



NEWSLETTER

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



Sunday 28th April 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year 'B'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope - 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 27th / 28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

Sat 27th 6pm St. Joseph's Cathleen Sanders

Sun 28th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 28th 10:30am St. Peter's Andrew Towler

Mon 29th 9am St. Peter's Joe Ainsworth followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

Tues 30th 10am St. Joseph's Joy & Agnes Walsh followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

Wed 1st May 10am Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel John & Vera Wilson

Thurs 2nd 10am St. Joseph's Deceased of O'Dea Family

Friday 3rd 2pm St. Joseph's Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Patricia Conroy

Weekend 4th / 5th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 4th 6pm St. Joseph's Katie Moulton

Sun 5th 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 5th 10:30am St. Peter's Joseph D'Souza

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's, Tuesday 10:30-11am St. Joseph's

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

This Week's Readings: We gather together to celebrate Christ's presence in word and Eucharist, conscious of our need of him in our daily lives.

1st Reading Acts 9:26-31 - Barnabas acts as the intermediary between Saul and the disciples, explaining Saul's conversion and subsequent preaching.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:18-24 - God's commandments are to believe in his Son and to love one another.

Gospel: John 15:1-8 - Jesus says that those who remain in him will bear fruit in plenty.

Message from Fr. Peter: Typical, isn't it? Feasts are like buses - you wait for ages for one and then three come along at once, or actually six. Yes, it's a full week of feasts and celebrations in the liturgical calendar so here goes... Monday is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, a fourteenth century Dominican Nun, who bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, and who was made a Patron of Europe in 1999. On Tuesday we remember Pope Pius V, perhaps best known to us for excommunicating Queen Elizabeth I in 1570. Wednesday the 1st May is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, a feast instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955, sanctifying the work of all peoples throughout the world, whilst on Thursday we remember St. Athanasius, a Bishop of Alexandria in the third century, who fought against people who did not consider Jesus to be the Son of God. Friday is the Feast of two of the Apostles, Philip and James, and finally on Saturday we remember the English Martyrs, especially those who suffered for the faith of the Church in England between 1535 and 1680, people from all walks and stations of life, whose love for the Church and the Mass led to their martyrdoms. The wonderful, colourful, inspiring pageant that is the liturgical cycle joyously continues... Not long till Christmas...

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 21st April:- **£380.80.**
Ecclesiastical Education Fund:- **£223.00.**
Many thanks to all who contributed.

This Wednesday 1st May:

Mass at Saltcotes Cemetery Chapel at 10am.

This Friday 3rd May:

1st Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick
at St Joseph's at 2pm,

followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Reminder to members that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd May at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

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, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Farago, "baby Isabelle", King Charles and the Princess of Wales, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

Social Event - Advance Notice

Message from Alison Croft

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the Race Night will have to change - more details to follow shortly.

First Holy Communion 2024: Next class in SJ's Hall on Monday at 6pm, where our candidates will be looking at Fr. Peter's Long Eucharistic Prayer and how the bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. Please pray for our 20 children on this important step in the faith journeys.

The Diocesan RE Inspection at St. Peter's.
A note from Mrs. Gilli-Ross:

*We are incredibly proud to share with you the outcome of our recent Section 48 RE Inspection report. The school is judged in three areas; Curriculum RE, Catholic Life and Prayer and Liturgy. The two day inspection was rigorous and we could not be prouder of our staff, children and wider community who showed the school in an authentic light, highlighting the embedded practice. We are now able to share that we were awarded the judgement of **Outstanding** across all areas. Thank you too to the parishes who embrace our children and actively encourage our engagement in parish life. What a team! And let us add our congratulations and thanks to all who do so much for the mission of the parishes and the Church in our school. Fr. P.*

Parish Young People Going to Lourdes with the Diocese Fund Raiser:

Come and join us for a fundraising event in St. Joseph's Hall on 4th May at 7pm until 9pm. This family games night is sure to be great fun and a little bit competitive. We are raising money to assist two of our parish youth members to attend the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The evening will involve playing a number of family friendly board and card games and a light pizza supper. Drinks will be available to purchase and a raffle will take place. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for under 10's. Please come along and help raise funds to support our young parishioners. Tickets will be available after mass each week. Tickets will not be available on the night.

SCHOOL FAMILY FUND -

A number of parents have asked if and how they can support some of our families who may be struggling financially. We have had some very kind and generous offers from parents to pay towards the cost of trips for other children and buy uniform for them.

Many working families fall just below the threshold to be eligible for free school meals and additional benefits. Due to rising costs, parents go without food in order to feed their children. We try to support these families as much as possible.

We are appealing to staff, parents, friends, parishioners

Only if you are financially able, please consider adding a supermarket shopping voucher/gift card to your weekly or monthly shop to donate to our Family Fund. We ask that if possible, these are Lidl, Tesco or Sainsbury's vouchers and please write the amount on the card. Regular donations will enable us to continue to support more families when they need it most. The vouchers can be dropped off at the school office. They will then be given to families who are struggling to afford basic essentials, particularly in school holiday periods.

Our uniform recycling scheme will continue, which benefits many families, so please bring any clean, out grown uniform (in good condition) into school. Recycled uniform is open and available to everyone and is part of our recycling mission led by the Laudato Si group.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamps:

"For Catherine's speedy recovery"

and "Special Intention - B"

Our Lady's Blue Lamp: *"In loving memory of Stephen Frith from his daughter Aine"*

Sue has room in her diary for new bookings. To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

Safeguarding: many thanks to all our volunteer parishioners who have helped us to compile an updated parish list as required by the Diocese. We now come to STEP 2. We need to ensure that all volunteers who DO NOT require a DBS check receive and sign for a **Safeguarding information sheet. Please note that this is mandatory.** Safeguarding representatives will attend all masses to give our the leaflets to people such as bell ringers, cleaners, counters, collectors and greeters. Many thanks. *The Safeguarding Team.*

Please pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Doris O'Dwyer, John Bristow, Joe Hodgkinson, Betty Eaves, Alfred Green, Arthur Killiner, Joseph O'Connor, Stephen Wilkes, Mary Blacoe, Norman Miller, Boris Townsend, Sr. Juliana, Paddy Lenehan, Pat Benson, John Fallon, Dennis J. Gaskell, Ethel Cross, Mary Harris, Kathleen Benyon, Hilda Harrison. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Message from Chris McIndoe
SUDAN IS IN CRISIS!

The UNHCR estimates that almost 25 million people - around half of Sudan's population - are in urgent need of help. Unless the violence ends and humanitarian aid is increased, according to recent research, 8 million people could be at risk of famine by June 2024.

Together, we can reach out with love to help our sisters and brothers in Sudan and neighbouring countries who are facing danger and extreme hunger through no fault of their own.

Please join us in praying for peace in Sudan. Donations can be made at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies>

Update from Colette re Spectacles: Many thanks to all of you who kindly donated the spectacles you no longer needed. I am thrilled to say that our 2 parishes have collected 201 pairs of spectacles many of them with their cases - all of which will be gratefully received in the Ukraine. **Well done everyone!**

Mass Intentions, for the deceased, the bereaved, for the sick, the Holy Souls, are always welcome, and offering envelopes are available at the back of Church, and Mass cards are available from the Holy Shops after Sunday Masses.

Responsorial Psalm for 5th Sunday of Easter and the response is:
**"YOU, LORD, ARE MY PRAISE
IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY"**