



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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FOR
 Sunday 27th March 2022, 4th (*Laetare*) Sunday in Lent - Year 'C'
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sun 27th March	People of the Parish	4th Sunday in Lent - Mass 10.30am
Mon 28th March	-	No Mass
Tues 29th March	-	<i>No morning Mass at Mass at St Joseph's - see SJ's details</i>
Wed 30th March	Margaret Lee (Ann)	Mass 9.00am
Thurs 31st March	Fr John Gornall (Ann)	Mass 9.00am
Fri 1st April 1st Friday	Souls of those Buried in Cemetery	Mass in Saltcotes Chapel at 6.00pm
Sat 2nd April	Norah Shortt RIP	Mass 10.00am Exposition & Confessions from 10.30 - 11.30am
Sun 3rd April	People of the Parish	5th Sunday in Lent - Mass 10.30am

St Joseph's Mass details:

(Vigil) Mass 6pm 4th Sun in Lent
 Sun 27th March - Mass 9.15am & 5.05pm.
 Mon 28th March - No Mass.
 Tue 29th March - No morning Mass -
 7pm Leaving Mass for Angela Heyes
Wed 30th March - Mass 9.00am St. Peter's.
 Thu 31st March - 6.30pm Fylde Education Mass
 Fri 1st April - Mass at 10.00am
Sat 2nd April - Mass 10.00am at St. Peter's.
 (Vigil) Mass 6pm - 5th Sun in Lent
 Sun 3rd April - Masses 9.15am & 5.05pm.

This week's Memorial:

Sat: St. Francis of Paola (*see overleaf*)

TODAY is LAETARE SUNDAY the 4th Sunday in the season of Lent in the Western Christian Liturgical Calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent, known as 'Rose Sunday' or 'Mothering Sunday'. Laetare means 'Rejoice' in Latin.

'Thank you'

Collection Wednesday 16th March:- **£6.00.**
 Collection Sunday 20th March:- **£445.51.**
 Further Donations - CAFOD Lenten Fast:- **£83.40***
 Ukraine :- **£10.00**
Thanks to all who contributed.

*CAFOD Lenten Fast total now stands at **£709.43** - very many thanks.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Next Sunday (3rd April) there will be another opportunity to help the desperate people of Ukraine who are fleeing their country with little more than the clothes that they stand up in. A retiring collection will be taken as you leave church.

Please be as generous as you can. **Thank you.**

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

Jack Cross, Jennie Gillett, William Hothersall, St. 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 Bookings - Red Lamps:

"Phoebe - for ongoing recovery"



"Dec'd Members of the Craig & Parkinson Families"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp:

"In loving memory of Mary Sumner"

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

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Florence Kirelly, Patrick Gilligan, Robin Upton, Harold Thornton, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Terry Mundy RIP

Frank Cottam RIP

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new issue of Offertory Envelopes, which come into use on Palm Sunday (10th April) are now available for collection from the sacristy.

If you are unable to collect your envelopes for whatever reason, we will arrange to have them delivered to you.

Traditionally, we had a run of 90 sets of envelopes, with a few gaps here and there which would be filled by new parishioners. In recent years, however, we have lost a good number of our envelope users. There are several reasons for this - many of our long-standing parishioners have sadly died, some people have ceased paying income tax as the Personal Allowance has increased over the years, others have switched to donating by standing order or online banking and some have moved on. As a consequence, this year we have reduced the run of envelopes from 90 to 60 sets, so if your envelope number was previously between 61 and 90 you will now have a new number in the 1 to 60 range.

To enable people who have moved onto standing orders / online giving to Gift Aid their special collections, we now have available some 'mini sets' of envelopes which just contain the purple special collection envelopes. If you would like one of these 'mini sets' please let us know via the parish website, or have a word with Deacon Michael after Mass. **Thank you.**

CAFOD's WALK AGAINST HUNGER

Throughout Lent a fabulous team of ladies from St. Peter's - Kathy, Gemma, Trish, Lisa, Gretta, Pauline, Nickie, Sue, Chris & Daisy, will be raising money for CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER CAMPAIGN. Every day throughout Lent they are aiming to walk 10,000 steps (5km). You can donate & follow their journey via their justgiving page:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-peters-lytham-walk-against-water>

THE MONTH OF APRIL

is dedicated to the *Holy Spirit*.

To believe in the *Holy Spirit* is to profess that the *Holy Spirit* is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

The *Holy Spirit* is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an inspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

Responsorial Psalm for 4th Sunday in Lent

and the response is:

**TASTE AND SEE THAT THE
LORD IS GOOD**

ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA, Hermit April 2nd

St. Francis was born about the year 1416, at Paola, a small city in Calabria. His parents were very poor but virtuous. He learned to read in the Franciscan convent at St. Mark's, a town in the same province. After spending a year with the Franciscans, he took up his abode in solitude about half a mile from Paola in 1432.

Before he was twenty, two others joined him to share in his devout exercises. The neighbours built them three cells and a chapel, in which a priest from the parish church said Mass for them. This is looked upon as the beginning of the Order of Minims, the foundation of which is placed in 1436.

In 1482 he went to France by command of Sixtus IV, at the request of Louis XI, whose entire conversion he effected before the latter's death in 1483. When his long life of penance was drawing to a close, St. Francis spent the last three months in his cell to prepare for death and eternity. He fell sick on Palm Sunday, 1508, and died shortly thereafter at ninety-one years of age.

ONGOING REMINDERS

CONFESSIONS:-

We are returning to Confessions on a Saturday morning after the 10am Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be Confessions available after Mass during the week, unless otherwise announced.

GIFT AID -

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

FOOD BANK: To donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home.

HELP FOR AFGHAN AND UKRAINE REFUGEES

Ken from 'Fashion Nails' opposite church is collecting for both the Afghan and Ukraine Refugees - he is one of the collection points and involved in the lorries going out regularly delivering.

PIETY STALL: Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.

APPEAL for stamps: Just to remind everyone that Gemma & Phoebe are still collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Bone Cancer Research Trust, who can turn them into vital funds for life saving research (1kg of stamps can fund 1 hour of research!). Please remember to leave a 1cm (or ½ inch) border around the stamps when cutting them from the envelope or parcels. There is a box for your stamps in the inner porch. *Many thanks.*