



# NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 25th February 2024, 2nd Sunday in Lent - 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 24th / 25th February - 2nd Sunday in Lent**

Sat 24th 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 24th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 25th 9:15am St. Joseph's Richard Smith

**Sun 25th 10:30am St. Peter's Sister Helen Forshaw plus 4 - 5pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Mon 26th 9am St. Peter's Birthday Intentions followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am**

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

Tues 27th 10am St. Joseph's Vincent Moss followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm

**Wed 28th 9am St. Peter's Thomas & Annie Ainsworth plus Lenten Talk 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

12 noon St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Patricia Conroy

Thurs 29th 10am St. Joseph's Dennis & Jean Dagger

11.30am St. Joseph's Funeral Service for Sheila Mary Hulme

Friday 1st March 2pm St. Joseph's Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Mary Mangelson

7pm St. Joseph's Service of Reconciliation with Individual Confession

## **Weekend 2nd / 3rd March - 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Sat 2nd March 5-5:50pm St. Joseph's Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 2nd 6.00pm St. Joseph's Rose Scott

Sun 3rd 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 3rd March 10:30am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth plus 4-5 pm Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**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**

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**This Week's Readings:** We celebrate the Eucharist, committing ourselves to Jesus to be set free from sins that entrap us.

**1st Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18** - Abraham trusted God even when he was called to sacrifice his only son.

**2nd Reading Romans 8:31-34** - St. Paul explains that since God loved us enough to let his own Son die for us, no one can condemn those that God has chosen.

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10** - We gather to hear the word of God and draw near to the table of life to believe the Good News.

**Message from Fr. Peter:** Last Wednesday our Lenten talk was about the Liturgical Year, a reminder that from Advent in December to Feast of Christ the King in November we have a whole year of colourful Feasts and Celebrations, which use all the sense to bring us closer to God through our acts of worship. This Liturgical Cycle is celebrated through the whole world helping to make us a truly catholic, universal Church. The Purple of Advent and Lent help us to prepare for Christmas and Easter respectively, solemn seasons, yet filled with hope and longing and expectation. The white and gold of Christmastide and Eastertide give us the most joyful times of the Church's year - with the whole Church echoing this joy with candles, banners and flowers. And the white and gold extends to other Feasts, such as the Holy Trinity. In Eastertide too we read the whole of the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke's follow up to his Gospel which gives us the glorious story of the beginnings of the Church. Whilst the red colour symbolises the martyrdom of the Saints, the red colour also stands for the Holy Spirit, and all the gifts this third member of the Trinity brings to us. Whilst the green of 'Ordinary' times gives us the opportunity to closely follow nearly the whole of the Bible over the three-year Sunday and two year weekday cycle of readings. And the Liturgical Year also celebrates our Blessed Mother - beginning with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, right through to the Solemnity of the Assumption in the middle of August. So there we have it. One great pageant of mystery and celebration, raising our hearts and minds to God, through Christ Our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
*Emily Charlotte McINDOE &*  
*Mahmoud Elhibir ABUSIN*  
who were married  
here in St. Peter's last Friday.

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**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 18th February:- **£469.10.**

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

## **Hail Holy Queen.**

During Lent our Marian Prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers each Day will be the Hail Holy Queen. In case you need the words: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Meeting for Parents (not the children) for those who have registered, this Monday 26th in St. Peter's Hall at 6pm.

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This year's "**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**" will be hosted by St. Annes United Reform Church in St. Annes, Clifton Drive. **Friday 1st March 2024 at 2pm.** The Service this year has been prepared by a group of Christian Women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, administered and died, where the Christian Faith began. Women and men welcome.

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**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

If we are to continue having tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass, we urgently need more people to volunteer to make this happen. The more people who volunteer, the easier it is for everyone, as your turn will come round less frequently. If you are able to help please put your name against the date(s) of your choice on the notice board list located near the kitchen door in the hall.

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**First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick:  
This Friday 1st March at 2pm at St. Joseph's.**

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**Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for  
Individual Confession.**

There will be a short prayer service, followed by several priests offering individual confession and absolution.

**This Friday 1st March at 7pm at St. Joseph's.**

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**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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

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**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:**

This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can give using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Many thanks for envelopes so far received: please place in collection or the boxes in the porch.

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**Social Event - St. Patrick's Day Party:**

Supper, bar, quiz, sing-a-long,  
the SJSP ukulele orchestra, and lots of fun.

**St. Joseph's Hall, Sunday 17th March 6pm-9pm  
(early as its a school night!)**

Tickets Adults £6, Juniors £3 available after Masses.

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**ST. PETER'S CHOIR** - Do you enjoy singing? No audition required!! We need more choir members. Come and see us upstairs any Sunday - occasional short practises after Mass.

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**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp:**

*"All those in hospital, the hospice and nursing homes"*

**Our Lady' Lamp: "Emily and Mahmoud"**

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

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**Lent 2024 at St. Peter's & St. Joseph's**

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturdays in Lent at SJ's 5pm - 5.50pm and

**Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm** (on certain weeks confession will be available in this hour: details as advertised each week).

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction:**

**Mondays SP's at 7pm & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm.**

On Fridays there is Mass at Star of the Sea St. Annes at 9:30am followed by Stations of the Cross at 10am.

**Lenten Talks Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for individual confession on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm at St Joseph's.****

Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession continues at the usual weekday times.

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**CAFOD LENTEN CHALLENGE**

Message from Chris McIndoe

**Are you looking for a different Lenten challenge this year?...**

...Why don't you join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk? The aim is to walk approximately 5km per day for 40 days of Lent and raise money to help people fight against poverty.

You don't have to walk the full 5km every day - SP's & SJ's are joining together as a team so any contributions, however big or small, will be appreciated both in steps and donations. See notice board for more details or contact Chris McIndoe.

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**Please pray** for all who have died recently -

*Patricia Conroy & Sheila Mary Hulme*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Canon Parker, Monica Tomlinson, William Eccles, William Turner, Thomas Ainsworth, Selina Shaw, Monica Lang, John Fuller, Eileen Hollis, John Dowling, Eddie McCarthy, Bernard Antoine, Barbara Colwell, Christopher Sheerin, Bridie Foy, Marion Rothney, Rev. B. Monaghan, Rev. J. Danson, Moira Linden-Adams, Alan Clark, Esther Hogan, Gertrude E. Howard, Gerald Greenwood, Margaret Hayes, Thomas & Annie Ainsworth, Jean Dagger, Elizabeth Hardman (nee Newsham), Paddy (Patrick) Sumner. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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**Responsorial Psalm for**

**2nd Sunday in Lent and the response is:**

***"I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE  
LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING"***

