



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



Sunday 27th Nov 2022, 1st Sunday of Advent - Year 'A'
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 26th November 6:00pm St. Joseph's Greta Nickson

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

Sunday 27th 10:30am St. Peter's Bayne and Gwen Spedding

Monday 28th 9am St. Peter's Florence Matthews followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 10am

Tues 29th 10:00am St. Joseph's Intentions of Patricia Moss followed by Exposition & Reconciliation till 11am

12 noon St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for John Patrick McNicholas

Wed 30th 9:00am St. Peter's Mary Arthur and Kathleen Horton

Thursday 1st Dec 10:00am St Joseph's Robert Davenport

Fri 2nd 11am St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Margaret Nickson

1:15pm Lytham Crematorium Service for John McWard

Weekend 3rd / 4th December - Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm St. Joseph's The Delaney Family

Sunday 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's Paddy Corrigan

Sunday 4th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's (note change of day), Tuesday 10:30-11am at St. Joseph's

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

1st Sunday of Advent A: A new dawn breaks on our journey with God as we enter this time of Advent. Called together to pray, to listen, to share and to be fed, we open our hearts to the coming of Christ.

First Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5* God's future is for all people. In God's reign all divisions will be broken down, strife will be healed and harmony will flourish.

Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14* The early Christians are reminded to stay focused on the life of the Gospel. Anything that is done in darkness should be left behind - followers of Jesus live in the light.

Gospel *Matthew 24:37-44* Jesus tells many stories to describe the need to be alert and ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Christmas at St. Joseph's Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Birthday of Christ our Saviour.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

6pm at St. Joseph's Children Mass of Christmas

All children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Donkey, etc. to make a 'living' crib.

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th

8pm at St. Peter's Candlelit Mass at Christmas with Carols and Readings from 7.30pm.

Christmas Day Sunday Dec. 25th

Family Morning Mass of Christmas Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th

9.15am at St. Joseph's and 10.30am at St. Peter's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the usual weekly times there will be an opportunity for reconciliation on Sat 17th Dec, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **St. Peter's Sat 17th 11am-12noon. St. Joseph's Sat 17th 4.30pm-5.30pm.**

Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Advent are available at back of Church.

TODAY'S Collection is for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:

Well following Christ the King I don't know about 'Our God Reigns' but certainly there was plenty of 'raining' going on - I got soaked twice on Monday, not so much from the rain, but from the water soaked roads, which made Venice look like it's the dry season! Hey ho! As we begin the season of Advent, Christmas preparation is beginning (or continuing), with our spiritual course down at St. Peter's, which was very thought provoking last week (and is on Tuesday this week), and the setting up of banners and books, and Advent Wreaths ready to count us down to Our Lord's birth. This week also saw a discussion at SJ's about future social events beyond Christmas ... watch this space! Please make a note of the Christmas Timetable, and do invite family and friends to join us for our celebrations. Christmas Cards will be available next week. Which reminds me... only about another fifty more cards to write... usually accompanied by the seminal Christmas music CD 'Dolly Parton's Holly Dolly Christmas'. Well it always gets me feeling festive!

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday November 23rd: **£778.30.**
Diocesan Youth Service: £193.50.
Further Donations:
World Missions £40.00.
Sick & Retired Priests £40.00.
Bishop's Admin Fund £10.00.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps-

"Lily Wolsey" & "Special Intention"

Our Lady - "For intentions of S.D."

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

MESSAGE FROM ANDY CROSS

Please could any **RED BOXES** that need emptying for the end of year collection, be brought into Church and passed to Andy over the next 3 weeks.

Thanks in advance.

MESSAGE FROM

LYTHAM COMMUNITY HUB (CIC) -

is a non profit-making organisation providing somewhere warm this winter for people to go and have a bowl of soup, cup of tea, etc (all provided free) and also providing an opportunity for people to meet other people, especially anyone who lives on their own. The aim is to help during the current economic crises (hence 'warm hub') and to facilitate companionship. *Please note - full details, including venues and times for this initiative on the inner porch notice board, plus a poster.*

Responsorial Psalm for 1st Sunday of Advent

and the response is:

***I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house'.***

TEAM-CLEAN! Please help keep our lovely church clean. The more that sign up (men as well as ladies!), the less you need to do. We hope to have a couple of teams which would mean an hour(ish!) every 2 weeks. Please see/ring -

Sue Shakespeare

Alison Croft 077321 8205

Lisè Cross 07546 065646. *Many thanks in advance.*

ANNIVERSARIES occurring at about this time:

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

Message from Edwina Gillett

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

St. Joseph's Hall

If you haven't as yet reserved a place, please give Edwina a ring on 736630. You will need to do this by 30th November. **Thanks**

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, 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.**

ONGOING REMINDERS:

ADVENT SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

A 'Sycamore' Course. Deacon-to-be David Pope will be leading a four week video/discussion session for Advent, finishing with prayer in Church, taking place **in the Hall of St. Peter's Church** (access available from the front or back of the Church), all welcome to remind ourselves of the true meaning of the coming season of celebration.

2nd Session: Tuesday 29th 6pm at St. Peter's.

CHRISTMAS MARKET:

**On Saturday 3rd December 11am - 1pm,
at St. Peter's School Hall.**

Various stalls including Bottle Tombola, Toy Stall, Winter Cafe and a Grand Raffle, Father Christmas will be awaiting your visit in his grotto. There will also be some local artisan traders with what promises to be some interesting stalls. **All Welcome!**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - next meeting will take place on 1st December at 2pm in the Hall.