



NEWSLETTER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 27th August 2023, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 26th / 27th August, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26th 6pm St. Joseph's Geoff Healey

Sun 27th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 27th 10:30am St. Peter's Barbara Rouse

Mon 28th 9:00am St. Peter's John Nolan followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Tues 29th 10:30am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Brid Jose

Wed 30th 9am St. Peter's Intentions of the Ashton Family

Thurs 31st 10am St. Joseph's Liam Herron

Fri 1st September 2pm St Joseph's Tony Crean

Weekend 2nd / 3rd September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 2nd 6pm St. Joseph's Francis Joseph Smith

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

Sun 3rd 10:30am St. Peter's Joe Ainsworth

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.

Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

This Week's Readings: In our Gospel reading today, Simon Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Let us prepare ourselves to recognise that same Lord who comes to us in word and sacrament.

1st Reading Isaiah 22:19-23 - Shebna, the master of the palace, has sought his own comfort and fame rather than serving the Lord. God promises to replace him with Eliakim who will be a true servant.

2nd Reading Romans 11:33-36 - In this reading we are warned by Paul not to presume that we can understand the mystery of God. God is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 - Jesus questions his close disciples about the rumours surrounding him. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Peter then makes his profession of faith and is acknowledged by Jesus as having a unique role in the future Church.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: The playwright Alan Bennet once spoke of overhearing a woman talking about her husband's stay in hospital say, 'The priest came and gave him the last rites. But then the doctor came and revived him. But that's the NHS, no liaison'. He might have meant it amusingly, but it is still the fact that many people still think of, and indeed still refer to, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as 'the Last Rites' or even 'extreme Unction'. Technically someone's 'last rites' would refer to their final anointing, absolution and reception of communion before death. But the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick itself is not just something to be kept till 'the last'. The 'Pastoral Care of the Sick', which is the Church's manual for the Sacrament tells us that '*...through the sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens the faithful who are afflicted by illness, providing them with the strongest means of support,*' the support of physical healing if that is God's will, but also providing spiritual support, which we would argue is so important to physical and mental healing. 'Holistic Healing' is not something invented in the 1960's! As well as the gravely ill and the dying, the Sacrament is appropriate for anyone elderly, frail, recovering from a short term or long term illness, not forgetting mental illnesses and the many ways in which people can be affected by this, and for any sick children who have reached the age of reason. It is truly a beautiful Sacrament, and as this Friday is the First Friday of September, the Sacrament will be offered at the monthly mass on Friday afternoon at 2pm at SJs. Even if you do not feel in need of the Sacrament, it is a beautiful Mass and a lovely gathering for our two parishes. And to prove that the Church's ministry is truly 'holistic' it's followed by refreshing tea and delicious cakes in the Hall! Everyone is most welcome. In other news, 'If I have to explain the meaning of the Latin phrase 'ad nauseum' once more I'm going to be sick'. I'll get my coat.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 20th August : **£405.30.**

Further donations, Feast of the Assumption: **£40.00.**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

TODAY

Collection: Catholic Trust for England & Wales

Message from SVP:

All tickets for the annual SVP Raffle were sold before Mass last Sunday, a magnificent response. Thank you all so much.

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

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

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, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, Anne Hayes, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

This week:

Mon 28th Memorial - St. Augustine
Tues 29th Memorial - The Passion of St. John the Baptist.
Wed 30th - Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward.
Thurs 31st - St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne.
Fri 1st Sept - 1st Friday & Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

**STS. MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE,
MARGARET WARD
MARTYRS - 30th August**

This day commemorates the three canonised women martyrs of the English Reformation. All three were declared Venerable on 8th December 1929 by Pope Pius XI, beatified on 15th December 1929, and canonized on 25th October 1970 by Pope Paul VI among the Forty Martyrs of England & Wales.

Margaret Clitherow was condemned and pressed to death on 25th March 1586 for harbouring priests.

Anne Line was tried, convicted and hanged for harbouring priests on 27th February 1601 at Tyburn, London.

Margaret Ward was hanged, drawn and quartered on 30th August 1598 at Tyburn.

Please pray for all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Billy O'Dea, Catherine Spare, Agnes Mullen, Bridget Hogan, Joseph Gildea, Joseph Benson, Mary Knowles, Patricia Hothersall, Charles Noblet, Audrey Matthewman, Monica Morris, Barbara Hindle, Margaret P. Jefferies, Sarah Fulford-Brown, Steve Preston, Sheila Cardwell, John Scally.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm for
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

and the response is:

**"YOUR LOVE, O LORD, IS ETERNAL,
DISCARD NOT THE WORK
OF YOUR HANDS"**

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamps: "Andy" &

"All Parishioners"

Our Lady: "In loving memory of Malcolm Hawe from his wife Glad & Family"

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

**UPDATE: Cleator Pilgrimage
Sunday 10th September.
Mass and Blessing of the sick at 3pm.**

The principal celebrant will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. If you wish to book a place on the coach please sign up on the sheet at either SJ's or SP's.

All seats booked are to be paid for even if you are unable to attend. Please bring:

- (a) Rosary beads.
- (b) Waterproofs / Umbrella.
- (c) Food / Drink.
- (d) Fare, £27.00. Payable on coach. Put money in an envelope and seal. Write YOUR name and amount on front.

Pick up points & times:

St Joseph, Woodlands Road, Ansdell. 10.15am.

Holy Family Freckleton. 10.30am.

The Willows. 11.00am.

St Joseph, Wesham. 11.15am.

Comfort stop at Burton in Kendal.

Leave Cleator at 5.30pm.

Deacon David Pope will be group leader.

Thank you for your support for this pilgrimage.

(P.S. You will notice there is no pick up at St. Peter's, this is because it clashes with Mass.)

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter

Due to the Bank Holiday all are welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord on **Tuesday at 7pm in the presbytery.** Newcomers still most welcome!

**St Joseph's & St. Peter's Race Night: Saturday 30th
September at SJ's Hall after evening Mass.**

Save the date! Including the first performance from the SJSP Ukulele Orchestra.

Full Details and tickets available next weekend.