



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



Sunday 26th February 2023, 1st Sunday in Lent - Year 'A'  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 25th /26th February, First Sunday in Lent**

Sat 25th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Richard Sisson

Sun 26th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 26th 10:30am St. Peter's John and Veronica Wilson**

**Mon 27th 9am St. Peter's Thomas & Annie Ainsworth ( NO Confessions with Exposition )**

*9.30 Lytham Crematorium Service for Michael Joseph O'Neil*

**7.00pm St Peter's Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

Tues 28th 10am St. Joseph's Joan Green ( NO confessions with Exposition )

*11:45pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Declan Almond*

7.00pm St Joseph's Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**Wed 1st March 9:00am St. Peter's Margaret Baldwin**

**12 Noon St Peter's Requiem Mass for Olive Shepherd**

Thurs 2nd 10am St. Joseph's Christopher Codley *followed by the Holy Rosary*

**12 Noon St Peter's Requiem Mass for Ken Hargreaves**

**Weekend 4th/5th March Second Sunday of Lent**

Sat 4th 6:00pm St. Joseph's Charles O'Neil

Sun 5th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 5th 10:30am St Peter's Margaret & Tony Denye**

**Please note that due to morning funeral services there is no sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.** However, Fr Peter will be in church for half an hour before Mass on

Monday and Tuesday and available for Confession.

Confessions also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

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**LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PETER'S**

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:** St. Peter's Every Mon evening at 7pm, St. Joseph's Every Tues evening at 7pm.

**Lent Sycamore Course:** What do you Believe? All Welcome to further our Faith in this Holy Season. Every Wednesday in Lent at 7.00pm in St Peter's Parish Hall.

**The Holy Rosary** Every Thursday 10.30am after Mass at St Joseph's

**1st Sunday in Lent** - Today the Church gathers together to begin the spiritual journey of Lent. With the Lord we enter the desert, there to confront the evil one and to seek the face of God.

**1st Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7** – God created the world for us, and we fell from grace.

**2nd Reading Romans 5:12-19** – Paul describes our fall in Adam and our restoration in Jesus.

**Gospel Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus is tested by Satan. In overcoming the evil one, Jesus opens the way to salvation.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER:** If you pop into the presbytery at all during these weeks you will notice that scattered around are lots of crumpled pieces of paper. Having trouble writing my sermons? Nope, The crumpled paper overflowing the wastebasket means that I have begun the Lenten origami challenge, in which, for your sponsorship (many thanks in anticipation) I intend to make a different origami piece every day of Lent (two, actually, one for each Church). The first piece that I made was the traditional Japanese Crane, which in particular relates to a story about a young Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki. Ten years after the atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, its' Leukaemia inducing effects were still being felt, and one victim was Sadako. Wishing to get well, she decided to follow the Japanese tradition of making 1000 paper cranes, a symbol of loyalty, vigilance and good works, which legend said would grant her prayer. She died having made 644 cranes, and so her classmates decided to complete her challenge, and in doing so raised enough money to build a statue in her honour, and for all the children effected by the atomic bombs. The statue now stands in the Peace Park in Hiroshima, which portrays Sadako and her golden crane. Before she died, Sadako wrote, '*I will write Peace on your wings and you will fly around the world*', and Sadako's cranes have most definitely done that, with millions of children every year sending folded paper cranes to Hiroshima, as they learn about the ongoing effects of war and violence. Perhaps during Lent we could echo the words on the base of Sadako's statue: *This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world*'. My origami challenge continues, but it's small fry compared with the bigger challenges out there. But if we all do the smallest thing, like Sadako's paper cranes, much bigger things can happen. On a lighter note, in other news, '*did you hear the joke about Origami? It would have you in creases. There used to be an Origami shop in Lytham, but it folded*' I'll get my coat...

**The Stations of the Cross:** This week we will pray the traditional Stations of the Cross attributed to St Alphonsus, an eighteenth century Italian Bishop, who founded the Redemptorist religious order. St Alphonsus asks us to 'consider' each station, to take a moment to picture the event taken place, with particular regards to the sorrow and pain of Jesus and his mother, as well as the misunderstanding and bitterness of those persecuting Christ. In asking us to experience the pain of Mary and Jesus, we thus also experience guilt and sorrow for our part in the crucifixion, grateful for the salvation Christ achieved for us through the events they portray.

**The Most Holy Rosary:** Every Thursday during Lent the Rosary will be prayed **after 10am Mass**. All are welcome after Mass to celebrate this great devotion, which Our Lady herself on numerous appearances has asked us to pray for the world (*Please note there is no Midday Rosary at this time*).

**Lent Sycamore Course; What do you believe?** Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation He offers in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. All are welcome. **Starting Wednesday 1st March 7pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Lytham.**

**Today** at our Sunday Masses we welcome our **First Holy Communion Candidates**, who are being enrolled for this important sacramental step on their journey of faith. Please keep them and their catechists, in your prayers.

**The World Day of Prayer** service this year will be held **this Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00pm at St Joseph's**, with refreshments in the hall after the service. The theme 'I have heard about your faith' has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. Let us join them in prayer along with over 120 countries around the world. **Please come to welcome fellow Christians from local churches.**

**Pancake Celebration:** Many thanks to everyone of all ages who came along from both Parishes to enjoy a lovely evening, with some great food, and to all those who organised the lovely evening, especially our expert pancake tossers ! Cheers !

### 'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 19th February: **£469.60**

**CAFOD Turkey -Syria Appeal £720.60**

*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT 2023

This coming Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March is CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Chris McIndoe will be giving a short talk at the end of Mass today and Family Fast Envelopes are available as you leave church. There are many calls on our charity at present, but please be as generous as you can to those less fortunate than ourselves. Envelopes will be collected as you leave church over the next two Sundays. **Thank you**

### SICK & CARE HOME VISITING FOR THE PARISH

Fr. Peter has asked the parish SVP group to re-organise this important ministry, especially in the new situations we find ourselves in after Covid. If you think you could help by visiting someone who is sick or housebound, please let an SVP member know. Someone will be in the porch after Mass for the next 2 weeks.

Also, if you know anyone that would like a visit from the parish, please provide their details, or email [stpsvp2023@gmail.com](mailto:stpsvp2023@gmail.com) The SVP will arrange a meeting asap to provide more information. Thanks & take care.

**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, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

### CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for your most generous response to last Sunday's appeal. You kindly gave the magnificent sum of **£720.60**. May God bless you all.

### Bingo Evening

Due to unforeseen circumstances we need to change the Bingo evening from the 9<sup>th</sup> March to the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. More details of this event to follow.

### Food Bank

Deliveries to St Cuthbert's of :

30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 11.6kg

7<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9.9kg

**MESSAGE FROM FR PHILIP NEWBOLD** a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area.

He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support "Aid to the Church in Need" (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him, you can sponsor him on line at: [www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?](http://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?)

**OR** sign the sponsor form to be found in the church porch and he will arrange collection after Easter. **Thank you.**

**THE BIG LENT WALK 2023** - Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a team of parishioners: Chris, Daisy, Kathy, Gretta, Lise, Anne, Trish, Pat, Sue and our resident super stepper Fr. Peter, will be walking 5km per day. Every £1 raised will help CAFOD to be there for people fighting extreme poverty globally. You can sponsor us, and follow our progress on the web page:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stpeterslytham>

Alternatively, there will be a sponsor form at the back of church. **Many thanks for your support and prayers.**

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

Gerard Hayes, Mary Cardwell, Phyllis Casner-Walmsley, Harold Hayworth, Dolly Parkinson, Evelyn Wright, Fr. John Moxham, Mary Cross, Marion Fisher, Eric J Tierney, Roy Fox, John Whiteside, Irene Cookson, Moira Wilson, Gerard Keefe, Peter Worden, Connie Bolton, Maureen McCarthy, Bernard McKearnan, Hilda O'Connor, Kathleen Murphy, Susan Middlehurst, Thomas & Annie Ainsworth, Jean Dagger, Elizabeth Hardman, Patrick Sumner, Terry Mundy, Geoff Makinson, John Adamson. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions -

**Red Lamp** "Victims of the Turkey-Syria Earthquakes"

**Blue Lamp** "Phoebe"

To book, email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk) (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp. Sue is taking bookings for this year.

### Responsorial Psalm for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

*and the response is:*

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory**

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