



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



FOR
Sunday 29th November 2020, First Sunday of Advent - Year 'B'
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>
Sunday (Vigil)	People of the Parish	Recorded Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th November	St. Joseph's Intention St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Morning Mass Private Mass
Monday 30th November	No Mass	-
Tuesday 1st December	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 2nd December	Carlotta D'Cruz (Ann)	Public Mass 9.00am
Thursday 3rd December	Johnny Matthews (Ann)	Recorded Mass
Friday 4th December	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 5th December	Dec'd Worsley Family Members	Private Mass
Sunday (Vigil)		Public Mass 6pm at St. Joseph's
Sunday 6th December	People of the Parish Geoff Skitt	Public Mass 9.15am at St. Joseph's Public Mass 10.30am Recorded Mass

<p>PRIVATE PRAYER: The church will be open and stewards will be present for Private Prayer on - Saturday 10 - 11am.</p>	<p>This week's Feast & Memorials: Mon: St. Andrew, Apostle. Thurs: St. Francis Xavier. (Migrants Day). Fri: St. John Damascene.</p> <p>Reminder: Tuesday 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sanctuary Lamp Bookings (Red) "<i>Lily Wolsey</i>" & "<i>In loving memory of a beautiful sister - Gail</i>". (Blue) "<i>In loving memory of Oliver Richards</i>"</p> <p>Sanctuary Lamp bookings will continue during lockdown as lamps will burn during the week. To book, please email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). <i>Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp.</i> Sue is now taking bookings for 2021 so, to avoid disappointment, book early.</p> <p>FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Tony Bolton, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. May God give them His healing grace.</p> <p>Monday is the feast of St. Andrew, Apostle & Patron Saint of Scotland - St. Andrew, brother of St. Peter, was a native of the town of Bethsaida in Galilee, and a fisherman by profession. Being first a disciple of St. John the Baptist, he later joined Jesus, and also brought to Him his brother Simon. It is believed he carried the Gospel as far as Russia and Poland, and that he preached at Bysantium. He suffered martyrdom at Patras in Achaia, and according to ancient authorities, by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. His relics are in the Cathedral of Amalfi.</p>	<p>PUBLIC MASS: At 12.01am on Wednesday 2nd December the restrictions imposed as a result of the national lockdown will be lifted, and we will return to being in tier 3 (very high alert), as we were before the lockdown. This means churches can open as before, and so we will be able to celebrate public Mass as we were before 5th November. So, our public Masses will be: Sunday 10.30am and Wednesday 9.00am. For this coming week only, there will not be a midday Mass at St Joseph's because there will be a Requiem Mass there - I organised that when I wrongly understood that the lockdown would only end after the Wednesday. As of this week, the church will only be open for private prayer from <u>10 - 11 am on Saturday</u>.</p> <p>THE YEAR OF MARK: This Sunday begins the Season of Advent and the beginning of the Church's year. If you use a Sunday missal to follow the Mass, you will need to go to those marked for Year B. In this year the Sunday Gospels tend to be taken from the Gospel of Mark.</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rt. Rev. Thomas Wulstan Pearson (1st Bishop of Lancaster), David Harrison, Joseph Threlfall, Sheila Gooden, Marion Milligan, Adeline Mary Wheatley, Johnny Matthews, Fr. Edward Collins, Hilda Wilkes, Kathleen Horton, Pauline Pavely, Harry Rigby, Richard Ingham, Edith Birtwistle, Brian Clarke, Violet Bennet, Peter Mulligan, Maria Carlota D'Cruz, Ursula Almond. <i>May they rest in peace. Amen.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Liturgy message overleaf</p>
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CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Masses for Christmas will be **8pm Vigil on Christmas Eve & 10.45am on Christmas morning**. Times for St Joseph's to be finalised. Due to the likely demand for places in church, we are going to have to take bookings. We will be doing this via email via the parish website (info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). If you don't have email yourself, please ask a family member or friend who does have email to make the booking on your behalf. Booking is necessary to avoid large numbers of people having to be turned away when the church is full at Christmas.

Current update: Christmas Day Mass, very few seats left, lots of space for the 8pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:

Carlotta D'Cruz (Ann)
Johnny Matthews (Ann)

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER -

is dedicated to the *Immaculate Conception* which is celebrated on Tuesday 8th December. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to those overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas.

Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

ADVENT RETREAT DAYS:

Hynning Monastery is offering 2 retreat days via Zoom - Thursday 3rd December and Saturday 12th December 2020. The overall theme will be **HOPE**, much needed at this time! Start time both days is 10.15am concluding with Vespers at 4.30pm. Please contact Sr. Mary Bernard on -

hynningbookings@yahoo.co.uk

or 01524 732684

or 01524 989380

before Monday 30th November to book.

There is a voluntary contribution of £10 for the day, but the Sisters would not want anyone who wishes to join to be left out because of finance.

THE VOICE -

The final 2020 edition can be accessed on
St. Peter's website.

A MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Advent is here! It is time to 'get ready'. We miss you all very much and look forward to when we can meet again to pray and share our love for Jesus, the light of the world. Until then look out for these special messages just for you. It is Jesus' birthday soon and there is much to do!

This is the start of a New Year in the Church full of **HOPE** and we will be reading the Gospel of Mark. Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells us to 'stay awake' - now don't actually stay awake or you'll be very, very tired by Christmas day! What does He mean? He means, keep your eyes and your heart open to see God in the world. Wherever there is goodness and love and beauty there is God. A smile, a kind word, a sunrise, a star!

Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem to meet Jesus. The Wise Men followed a star. The Shepherds listened to Angels singing a heavenly song. It's time for us to set off on our journey to the manger to meet the baby Jesus. Jesus sees everything we do for Him. Every prayer, every little act of kindness and He loves us for it.

So let's begin

First of all, make a little Advent prayer space somewhere in your home, maybe even on your bedside table. You will need a little white cloth, a handkerchief will do, and a holy picture or statue and a bible or prayer, just as you like.

Now its time to make your own Advent wreath. Print one out or draw your own, then colour the first candle of **HOPE** in purple.

Well done lovelies, until next week.

**Keep hoping, keep praying, keep smiling.
God Bless. Nickie, Aisling, Claire and Pauline.**

ADVANCE NOTICE:

1. CHRISTMAS DAY: St. Joseph's is unable to offer their normal hospitality this year due to the pandemic but, in conjunction with other local churches, we can offer, instead, delivery of a 3 course Christmas Dinner and a light supper if you are elderly or on your own in the Lytham St. Annes area. **Booking by 10th December is essential.** Please telephone Edwina on **736630** for the menu and to make a booking.

2. ONLINE RETREAT: There will be an online retreat entitled 'Living Laudato Si: Your Parish and Your Planet' available on Zoom on 22nd - 25th January 2021. Laudato Si is Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment. The retreat will be led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. Cost - Free but voluntary donations gratefully accepted. To apply, simply email Sr. Margaret Atkins on - margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk