



**NEWSLETTER**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
 Parish Website [www.stpeterslytham.co.uk](http://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk)



Sunday 23rd July 2023, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747  
 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 22nd / 23rd July, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 22nd 6pm St. Joseph's Geoff Hogan

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

**Sun 23rd 10:30am St. Peter's Sr. Daphne Walker**

**Mon 24th 9am St. Peter's Michael Cross** followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Tue 25th 10am St. Joseph's Frank Kennedy followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

**Wed 26th 9am St. Peter's Tom and Peggy Worsley**

Thurs 27th 10am St. Joseph's Joan and David Holt

**Weekend 29th / 30th July - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Sat 29th 6pm St. Joseph's John Cockram Holdsworth

Sun 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's Fr. Frank Flynn

**Sun 30th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.** Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

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Provided we repent of our sins, God will be merciful. At the end of time on judgement day, however, Jesus will separate the good from the evil and the good will enter his Father's kingdom.

**1st Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19** - True children of God will be granted forgiveness when they repent.

**2nd Reading Romans 8:26-27** - The Holy Spirit expresses our plea when we cannot find the words to do so ourselves.

**Gospel Matthew 13:24-43** - Sinners will be found alongside the virtuous in the Church until judgement day.

**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:** And so our school children and teachers begin their well-deserved summer holiday, concluding with a very busy week involving a wonderful full school Mass in SP's on Wednesday morning, a brilliant Year 6 (with help from Year 5) production, and a final Assembly to say goodbye to pupils and teachers moving to pastures new. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful Primary School serving our two Parishes, with a staff which shows vision and energy in helping our young people to grow up to be the best they can be in so many different ways. They strive to make the Church and the teaching of the faith at the heart of the school, and, as anyone who has attended one of the weekly class masses will attest to, this shines out in our children. I would like to thank the staff for the support they have given me personally in the past year, not least in preparing our monthly children-led Sunday Masses, which are such a special part of our liturgical calendar. May the Summer be a time of refreshment and rest for them all, as we can all look forward to the blessings of a new year together in September. Incidentally, *one of our teachers is very friendly with twenty-five letters of the alphabet. She doesn't know why. I'll get my coat...*

**ST PETER'S GOVERNORS** would like to thank Mrs Gili-Ross and the whole school team for their dedication and hard work this year and congratulations to the staff and children on the excellent results in all areas. We hope everyone has a well-deserved, restful and fun summer break. God bless.

**TODAY :** There will be **NO** coffee morning after Mass due to a meeting taking place in the Parish Hall, however, next Sunday (30th) will be back to normal with coffee after Mass.

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**WANTED:**

**Volunteers to help in Saltcotes Catholic Cemetery,** cleaning, weeding, and strimming around graves. 1-2 hours a week. Can you help?

Please ring Austin between 5-7 on 01253 794817.

**Many thanks.**

**'Thank You'**

Envelopes received via SJ's: **£115.00.**  
 Collection Sunday 16th July: **£384.20.**

*Many thanks to all who contributed..*  
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**Reminder:**

**TODAY (23rd)** there will be a special collection for our Bishop's Good Shepherd Fund.

**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, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT  
CLEATOR ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. It is hoped to have a coachful from this Deanery. Bring your rosary beads together with waterproofs & food for the journey. Details of price & times at pickup points will be given later through your parish newsletter. All seats booked need to be PAID even if you have to cancel. Thank you for your support. *Rev David.*

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**TODAY (23rd)** St Peter's SVP members will be meeting in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in knowing more about joining the SVP will be very welcome.

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Last week we remembered the Lancashire Martyrs  
**and this week we remember the  
CUMBRIAN MARTYRS: Monday 24th July**

On this day we remember 10 martyrs who were born in the present county of Cumbria and who were all martyred elsewhere except Blessed Christopher Robinson who was born, worked and was martyred in Carlisle.

- St. John Boste*
- Blessed John Mason (layman)*
- Thomas Somers*
- James Duckett (layman)*
- Thomas Tunstall OSB*
- William Ward*
- John Duckett*
- Thomas Pickering OSB*
- Thomas Sprott*

*Blessed Christopher Robinson (Carlisle martyr)*

*We give thanks for the witness of the martyrs which always calls us to a life of strong and generous faith.*

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**Responsorial Psalm for  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and the response is:**

**"O LORD,  
YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING"**

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -**

**Red Lamps:** *"In loving memory of John Morrison"*

*&*

*"In loving memory of deceased members of the  
Craig & Parkinson family"*

**Our Lady's Blue Lamp:** *"Andy"*

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

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**FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Subject to there being sufficient interest and to raise funds for good causes within our two parishes, we are hoping to organise a Fantasy Football League for the forthcoming football season.

You can enter as many teams as you like and the cost of entry will be £20 per team. The prizes would be determined by the number of entrants.

The Premier League Season starts on August 11th, and so that we can assess the amount of interest, if you would like to take part, please email Alison Croft on **alison.croft@gmail.com** as soon as possible.

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

Canon Duffy, Agnes Barlow, Eileen Farrell, Catherine Eccles, Sarah Richardson, Annie Ogden, Jim Boardman, Marjorie Langley, Kathleen D. Hill, Jane Sinclair, Jim Bonney, Jim Sharples, Eleanor Park, Mary Watson, Geoffrey Holt, Father Joe Hothersall, Father John Hawkins, Sister May Jude CP, Sister Mary Campion CP, John & Isobel Morrison, Gabrielle Preston-Vos, Ron Marlow, John Phillips, Joanne Hughes. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

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**BBQ Plus!** Huge thanks to everyone involved in the organization, and everyone who came along, to last Saturday's festivities. Despite the damp weather a good time was had by all, and £442.33 was raised. Many blessings to you all.

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**Message from Edward Shakespeare**

Edward would like to thank everyone who has made a donation or supported his fund raising evening last week. He left Lytham for Lourdes on Thursday morning. He will remember you all in his prayers in Lourdes.

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**To book the Parish Hall,** please contact Bill Whiteside on 07754060246.