



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



Sunday 30th July 2023, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'A'  
 Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747  
 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

**Weekend 29th / 30th July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 29th 6pm St. Joseph's John Cockram Holdsworth

Sun 30th 9:15am St. Joseph's Fr. Frank Flynn

**Sun 30th 10:30am St. Peter's People of the Parishes**

**Mon 31st 9am St. Peter's Helen & Victor Hayes** followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Tue 1st August 10am St. Joseph's Deceased of the Worsley Family followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

**Wed 2nd 9am St. Peter's Bill Illingworth**

Thurs 3rd 10am St. Joseph's Pauline Drake

Friday 4th 2pm St. Joseph's Nancy Smith

**Weekend 5th / 6th August - Sunday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Sat 5th 6pm St. Joseph's In Loving Memory of Bobby Kelly

Sun 6th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

**Sun 6th 10:30am St. Peter's Harry & Emily Illingworth**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:**

**Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's.** Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's  
 Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

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We are reminded today that the kingdom of God brings both great joy and eternal life, but first we must seek to obtain it.

**1st Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12** - God bestows on Solomon a wise and shrewd heart.

**2nd Reading Romans 8:28-30** - God intended us to become true images of his Son.

**Gospel Matthew 13:44-52** - Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven in a series of parables.

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:** This Friday we celebrate one of my Patron Saints, the Patron Saint of all priests working in Parishes, Saint John Vianney, the 'Cure d'Ars'. In 1803, at the age of 17, St. John felt God's call in his life to the priesthood. Two years later he began to take formal instruction. He struggled with his studies, however, as he never had the opportunity to go to school growing up. However, his perseverance would pay off. On August 13, 1815, St. John was ordained a priest, and after a brief assignment as an assistant pastor, he was assigned to the small country parish of Ars in 1818. There he built up the Parish, through common sense sermons, and the sacrament of reconciliation. On a typical day, he would hear confessions for 17 hours. He had some difficulties: in particular the devil would appear and try and distract him when he was writing sermons. A few years ago, on a Pilgrimage to the shrines of France, I visited Ars, and you can see the scorch marks of the devil on the desk where he used to sit as St. John composed his sermons. I was also privileged to minister the precious blood from his chalice. On Aug 4, 1859, Fr. Vianney died, having served at Ars for more than 41 years. He was beatified on Jan 8, 1905 and canonized on May 31, 1925 by Pius XI. This is one of St. John Vianney's own prayers: *I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.*

**Today (30th)** Coffee available after Mass in the Parish. Hall. All welcome.

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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, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents.  
**May God give them His healing grace.**

**'Thank You'**

Collection Sunday 23rd July: **£415.00.**

Good Shepherd Fund: **£187.90.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Reminder that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 3rd August at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

**First Friday Mass & Anointing of the Sick: This Friday 4th August at 2pm at St. Joseph's**

All welcome to receive God's great Sacraments, and celebrate with Tea & Cakes in the hall afterwards.

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**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -**

**Red Lamps:** *"In loving memory of Bobby Kelly love from Elise, David Annelise & Jason"*

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*"Andy"*

**Our Lady's Blue Lamp:** *"Special Intention"*

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

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**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CLEATOR ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. It is hoped to have a coachful from this Deanery. Bring your rosary beads together with waterproofs & food for the journey. Details of price & times at pickup points will be given later through your parish newsletter. All seats booked need to be PAID even if you have to cancel. Thank you for your support. *Rev David*

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**FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Subject to there being sufficient interest and to raise funds for good causes within our two parishes, we are hoping to organise a Fantasy Football League for the forthcoming football season.

You can enter as many teams as you like and the cost of entry will be £20 per team. The prizes would be determined by the number of entrants.

The Premier League Season starts on August 11th, and so that we can assess the amount of interest, if you would like to take part, please email Alison Croft on [alison.croft@gmail.com](mailto:alison.croft@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

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**Responsorial Psalm for  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and the response is:**

***"LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!"***

**FOODBANK RETURNS FOR JUNE & JULY:**

13th June: 10.7 kgs food stuffs to St. Cuthbert's.  
28th June : 4 large bags of children's clothes donated.

10th July: £200 cash, 35 kgs food stuffs.  
19th July: 35 kgs food stuffs  
All delivered to St. Cuthbert's.

Some people have been exceedingly generous with their donations, especially considering the cost of living crisis we are all living through. *Many thanks to all who have donated.*

*Members of the SVP organise the collection and delivery of the above items.*

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**Rosary, Sermon & Benediction: Sunday  
13th August at 3pm at St. Joseph's**

In honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption.  
Followed by Sherry & Cakes in the presbytery.

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

Kathleen Dowling, Ted Hudson, Molly Cottam, Lizzie Taylor, Gerard Snell, Ada McNamee, Teresa Singleton, Alice Lakeland, Ellen Walmsley, Thomas Richardson, James Baines, Keith Minton, Rena Lee, Rev. John Stanning, Joan Dickinson, Josie Todd, Philip Clitheroe, Sr. Michael Mary CP, Sr. Mary McNeal CP, Stella Cottam, Pauline Drake, Bobby Kelly. *May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

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**The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter**

If you would like to have some fun in the summer a group are gathering in the presbytery on Monday evenings to **learn the Ukulele together.**

No previous experience necessary. All ages welcome. Just **turn up with a Ukulele** (or we have a **handful which you can borrow** for the summer). **Starting this Monday at 7pm in the presbytery.** Drinks provided.

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**To book the Parish Hall,** please contact Bill Whiteside on 07754060246.

**Piety Stall:** Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.