



*NEWSLETTER*  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP  
 Parish Website [www.stpeterslytham.co.uk](http://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk)



**FOR**  
**Sunday 30th April 2023, 4th Sunday of Easter - Year 'A'**  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037

Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 29th / 30th April, 4th Sunday of Easter**

Sat 29th 6pm St. Joseph's Darren Yeates

Sun 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 30th 10:30am St. Peter's Marion Wilson**

**Mon 1st May 9am St. Peter's Fr. Frank Flynn** followed by *Exposition & Confessions till 10am*

Tues 2nd 10am St. Joseph's Intentions of John Nolan followed by *Exposition & Confessions till 11am*

**Wed 3rd 9am St. Peter's Hilda Harrison**

Thurs 4th 10am St. Joseph's Peter Earnshaw

**Weekend 6th / 7th May - 5th Sunday of Easter**

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

Sun 7th 9:15am St. Joseph's Len Frew

**Sunday 7th 10:30am St. Peter's Thomas Henry Daw**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sarah Jayne Thornton & Dr. Anil Kumar Madan  
 who were married here in St. Peter's on Saturday 29th April

God goes ahead as our Good Shepherd to lead us through his world. Today we listen afresh to his call and pledge ourselves to obey it.

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**1st Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41** - Peter explains how people who are conscious of their failings can know God's forgiveness and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

**2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25** The way Jesus responded to his persecutors was not only the means of our salvation but also provides us with a model for our own reactions.

**Gospel John 10:1-10** - Jesus explains that he is our spiritual leader and therefore worth following and trusting.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER.** Today, the 4th Sunday of Eastertide, is Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel (John 10:1-10) Jesus tells us that 'The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of his flock... the sheep hear his voice, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.' We tend to think of the image of the Good Shepherd as gentle and caring, and this is indeed one aspect for this title that Jesus gives himself. But we should remember that at the time of Jesus being a Shepherd in Palestine was not an easy job. Thieves and brigands roamed on the mountainsides, hence the need to guard the sheep twenty-four seven. Similarly the teaching and actions of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, brought Him into danger, leading to his crucifixion, because he cared for us so much. The image of the Good Shepherd is, primarily, one of a loving, caring man, seeking to look after his flock and lead them to the truth. And that is a most wonderful and beautiful image to hold before us. But we should never forget what the Good Shepherd had to endure to share and live out that truth with us. It's also a reminder that living out these teachings ourselves in the world today may bring us into discord with others who disagree or want to water down our faith. And firstly, we have to have listened and recognized the voice of the Good Shepherd in the first place, to have that faith to share. So, did we hear that? *In other news, if I had time I would tell you a convoluted joke about a golf club, a sheep, a stinging insect, a tree, and that scary clown movie... The question is, Wood ewe bee leaf It? I'll get my coat...*

**This week at St. Peter's** we celebrate the First Holy Communion of a group of our children. Please pray for them and their families. The rest of the group will make their first reception of this great Sacrament at St. Joseph's on May 14th Continued thanks to our great team of Sacramental Catechists.

**The Diaconate Ordination of David Pope.** We look forward to David being ordained to the Sacred Diaconate at Lancaster Cathedral on July 8th at 1pm.

David will make his formal **Procession of Faith** during a **Service of Evening Prayer, at St. Joseph's at 7pm on Monday May 15th.** All welcome. There will be **refreshments in the Presbytery** afterwards.

There will be a **coach to David's ordination on July 8th**, picking up at SJ's and SP's, and if you wish to join the coach (around £10) **please sign up** at the back of Church to gauge numbers.

The newly Rev. David will lead **Rosary, Sermon & Benediction at St Peter's on Sunday 9th July at 3pm.**, followed by strawberry scone and cream tea with **refreshments in the Hall.** (we will gauge numbers nearer the time).

**Please make a note in your diary for these celebrations, and keep David in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his diaconate and appointment as Deacon to St Joseph's and St. Peter's.**

**TODAY (30th)** there is a special collection for Ecclesiastical Education Fund and it is also - World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 23rd April : **£386.60.**

Flower Garden: **£5.00.**

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

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**Offertory Envelopes** : There are still a few boxes of Offertory envelopes awaiting collection from the sacristy. If anyone who has changed from envelopes to standing order in the past year would like a 'mini' box of envelopes so that they can Gift Aid their special collections, please speak to Deacon Michael.

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**MESSAGE FROM SISTER DOMINIC SAVIO CP**

On Saturday 20th May there will be a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout at 12 noon in the Church of St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton, St. Helens.

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**Flower Garden:** Please refer to last Sunday's newsletter if you would like to sponsor a plant or contribute towards the cost.

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**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.**

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**Sanctuary Lamp Booking -  
Red Lamp**

*"Prayers for recovery from major surgery"*

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

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**Responsorial Psalm for 4th Sunday of Easter  
and the response is:**

**"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT"**

**SUNDAY 7TH MAY -  
CORONATION THEMED COFFEE MORNING**

Bakers of the Parish - please could I once again ask for some donations of your delicious goodies? All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to our lovely Rose Queen Elect Phoebe and her retinue.

Many thanks Ali Croft

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**MESSAGE FROM GEMMA ROWLINGS**

The Rose Queen is tasked with organising a fundraiser at their church each year to raise funds for Club Day. This year we are hosting it in our church hall on **Saturday 13th May: 10am - 12pm.**

*ALL WELCOME.*

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**MESSAGE FROM CHRIS MCINDOE  
CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK CAMPAIGN**

Thank you so much for your prayers and extremely generous support during CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK CHALLENGE.

As a parish we have raised a staggering **£1425** so far. Please give any outstanding donations to either Chris McIndoe or Deacon Michael.

**Thank you to:** Father Peter, Sue, Philip, Pat, Trish, Lucy, Kathy, Gretta, Daisy, Kathryn, Anne & Lise for being an amazing team. We finished 6th in the league table .... well done!!

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

Gordon Dickinson, Mary Thompson, Robert McMahon, Rita Goggins, Winifred Hardman, Frances Shore, Eileen Hibbert, Robert Harrington, Sister Hyacinth CP, Margaret Byrne, Margaret Walton, Joe Gallagher, Sr. Brid McCaughen CP, Hilda Harrison.

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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**2 Messages from Sue Shakespeare**

1. "Calling all Volunteers for Coffee after Mass"  
Please speak to Sue (or email her on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk)) about joining the rota, it is not onerous or difficult, but we need more volunteers if coffee after Sunday Mass is to continue. *Thank you.*

2. Sue is walking for Macmillan Cancer Support. She is taking part in two Ultra marathons this year. Full details of the 100km continuous walks are on her JustGiving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sueshakespeare23> or please see next weekend's newsletter. Please help support this amazing charity if you are able. Thank you.