



NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 24th March 2024, Palm Sunday - Year 'B'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope - 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 23rd / 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Sat 23rd 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 23rd 6pm St. Joseph's Charles O'Neill Birthday Remembrance

Sun 24th 9:15am St. Joseph's James C. Donavan

Sun 24th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

plus: St. Peter's 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon 25th 9am St. Peter's Kathleen Leeming followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

plus 7pm St. Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tues 26th 10am St. Joseph's Ints of Philip Hindle followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm St. Joseph's

Wed 27th 9am St. Peter's William and Mary Murray

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 28th 7pm St. Peter's Patricia Conroy

Good Friday 29th St. Peter's 10am Stations of the Cross

3pm St. Peter's Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord

3pm St. Joseph's Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord

6pm St. Joseph's Prayers Around Calvary outside St. Joseph's

Weekend 30th / 31st March - Easter Sunday

Sat 30th 7pm St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sun 31st 9.15am St. Joseph's Hazel Barnes

Sun 31st 10:30am St. Peter's Deceased of the O'Dea Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

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

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037

This Week's Readings: Triumph, joy, popularity and praise, followed by betrayal, rejection, suffering and death. In this week of weeks we accompany Christ as his disciples – his followers – as he walks to embrace his cross, which has become the tree of life for us.

Gospel for the Procession Mark 11:1-10 – In fulfilment of ancient prophecy and deep longings, the Messiah enters the city to bring his people lasting peace.

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 – The one who suffers insult and rejection continues to place his trust in God.

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11 In this hymn of praise, Paul encourages us to have the same mind as Christ, who, though divine, committed himself totally in obedience to the Father's will.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 The Passion of Christ – the immense love of God for us.

Message from Fr. Peter: Well together we have celebrated a wonderful Lent with so many people taking to the opportunities for Stations of the Cross, our Lenten Talks, and times of Prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and availing themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. We now complete Lent with the most wonderful, powerful week in the Church's Liturgical year. From waving our Palms this weekend, we have an opportunity to truly celebrate the events of Maundy Thursday at St. Peter's at 7pm with a Mass that firstly follows closely The Last Supper as recorded in John's Gospel, with the washing of the Disciples Feet leading to our time in Gethsemane with Jesus as we watch the Blessed Sacrament till 10pm. Good Friday gives us several opportunities in both our Churches to witness to the love of Christ in his greatest salvific act on the cross, before a great Service of Light as we celebrate the Resurrection, beginning with the Vigil at St. Peter's at 7pm on Saturday and then (having put our clocks forward an hour), joyfully celebrate Easter Sunday Morning. It's such a beautiful week. Please make an extra special effort to join us in these greatest of celebrations, noting the time and place of our services this year. May God bless us this Passion and Easter Tide.

HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. PETER'S 2024

Palm Sunday 24th March: St. Joseph's 6pm Sat Vigil Mass, Sun St. Joseph's 9:15am, St. Peter's 10:30am.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday St. Joseph's 5pm - 5.50pm, Sunday St. Peter's 4pm-5pm.

Monday 25th: St. Peter's 9am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 10am.

St. Peter's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm. (Continued overleaf)

Tuesday 26th: St. Joseph's 10am Mass, followed by Confessions & Exposition till 11am.
St. Joseph's: Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm.

Spy Wednesday 27th: St. Peter's 9am Mass.

Maundy Thurs 28th : St. Peter's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper led by our *First Holy Communion Children* with *Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession* and watching until 10pm with **Night Prayer of the Church at 9:50pm.**

Good Friday 29th : Stations of the Cross St. Peter's 10am.

Ansdell Churches Together Service 10am outside the charity shop on Woodlands Road.

St. Joseph's 3pm & **St. Peter's 3pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion** of the Lord.

Prayers around Calvary: Outside at St. Joseph's 6pm.

Holy Saturday 30th: St. Peter's - 7pm Easter Vigil & Service of Light.

Easter Sunday 31st: St. Joseph's 9:15am Easter Sun Morning Mass **St. Peter's 10:30am** Easter Sunday Morning Mass.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 17th March:- **£484.50.**

Thanks to all who contributed.

Reminders:

Good Friday (29th) - Collection for the Holy Places and

31st March we remember Fr. Frank Flynn RIP who died in 2023.

Offertory Envelopes - The new issue of Offertory Envelopes, which come into use on the 7th April, are available for collection from the sacristy. If you have recently changed from envelope giving to Standing Order, but would like to continue to Gift Aid your special collection donations, please ask Deacon Michael for a box of 'Special Collection Only' envelopes. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Advance Notice - Social Event

10th April 7pm in SP's Parish Hall - Family Bingo.

All proceeds made on night will go towards Club Day.

More details & tickets to follow shortly.

Safeguarding: Due to new Safeguarding Practices within the Catholic Church, our parish safeguarding representatives are required to ensure that parishioners undertaking ANY ROLE within our two parishes are listed. Over the next few weeks a Safeguarding Representative will be at the back of the church after Mass to take your details. Thank you for your help. If you need to contact us: St. Peter's Teresa Mallabone 07843151914; St. Joseph's Margaret Gregory 07711698195, Kelly Godden 07932048793. *(And huge thanks to these people who organise this for us. Fr. P.)*

Book Launch: As part of the Centenary Celebrations of the Diocese, Dr. Paul Severn has written a book entitled 'The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster' to be launched at Boarbank Hall, Grange over Sands LA11 7NH on Tuesday 9th April 2024 with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul and lunch. To book a place, please email: p.severn@freeuk.com

First Holy Communion 2024:

This week at St. Peter's on Monday at 6pm the children will make the First Reconciliation and rehearse for the Maundy Thursday Mass.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Fr. Peter's Lenten Boat & Saxophone Challenge:

All sponsorship is welcome to raise £850 per boat to buy boats for Fr. Victor in Malawi. Box at the back of each Church. Ear plugs will be provided for next weekend's services

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

Dora Hyslop, Edwin Lloyd, Hilda Taylor, Ted Fahey, Thomas Barker, Eileen Dummigan, David Pownall, Fr. Anthony Quinn, Ellen Houghton Eccles, George Hindle, Mable O'Kane, William Hargreaves, Sheila Ashton, Ann Houston, Patrick Quinlan, Eileen Sharples, Hilda Callon, Phyllis Tierney, Margaret Lee, John Harrison, Don O'Toole, Robert Newsham, Janet Lawrenson, Kathryn Carter, Fr. John Gornall.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:

"In loving memory of Bayne Spedding"
and "Chris - Training for Ministry" - B.

Our Lady's Lamp:

"Prayers for Keith & Pauline Gowers.

Sue has room in her diary for new bookings. To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

Spectacles:

Do you have any spectacles lurking at the back of a drawer? If so, would you please donate them, so they can be collected by a charity for people in the Ukraine in the midst of war. Any glasses: reading, distance, bi-focal, and cases if you have them are most welcome, and can be placed in the box at the back of Church. Many thanks in anticipation.

Responsorial Psalm for Palm Sunday

and the response is:

**"MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"**

