



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



FOR
 Sunday 24th January 2021, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'B'
 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 24th January	People of the Parish Mr Mrs North & Dec'd Family members	Public Mass at 10.30am Recorded Mass
Monday 25th January	No Mass	-
Tuesday 26th January	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 27th January	Frank Holland	Public Mass 9.00am
Thursday 28th January	Int's of Eileen Illingworth	Recorded Mass
Friday 29th January	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 30th January	Sr Mary Hilary Daly SHCJ RIP	Private Mass
Sunday 31st January	People of the Parish Special Intention	Public Mass 10.30am Recorded Mass

St Joseph's Mass details:
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**
 Sunday: 24th Jan - **Public Mass 9.15am.**
 Monday: 25th Jan - No Mass.
 Tuesday: 26th Jan - Recorded Mass - St. Joseph's Intention.
 Wednesday: 27th Jan - **No Mass at St Joseph's.**
 Thursday: 28th Jan - Recorded Mass.
 Friday: 29th Jan - Private Mass - St Joseph's Intention.
 Saturday: 30th Jan - Private Mass.
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**
 Sunday: 31st Jan - **Public Mass 9.15am.**

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

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11am
the Church is open for Private Prayer.

'Thank you'

Collection - Wednesday 13th Jan:- **£67.20.**
 Collection - Sunday 17th Jan:- **£147.50.**
Our thanks to all who contributed.

SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS
 (Red) *"RIP Dear Brother-in-Law"*
 (Blue) *"In Thanksgiving for my Dear Sister's Covid Recovery"*

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

SUDAN APPEAL UPDATE

The SVP's Twinnage Officer for the Lancaster Diocese, Damian Harden, has written to thank St Peter's parishioners for your wonderful response to the Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal. He estimates that with the Gift Aid added to some donations, the sum raised will feed **48** babies and young children for the next year. He adds that it is difficult to be exact about numbers because of currency fluctuations and severe inflation being experienced in South Sudan. Don't worry that your cheques have not yet been cashed - Damian has had his Covid vaccination and is now waiting the required two to three weeks for it to take effect before he ventures out to the post office to bank the cheques. The reality of life in 2021 !! *Deacon Michael*

News from the Vatican

On 21st January 2021, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorised the same Congregation to promulgate the Decree regarding the heroic virtues of the **Servant of God Mary Josephine of Jesus (née Elizabeth Prout), founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and of the Passion** of Our Lord Jesus Christ; born on 2 September 1820 in Shrewsbury, England, and died in Sutton, England on 11 January 1864. This means that Mother Mary Joseph is now Venerable Mother Mary Joseph of Jesus - Deo gratias! As the Sisters of the Cross and Passion have had such a long and fruitful association with the Church in Lytham, this is good news indeed. We should ask Mother Mary Joseph to intercede for all our needs, and pray that she will continue to advance along the road to sainthood. The next stage is beatification - for this we need lots of prayer, and a formerly recognised miracle!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Churches in Lytham Covenant Service.

The Covenant Service this year is being hosted by St Cuthbert's as the documents are passed on from St John's. As they are not holding congregational worship at present, the service will be streamed online on Sunday 24th January at 10am. The video will be available on the St Cuthbert's Lytham Youtube channel. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgh35yTMXdQAsda6BJAaUWw> to find it.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Patricia Sumner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

RECENTLY DECEASED - RALPH ROBERTS

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

*Ralph Roberts RIP
Mary O'Reilly (Ann)*

ANNIVERSARIES occurring about this time:

Rev. T. Ward, Peter F. Bamber, Eddie Hollis,
Maureen Isherwood, Esme Stimpson, Ciro Buono,
Emily Cherry.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH REGISTER

During this period of the Covid crisis, it has become clear that we do not have contact details for many of our parishioners, especially those who are not on the internet or social media. We are now trying to build up a register for the parish. This would be useful to keep in contact with people, and help keep them up to date with what is going on in the parish. The details would be kept securely and only made available to Fr David and one or two other parish members who would be responsible for keeping in touch and getting information out to people. If you wish to be in the register please contact Sue Shakespeare. The email address is info@stpeterslytham.co.uk. You can also phone her or bring in, or send in, your name address and contact number in a sealed envelope marked FAO Sue Shakespeare, and give it to a steward at church when you come to Mass.

ONGOING FOOD BANK REMINDER

If you wish 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.

CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE

25th January

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

St. Paul's account of his conversion:

"I was on that journey and nearly at Damascus when about midday a bright light from heaven suddenly shone round me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" I answered: Who are you Lord? and he said to me, "*I am Jesus the Nazarene, and you are persecuting me.*" The people with me saw the light but did not hear his voice as he spoke to me. I said: What am I to do Lord? The Lord answered, "*Stand up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told what you have been appointed to do*". The light had been so dazzling that I was blind and my companions had to take me by the hand; and so I came to Damascus."

A disciple called Ananias who lived in Damascus had a vision in which he heard the Lord say "*You must go to Straight Street and ask for someone called Saul*". When Ananias entered the house he laid his hands on Saul and immediately it was as though the scales fell away from Saul's eyes and he could see again. Saul's power increased steadily and he was able to throw the Jewish colony at Damascus into complete confusion by the way he demonstrated that Jesus was the Christ.

2021 Diocesan Directories

The 2021 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available and can be purchased (Price £4) from Bill Whiteside on Sundays.

Keeping Churches Open

The government's Places of Worship Task Force has been meeting. This group is comprised of representatives from faith communities, Public Health England and H.M. Government. Key points which the Catholic bishops reported include:

1. Health professionals' research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. At this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.
3. Those gathering for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the place of worship. They should disperse immediately.
4. Officials noted that keeping Covid-secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.

St Peter's will, therefore, remain open for worship for now, but we will continue to monitor the situation and, obviously, will follow any directives from the bishop or the government.