



# NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 24th September 2023, 25th 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 23rd / 24th September, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 23rd 6pm St. Joseph's Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

Sun 24th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 24th 10:30am St. Peter's Intentions of Deacon William, Dorothy & Emma**  
**Mon 25th 9am St. Peter's Dennis O'Brien** followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am  
Tues 26th 10am St. Joseph's John Scally followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11.00am

**Wed 27th 9am St. Peter's Alan Hesketh Birthday Remembrance**

Thurs 28th 10am St. Joseph's Albion Gee

## Weekend 30th Sept / 1st Oct - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 30th Sept 6pm St. Joseph's Michael Wren Hilton

Sun 1st Oct 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sunday 1st October 10:30am St. Peter's Isobel Morrison**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition this week.**

**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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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS:** We are called by name to be heralds of the kingdom of God. Today the Lord challenges our understanding of generosity, inviting us to make God's ways our ways and God's thoughts our thoughts.

**1st Reading Isaiah 55:6-9** - God's ways are as high above our ways, as the heavens are above earth.

**2nd Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27** - Avoid anything in daily life that is unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Gospel Matthew 20:1-16** - The parable of the vineyard teaches us the radical inclusiveness of God's kingdom where the first will be last and the last will be first.

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:** Several of the Prefaces to the Eucharistic prayers at mass conclude, '...with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the host and powers of heaven...'. Well, this Friday, 29th we have the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. St. Michael's name means 'one who is like God' and he is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of sick and dying. St. Gabriel, whose name means 'strength of God' announced both the birth of St. John the Baptist to Zechariah, and that of Jesus Christ to Mary at the Annunciation, and also to the Shepherds, giving us the 'Angelic Salutation'. And St. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals' took care of Tobias (the biblical figure, not the presbytery cat) on his journey as described in the book of Tobit. He is patron Saint of the blind, travellers, and physicians and nurses. So that's the Archangels, what about the rest? Well 'the rest'; are other categories of angels, of which there are actually nine, divided into three: the Highest, Seraphim (closest to god), Cherubim (the noble), Thrones (who watch over the cosmos); the Middle, Dominions (which govern earthly nations), Virtues (governing blessings and miracles, and those struggling with faith), and Powers (those first created, who watch how earthly power is used); and the lowest, Principalities (concerned with earthly authority), Archangels, and finally all other hosts of Angels, including our beloved Guardian Angels. Jesus said, 'I tell you, there is rejoicing in presence of the Angels of God over one sinner who repents.' Let's give all those Angels plenty of cause for rejoicing! In other news, After God created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness, one of the angels asked him, 'What are you going to do now?' God said, 'I think I might just call it a day'. I'll get my coat. And my wings.

### 'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 17th September : **£397.60.**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: **£130.50.**

*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

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**TODAY (24th) Special Collection for**  
**Bishop's Administration Fund**  
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### Special Days this week:

Wed 27th - Memorial: **St. Vincent de Paul** & Fri 29th :  
**FEAST : SS. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels.**

### The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Paul will be coming to our Parishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation on November 21st at 7pm at St. Peter's.** The Sacrament is open to young people from Year 7 and above and if you wish to find out more and enrol for the Sacramental Course beginning in October, **please see Father Peter or Deacon David for an application form THIS WEEKEND.**

**MESSAGE FROM GEMMA & TRISH**

After 60 years of work across the NHS and at Stella Matutina Care Home, Patricia has decided to hang up her uniform for the final time. To mark this milestone in her life, she would like to invite you to celebrate with her **after Mass on Sunday 21st October** for coffee and cake in the church hall. *Everyone is welcome.*

**The Ecumenical Season of Creation** has begun and lasts until October 4th. Pope Francis encourages: 'in this Season of Creation, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.' To tie in with this, the Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am - 3.00pm at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. For further information contact Sue Grubic on

**ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417**

**Eco-Theology:** following Pope Francis' call for us to all think about how we could go about to avoid sins against creation, in this **Season of Creation** it's been suggested that people are welcome to bring their own travel cups to use for tea and coffee after Mass. A small, but positive gesture!.

**Message from Chris McIndoe**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 6th October 2023**

Imagine if our homes were flooded and our families were getting sick. This Harvest, we are learning about Dr. Nasha's amazing mobile medical clinic, and how she got life-saving help to where it was most needed after the Pakistan floods. Your support will ensure families and communities can continue to get expert help when they need it most.

Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**All donations will be very much appreciated.**

**Cockroach Race Night!** A Parishes Get-Together NEXT Saturday **30th Sept 2023, 7pm in SJ's Church Hall. £5 entrance, which includes supper. Tickets are limited so please get them early!** Drinks bar available on night at discounted prices. Tickets available after Masses - **ST PETER'S parishioners - speak to Gemma on 07918027632** for more information.

**The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter: Monday at 7pm in SJ's Church Hall this week** for the last rehearsal before the premier performance at the Race Night. New members welcome! No musical experience necessary (or preferable).

**Sanctuary Lamp Booking -**

**Red Lamp: "In loving memory of Ian Spedding"**

To avoid disappointment, especially in the run up to Christmas, if you have any anniversaries or wish to thank Our Lord or Our Lady for any prayers answered (or perhaps needed) please get in touch with Sue with your booking. To book, email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

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

Fr. Michael Turner, John J. Haythornthwaite, Rosaleen Brundrett, Peter Newsham, Sandra Knowles, Frank Baines, Tom Anderton, John Blacoe, Sr. Joanna, CP., Helen Conway, Mary Flynn, Danny Bowes, Derrick Smith, Joseph V. Cox, Mary Earnshaw, Ann Barton, Gerald Moss, Ken Woods, Gerry Lee, Dennis O'Brien, Brian Clarke. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

*Please also remember 21 year old Harrison Bretherton who tragically died after a car crash on 14th Sept. RIP*

**Message from Pete & Ellen Rickards  
FOOD BANK RETURNS JULY/AUGUST 2023**

St. Cuthbert's:

10/07: £200 + 35kg food.

19/07: 35kg food.

Blackpool Food Bank:

26/07: 15.74kg food.

02/08: 11.34kg food.

09/08: 11kg food.

17/08: 15.34kg food.

21/08: 7.4kg food.

Due to school holidays, we were unable to continue with St. Cuthbert's so we went to Blackpool Food Bank. We have now resumed our deliveries to St. Cuthbert's but we have not included them in this Return as they occurred in Sept. **There have been some magnificent donations considering it has been holiday time so many thanks to everyone who has donated. Ellen & Pete.**

**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, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Susan Walder, Winefred Byrnes, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

**Responsorial Psalm for  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and the response is:  
"THE LORD IS CLOSE  
TO ALL WHO CALL HIM"**