



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
 Parish Website www.stpeterslytham.co.uk



Sunday 26th November 2023, Christ the King - 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 25th / 26th November, Solemnity - Christ Our Universal King

Sat 25th Nov 6pm St. Joseph's Norah Shortt

Sun 26th Nov 9:15am St. Joseph's John Joseph McGuirk

Sun 26th Nov 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Monday 27th 9am St. Peter's Gabriella Spedding Hobbs followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Tues 28th 10am St. Joseph's Pat Smith followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Wed 29th Nov 9am St. Peter's Kath Wilding Birthday Remembrance

Thurs 30th Nov 10am St. Joseph's In memory of Mary & William Sumner

11.30am Lytham Crematorium Funeral Service for Geraldine Anne Taylor

Fri 1st Dec 2pm St. Joseph's Sue O'Mahoney (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick)

Weekend 2nd / 3rd December - 1st Sunday of Advent

Sat 2nd Dec 6pm St. Joseph's Speedy recovery of Rose Bickerstaffe

Sun 3rd Dec 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 3rd Dec 10:30am St. Peter's Gwen Spedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: On this last Sunday of the Church's year, we "round up" the celebration of the mysteries of salvation by saluting Christ as Lord of all; the beginning and the end.

1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 - The good shepherd watches over his flock with loving care, rescuing them from dangers.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 - Where Christ has gone before, all who belong to him are to follow, so that he can gather us into the kingdom of his Father.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 - For those who have humbly served the fellow servants of the kingdom, a warm welcome awaits.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: Well what a week it has been! It began with the sad news of the death of much loved Fr. Billy Bootle, retired and living in our parish, who latterly was Parish priest for many years in St. Joseph's Wesham. When I first began training for the priesthood Fr. Bootle was in charge of money in the diocese, and I had to send all my receipts for books and travel to him! We will be privileged to host his Requiem at St. Joseph's in the next couple of weeks, and we send our love and prayers to his housekeeper, Sheila. Saturday saw a great crowd of us, accompanied by the Ukulele Orchestra, having great fun singing Carols outside St. Peter's, and reminding everyone who had come to see the switch on of the lights in Lytham what Christmas is truly about. Well done to everyone involved. At the weekend we welcomed several families of the bereaved, as we solemnly prayed for the repose of the souls of their loved ones, and this was followed by Mass for the deceased priests of the Deanery, with all the local priests joining us for the Mass. And Tuesday evening we welcomed the Bishop to St. Peter's for our Mass of Confirmation in which fourteen of our young people received the fullness of God's Holy Spirit in the beautiful Sacrament. On Wednesday we had Mass in Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel, a beautiful occasion which is destined to become a monthly fixture on First Wednesdays of the Month at 10am. Huge thanks to everyone who took part in all those special occasions and made them possible. So! Onward to First Friday Anointing Mass, First Sunday 'Food Sunday', and Advent and Christmas! Yes, four weeks today (Sunday) it's Christmas Eve... time to put the sprouts on... PS Many thanks for the anonymous letter from the self-styled 'Phantom Parishioner'. It was beautiful and very touching. Much appreciated. And I will act upon your advice. *Although the bishop's advice is never to reply to anonymous letters. Think about it...!*

1st Sunday is Food Sunday: next week, the 1st Sunday of Month, could we make a special effort to bring non-perishable food items, & toiletries, to Church over the weekend, which can be distributed to those in need at these times. As it's coming up to Christmas, chocolate and other family festive items would also be appreciated.

'Thank You'
 Collection - Sunday 19th November:- **£543.80.**
Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY -
 Collection for Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR at St. Peter's next Sunday 3rd December after the Children's Mass: with coffee, tea, cakes, decorations and a children's Treasure Hunt. **Request to the lovely bakers of the Parish for cakes, biscuits etc. - donations for the Tombola and The Raffle will also be gratefully received and can be given to Ali Croft, Sue Shakespeare, Ann-Marie, Lise & Gemma** (please label them!)

Donations can also be left at St. Peter's School Reception and Annemarie Bushell will pass them onto the Church. If all donations could be made by Friday 1st December, this will be appreciated.

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

All welcome to receive God's great Sacraments, and celebrate with Tea and Cakes in the hall afterwards.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

This Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue in church.

World Gifts such as "winter survival kits" and "super soup kitchen" will help transform the lives of people experiencing poverty.

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 and Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Message from Diocesan Youth Service:

This weekend, we celebrate the young people in our communities and we pray for them. In this diocese, our Youth Service which is based at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, is working for our young people all year round. We welcome thousands of young people to Castlerigg each year and when time allows we get out to visit them in their parishes and schools around our diocese and beyond. If you want to know more about our work, you can follow us on social media (usually @castleriggmanor) or check out our website castleriggmanor.com. Please keep us in your prayers; please tell the teens in your life about our open retreats and, if you can, consider making a donation.

SJSP Ukulele Orchestra

It has been decided that due to increasing numbers, we will continue practising every week in **St Peter's Hall** at 7pm. All Welcome.

Christmas Quiz & SingAlong.
Saturday 16th December 7pm in SJ's Church Hall.
£5 per ticket, £2:50 for children includes Quiz entry and a HotPot supper. The Ukelele Orchestra will be playing and leading the sing-along! **Tickets are available after Masses** - and are limited due to numbers, so get in quick! The Ukelele Orchestra will be playing and leading the sing-along!

**Sanctuary Lamp Booking -
Red Lamp: "PEACE IN THE WORLD"**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Sue has room in her diary for new bookings so if you would like to especially remember a loved one's anniversary, or perhaps thank Our Lord or Our Lady for a special favour received, both red lamps burn 24/7 next to Our Lord in the tabernacle and the blue lamp burns in front of Our Lady's beautiful statue 24/7. Bookings are from Sunday to following Saturday.

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

**Please pray for all who have died recently -
Father Billy Bootle, Geraldine Anne Taylor**

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Colin Hershall, Gertrude Walsh, Helen May, Margaret Long, Fr. G. Lomax, John Marsden, Patricia Weir, Joyce Lewis, Philomena Barratt, Fr. J. Sheehan, Audrey Funnell, Charlie Blezzard, Sr. Wilfreda, Nicolette D'Attona, John Wilkinson, Arthur Hulse, Joe Hampson, Wilmur Forshaw, Hannah P. Jeffers, Violet Bennet, Peter Mulligan. **May they rest in peace. Amen**

Advance Notice of our Christmas Mass Times:
Sunday 24th Dec: Christmas Eve. SJ's 6pm Children's Mass of Christmas, SP's 8pm Candlelit Christmas Mass with Carols and Readings from 7.30pm.

Update: The Tinkerbelle Ball has been cancelled.

Message from William Whiteside:

Pair of leather gloves left in Saltcotes Chapel - owner was sitting near the back on the left hand side. To claim, please speak to Bill on 07754 060246.

Reminder:

Next Sunday (3/12) Poor Missions Collection.

**Responsorial Psalm for
Solemnity of Christ the King,
last Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:**

**"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT"**