



**NEWSLETTER**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
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**FOR**  
**Sunday 28th May 2023, Pentecost Sunday- Year 'A'**  
**Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037**  
**Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)**

**Weekend 27th / 28th May, Pentecost Sunday - Solemnity**

Sat 27th 6pm St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 28th 9:15am St. Joseph's John Nolan

**Sun 28th 10:30am St. Peter's Paddy Corrigan**

**Mon 29th 9am St. Peter's Eileen Morrison Wall followed by Exposition & Confessions**

Tue 30th 10am St. Joseph's Stuart Peacock *followed by Exposition & Confessions*

2pm Lytham Crematorium Service for Helen Holt

**Wed 31st 9am St. Peter's Isobel Quinn**

10:15am St. Joseph's Funeral Service for Brian Green

Thurs 1st June 2pm St. Joseph's Brian Green

**Weekend 3rd / 4th June - Trinity Sunday - Solemnity**

Sat 3rd 6pm St. Joseph's James Donovan

Sun 4th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 4th June 10:30am St. Peter's John Morrison**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

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

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

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**Readings for This Sunday:** Today celebrate God amongst us in power. Through the Holy Spirit we become not just a group of believers but we are made into Christ's presence in the world, unafraid and empowered to share the message of the Gospel.

**1st Reading Acts 2:1-11** -There appeared tongues of fire which rested above them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and people marvelled that they could understand their words as they spoke about the goodness of God.

**2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13** - We have been baptised in the Holy Spirit. It is this Spirit which works in each person to bring about good.

**Gospel John 20:19-23** - While they were afraid, Jesus appeared and gave his disciples his peace. He breathed his Spirit on them and sent them out for the forgiveness of sins.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER:** And so it is that we come to the great Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, the risen Jesus visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. Today's 1st reading Acts 2:1-11, tells the story of Pentecost Sunday. There were many people in Jerusalem, as Pentecost was a celebration for the end of the grain harvest. When the disciples were gathered together they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them, 'And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit'. The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. On this day, the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages - and the reading outlines the many different countries from where people had gathered. Over 3,000 people were baptised that day. The Church was born - hence today often being referred to as 'The Birthday of the Church'. If ever I'm asked when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles, I always say 'about 10 to 9 on Pentecost Sunday'. This is because, when the Apostles go out into Jerusalem, people who do not understand them think they are drunk, to which Peter replies 'why, these men are not drunk! It is only 9 o'clock in the morning!' (Acts 2:15), so the Holy Spirit must have come down upon them, just before this. Incidentally, as I said Pentecost marked the end of the grain harvest, and it was tradition that no alcohol was taken before 10 o'clock in the morning on this day, hence the time check. And that's a fact. So enjoy this great celebration - whatever time of the day!

**This Thursday 1st June Mass at St. Joseph's will be at 2pm** in Honour of the Beginning of the Month of the Sacred Heart. **This will be a Healing Mass at which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered.** The Mass will be followed by **Tea & Chat** in the Hall, and one of the subjects of the 'chat' will be to discuss whether we should make this a monthly event. Helpers would be needed, so if you would like to assist, or have any ideas, please come along.

**The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope.** There will be a **coach to David's ordination on July 8th**, picking up at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's, and if you wish to join the coach (around £10) **please sign up** at the back of Church to gauge numbers. **Please sign up this weekend.** Please note that there is very little parking at the Cathedral, so the Coach is the best way to travel. **The newly Rev. David will lead Rosary, Sermon & Benediction at St. Peter's on Sunday 9th July**

at 3pm, followed by strawberry scone & cream tea with refreshments in St. Peter's Hall. (We will gauge numbers nearer the time.) Please keep David in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his diaconate and appointment as Deacon to St. Joseph's & St. Peter's.

'Thank You'

Collection Ascension Thursday: **£102.50.**

Collection Sunday 21st May : **£437.70.**

World Communication Day: **£94.40.**

Flower Garden: **£53.00.**

*Many thanks to all who contributed.*

Message from Sue Shakespeare

**NEXT SUNDAY (4th) there will be a coffee morning in the parish hall.**

Sue will be very grateful for all cakes, bakes and raffle prizes - please bring them to the Hall before Mass.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue>

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**Reminder - on 19th June** Sue will be walking a 100km (62miles) continuous challenge up and down the hills of the Lake District. Money raised will be for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**MESSAGE FROM CATH POWELL:**

Lytham Community Choir presents -

Songs for Club Day

Saturday 17th June at 7.30pm

here in St. Peter's Church with a very special guest appearance, none other than our very own

Father Peter!

You can pay at the door.

Tickets cost £10 to include a glass of wine at the interval.

**ALL WELCOME.**

**MESSAGE FROM GEMMA DANIEL:**

A huge, huge thank you to everyone who supported our Club Day Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th. We raised a fantastic **£571** to go towards our costs for Phoebe and her retinue. The girls are so very grateful for your donations, help and attendance and are looking forward to representing their wonderful parish next month.

**HELP NEEDED:** The parish SVP is helping one of our parishioners from Ukraine; Kristina, who is now needing to move from her host family at the end of June has found an apartment from August. She is looking for somewhere to live for the month of July. Kristina is working, including at the 'After School Club'. **If anyone feels that they can help, please ring Teresa Mallabone on 07843151914 who will pass on Kristina's details.**

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

John Knowles, Diane Hindle, Joseph Cody, Gertrude Richardson, Sharon Devine, Christine Barrs, Rev. John O'Toole, Margaret M. Phillips, Winnie Worden, Raymond Eaves, Sr. Evelyn Wilson CP, Eileen Wall, Florence Kirrelly, John Morrison. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**FOOD BANK UPDATE: MARCH - MAY 2023**

March: 35kg food, 2 x bags of Easter Eggs.

April: 20kg food, 4 bags of bedding, £100 cash.

May: 20kg food.

*Message from Pete & Ellen Rickards - A sincere 'thank you' to all those who have donated towards the Food Bank.*

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

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

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings - Red Lamp**

*"In loving memory of John Morrison"*

**Blue Lamp:** *"In loving memory of Eileen Wall"*

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

**Lytham Club Day Magazine**

is available at £3 to raise funds for their celebratory day, after all Masses this weekend.

**Responsorial Psalm for PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*and the response is:*

**"SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT,  
O LORD,**

**AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH"**