Flower Ladies" are going to plant a cut flower border around the front lawn at St. Peter's. They hope to be able to cut the various flowers and shrubs all year round to use for the Altar flowers. This will not only save us money in the long run, but it will stop us from buying flowers that have travelled half way across the world.

If you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost please see **Cath Powell or Pauline** or place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flower Garden' and hand it to **Deacon Michael**. Many thanks, Cath.

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.**

Responsorial Psalm for 3rd Sunday of Easter
and the response is:

"SHOW US, LORD, THE PATH OF LIFE"

**SUNDAY 7TH MAY -
CORONATION THEMED COFFEE MORNING**

Bakers of the Parish - please could I once again ask for some donations of your delicious goodies? All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to our lovely Rose Queen Elect Phoebe and her retinue. Many thanks, Ali Croft.

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

Doris O'Dwyer, John Bristow, Joe Hodgkinson, Betty Eaves, Alfred Green, Arthur Killiner, Joseph O'Connor, Stephen Wilkes, Mary Blacoe, Norman Miller, Boris Townsend, Sr. Juliana, Paddy Lenehan, Pat Benson, John Fallon, Dennis J. Gaskell, Ethel Cross, Vincent Burke, Mary Harris, Anita Walsh.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamp

"All those affected by rising cost of living"

Blue Lamp: "Phoebe"

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

Sue has lots of spare bookings in her diary so 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.

REMINDER:

If you need to book the Parish Hall for a meeting, coffee morning, etc. bookings must be made via William Whiteside 07754060246. Many thanks.