



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR

Sunday 26th March 2023, 5th 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 March, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sat 25th 6:00pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 26th 9:15am St. Joseph Greta Nickson

Sun 26th 10:30am St. Peter's Stanley Hartley

Mon 27th 9.00am St Peter's John Harrison followed by *Confessions and Exposition until 10.00am*

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

Tues 28th 10am St. Joseph's Thomas & Mary Gibson followed by *Confessions & Exposition until 11.00am*

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

Wed 29th 9:00am St Peter's Ken Hargreaves

12.30pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Deborah Warner

Thurs 30th 9.00am Carleton Crematorium Service for Kathleen Agnes Picton

Thurs 30th 10am St Joseph's Bayne Spedding followed by *the Holy Rosary*

Weekend 1st /2nd April Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses

Sat 1st 6:00pm St Joseph's Don O'Toole

Sun 2nd 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 2nd 10:30am St Peter's Macauley Campbell

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week.

Monday 9.30-10.00am at St Peter's, Tuesday 10.30-11.00am at St Joseph's

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

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: Video & Discussion 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

5th Sunday in Lent: Jesus Christ is the resurrection and our life; may we look forward to the day when Christ will give renewed life to our mortal bodies.

1st Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14: Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises us resurrection through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-11 Paul tells the Romans about their risen life with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel John 11:1-45 Jesus shows his human compassion and divine power by raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER: Last week we received a letter from the Bishop announcing that permission was given to minister Communion from the Chalice once again, starting on Maundy Thursday, if it was felt to be desirable, safe, and could be carried out with suitable dignity, at the discretion of individual Parish Priests. As some of you will know I have been trying to canvas opinion on the subject over the last week or so from any groups of people I have been meeting with (including two doctors, and also a nurse I met at Clifton Hospital, after she had informed me that I could not go into two of the wards because they were closed because of Covid). By far the majority were not in favour of bringing back Holy Communion from the Chalice just yet. At the Deanery Conference, the monthly meeting of the priests of this Deanery (the 'Kirkham' Deanery, which is all the churches from Kirkham, round through Freckleton to St Annes), there was general consensus that firstly, when and if Holy Communion under both kinds begins again it should be brought in by all our parishes at the same time, and so secondly, we would not be offering Communion from the Chalice just yet, although the situation would be periodically reviewed. So that's where we are; no matter what you might see or hear elsewhere, in this Deanery Communion will remain under one kind at the moment. The biggest miracle in all this is that the group of priests actually came to some agreement about something. I guess that must be the first miracle of Easter.... Speaking of which, *during the priest's conference I took the opportunity to go to confession. For a penance the priest prescribed a circuit of crunches, leg lifts and sit-ups for the guilt I confessed about neglecting my stomach muscles during workouts. And thus I finally received my abs solution. I'll get my coat.....*

The Stations of the Cross: This week our meditations on the Stations of the Cross are dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The introduction to the prayers tells us that *'The Church teaches us that those gone before us might, in Purgatory, undergo a process of purification.... by praying and making sacrifices for the Holy Souls, you have the power and privilege to help them on their journey....in truth their gratitude will bring you countless blessings'* I find these Stations particularly beautiful, and most definitely food for thought. **Monday 7.00pm at St Peter's, Tuesday 7pm at St Joseph's.**

Easter Triduum: Following the Bishop's instructions for our celebrations, and the liturgical norm of the Easter Triduum being one complete service, this year the Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday Service will take place in one of our Churches. There are areas in the diocese now where up to six Churches only have one Triduum (including South Blackpool, where three churches have only one). This year the Triduum will take place at St Joseph's, with St Peter's hosting the Triduum next year. Due to the numbers involved, I have been advised to have a Good Friday Service in both churches, as well as Stations of the Cross in both churches on Good Friday. Members of both churches are invited to take part in all services, with readers and singers all invited. If anyone needs transport from St Peter's to St Joseph's this will be organised nearer the time. Many thanks for your support and understanding. The full timetable is overleaf.

HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST PETER'S 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April St Joseph's 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday St Joseph's 9.15am, St Peter's 10.30am

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

Monday 3rd April: St Peter's 9.00am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition until 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm – 6.55pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm
Tuesday 4th April St Joseph's 10.00am Mass, followed by Confessions and Exposition until 11.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm to 6.55pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm

Spy Wednesday 5th April St Peter's 9.00am Mass

Maundy Thursday 6th April St Joseph's 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, led by our First Holy Communion Children from SJ's & SP's with Washing of the Feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession and watching until 10.00pm with Night Prayer of the Church at 9.50pm.

Good Friday 7th April Stations of the Cross St Peter's 10.00am and St Joseph's 7.00pm

St Joseph's 3.00pm and St Peter's 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 8th April St Joseph's 7.00pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light

Easter Sunday 9th April St Joseph's 9.15am Easter Sunday Morning Mass, St Peter's 10.30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

Singers and Musicians: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent there is a music rehearsal for the Easter Services. Everyone is welcome from both churches to join in preparing for our great celebrations.

St Joseph's Parish Hall at 7.00pm every Friday

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 19th March: **£455.20**

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast : **£50.00**, bringing the total to **£717.00**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

The CAFOD Family Fast Day raised the magnificent sum of **£717.00**. The parish CAFOD team thank you most warmly and sincerely for the kindness and generosity which you continue to show to those less fortunate than ourselves. **MANY THANKS !** God bless you all.

Easter Sunday – Coffee Morning & Easter Egg Hunt

Could I ask all the lovely bakers in the Parish for any donations of cakes, biscuits or any other such yummy delights for this coffee morning.

We are also planning to have both a raffle and a tombola and would appeal to you for donations. All profits that we make at this event will go towards Club Day funds for our lovely Rose Queen Elect, Phoebe. Many thanks, Ali Croft.

Flower Garden : We all need to do our bit to be more sustainable, so the "Flower Ladies" are going to plant a cut flower border around the front lawn at St Peter's. They hope to be able to cut the various flowers and shrubs all year round to use for the Altar flowers. This will not only save us money in the long run, but it will stop us from buying flowers that have travelled half way across the world.

If you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost please see **Cath Powell or Pauline** or place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flower Garden' and hand it to **Deacon Michael**. Many thanks, Cath.

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

The next meeting of the CWL will be on Thursday 6th April at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall.

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 Margaret Fearn and all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Jack Cross, Jennie Gillett, William Hothersall, Sr. Larentius, Elizabeth Thistleton, Mary Bradley, Nora Walmsley, Fr. John Gornall, George Walmsley, Thomas Gillett, Edna Ashton, Sarah Mitchell, Peter Williamson, Mary Pomfret, Rev. J. McElroy, Don O'Toole, Robert Newsham, Janet Lawrenson, Kathryn Carter, Brendan Keily. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions –

Red Lamp: "In loving memory of Pat Hutter"

Blue Lamp: "Phoebe"

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

Responsorial Psalm for 5th Sunday in Lent
and the response is:

**WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY
AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION**

Gospel Acclamation For Lent :

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

There is an SVP meeting in the hall after Mass so there will be NO TEA AND COFFEE THIS MORNING.

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