



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



FOR  
 Sunday 31st January 2021, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'B'  
 Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037  
 Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)

<i>Day &amp; Date</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>	<i>Mass details</i>
Sunday 31st January	People of the Parish Special Intention	<b>Public Mass at 10.30am</b> Recorded Mass
Monday 1st February	No Mass	-
Tuesday 2nd February	St. Joseph's Intention	Recorded Mass
Wednesday 3rd February	Pat Weatherby RIP	<b>Public Mass 9.00am</b>
Thursday 4th February	Tony & Margaret Denye (Ann)	Recorded Mass
Friday 5th February	St. Joseph's Intention	Private Mass
Saturday 6th February	Gloria & George Townsend (Ann)	Private Mass
Sunday 7th February	People of the Parish Paul Stephens RIP	<b>Public Mass 10.30am</b> Recorded Mass

**St Joseph's Mass details:**  
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**  
 Sunday: 31st Jan - **Public Mass 9.15am.**  
 Monday: 1st Feb - No Mass.  
 Tuesday: 2nd Feb - Recorded Mass - St. Joseph's Intention.  
 Wednesday: 3rd Feb - **No Mass at St. Joseph's.**  
 Thursday: 4th Feb - Recorded Mass.  
 Friday: 5th Feb - Private Mass - St Joseph's Intention.  
 Saturday: 6th Feb - Private Mass.  
 Sunday (Vigil): **Public Mass 6pm.**  
 Sunday: 7th Feb - **Public Mass 9.15am.**

**This week's  
 Feast & Memorials:**  
**Tues:** The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas  
**Wed:** St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (*see overleaf*).  
 St. Ansgar, Bishop.  
**Fri:** St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr.  
**Sat:** SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs.

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**SATURDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11am**  
**the Church is open for Private Prayer.**

**'Thank you'**  
 Collection - Sunday 24th Jan:- **£415.50.**  
 Other Donations Received:- **£135.00.**  
 Pinprick:- **£20.00.**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP BOOKINGS**  
**(Both Red)**  
*"For all those who suffer from Racial Injustice"*  
 To book, please email Sue on [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk)  
 (or speak to her). *Suggested donation - £5 for each lamp.*  
*If you have an anniversary, event or special intention to place before Our Lord or Our Lady, please contact Sue.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
**Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue & Colin Tierney**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:**  
*Tony & Margaret Denye (Ann)*  
*Gloria & George Townsend (Ann)*  
*Bobby Kelly RIP*

**See overleaf re Pro-life Parliamentary motion .....**

**Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue RIP**  
 Bishop O'Donoghue, 5<sup>th</sup> bishop of Lancaster (2001-2009) passed away in Ireland this last Sunday. Bishop Paul Swarbrick has shared the following personal reflection on one of his predecessors : *'He came as a stranger to the north-west of England, but he was no stranger to Christ, to the poor in spirit, or to hard work. His love for Our Blessed Lord and the Church shone through his years with us. He sold the vast old episcopal house on Cannon Hill, opting for much simpler rooms within the Cathedral complex. He brought to light and tackled the infamous financial 'Black-hole' within the Diocese. He would not accept the Diocesan Caring Services compromising Catholic teaching and practice. He undertook a comprehensive Diocesan consultation for mission followed by starting its implementation. He did much more for the benefit of the Diocese and the care of the poor in spirit for whom he held a particular devotion. All who had the privilege of knowing him and enjoying his company, even for just a short time, could not fail to be touched and encouraged and inspired by him. He was a true blessing from God, from Westminster and from Ireland.'* May his soul rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC VOICE** - The February edition (digital) of the Catholic Voice can be accessed on St. Peter's website.

### **Pro-life Parliamentary motion**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. *Right To Life UK* have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the following link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

### **ANNIVERSARIES occurring about this time:**

David Lavelle, Joseph Tomlinson, Helga Nielson, Margaret Ellen Eccles, Gertrude Beesley, Caroline Butt, George Grady, Betty Waring, Philomena Smith, Harry Forshaw, Molly Killiner, William Sergeant, Gerald Turner, Val George, Sr. Rosalie CP, Sr. Pauline CP, Anton & Gloria Denye, Wilma Margaret Bealey, Sr. Angelus CP. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PARISH REGISTER** - During this period of the Covid crisis, it has become clear that we do not have contact details for many of our parishioners, especially those who are not on the internet or social media. We are now trying to build up a register for the parish. This would be useful to keep in contact with people, and help keep them up to date with what is going on in the parish. The details would be kept securely and only made available to Fr David and one or two other parish members who would be responsible for keeping in touch and getting information out to people. If you wish to be in the register please contact Sue Shakespeare. The email address is [info@stpeterslytham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpeterslytham.co.uk). You can also phone her or bring in, or send in, your name address and contact number in a sealed envelope marked FAO Sue Shakespeare, and give it to a steward at church when you come to Mass.

### **ST. BLAISE (Wednesday 3rd February).**

#### **Patron of Those with Throat Diseases**

The blessing of throats, invoking the intercession of St. Blaise, has become a very popular devotion. St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterward became a physician. He was ordained to the priesthood and made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was seized and carried off to prison by Agricola, the Governor.

On his way to prison, a distracted mother whose child was suffering from a disease of the throat implored his aid. At his intercession the child was cured, and since that time his aid has often been solicited in cases of a similar disease. After cruel tortures the saint was beheaded in the year 316.

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Fred & Mary Wylie, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Patricia Sumner, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

### **FOOD BANK UPDATE**

Pete and Ellen Rickards have received a 'thank you' note from St. Cuthbert's, Catholic Academy, as follows:

*"Peter and team at St. Peter's Church. Just to say a massive thank you for all of your contributions to our food bank. Our families are really benefitting from it. Thank you from all the staff at St. Cuthbert's, Lightwood, Ave, Blackpool".*

If you wish to donate to the Food Bank, you can either leave your contribution in the church porch or get in touch with Pete Rickards on 07929 553968 and he will be happy to collect from your home. Thank you so much.

### **Keeping Churches Open**

The government's Places of Worship Task Force has been meeting. This group is comprised of representatives from faith communities, Public Health England and H.M. Government. Key points which the Catholic bishops reported include:

1. Health professionals' research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. At this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.
3. Those gathering for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the place of worship. They should disperse immediately.
4. Officials noted that keeping Covid-secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.

St Peter's will, therefore, remain open for worship for now, but we will continue to monitor the situation and, obviously, will follow any directives from the bishop or the government.

### **2021 Diocesan Directories**

The 2021 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available and can be purchased (Price £4) from Bill Whiteside on Sundays.