



NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 28th January 2024, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 'B'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 27th / 28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 27th 6pm St. Joseph's William and Mary Murray

Sun 28th 9:15am St. Joseph's Tony Waters

Sun 28th 10:30am St. Peter's Audrey McSherry

Mon 29th 9am St. Peter's John Conway followed by Exposition & Confessions till 10am

2.45pm Carleton Crematorium funeral service for Alan Turner

Tues 30th 10am St. Joseph's Wilma Bealey followed by Exposition & Confessions till 11am

1:30pm St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for John Lyons

Wed 31st 9am St. Peter's People of the Parishes

Thurs 1st Feb **No Mass Today**

Fri 2nd 2pm St. Joseph's Mass and Sacrament of the Sick Philomena Cocker

Weekend 3rd / 4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd 6.00pm St. Joseph's David Assheton

Sun 4th 9.15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 4th 10:30am St. Peter's Anne O'Connor

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition this week:

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

This Week's Readings: We are gathered together to celebrate this Mass, in which we meet Christ in both the liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist.

1st Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - Moses informs the people of Israel that one day God will provide them with a prophet like himself from among them.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - St. Paul writes of the virtues of the unmarried state in order to persuade the people of Corinth to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 - Jesus heals a man possessed of an unclean spirit and astonishes the people present by his exercise of what they term new teaching with authority behind it.

Message from Fr. Peter: We are blessed here at SJSP's to have many people who share the faith with our children. Every week we have children's liturgy to help our little folk come to a knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Having celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation a couple of months ago, we will shortly begin the Holy Communion Programme, led by a group of dedicated catechists. We are blessed that so many Parents fulfil the vows they took at the children's baptism and truly do bring them up in the practice of the faith. And we have our schools, which really are a part of parishes where the love of God is shared and where our children are allowed to grow and mature in the faith. Well, January ends with the Feast of the lovely St. John Bosco, Patron of Young People and their Teachers in the Church. He was born in North Italy in 1815, and founded the Salesian Order, named in honour of St. Francis of Sales (whom we celebrated earlier this month). It is said that in his early teens John studied with some travelling circus folk, and learning juggling and other skills, John would put on shows for his peers, always starting with prayers and some catechesis. Having been deprived of an education himself, John sought to teach young people about the faith and ensure an education for those who were unable to access schooling. His Salesian teaching order ensured this, and his work continues to this day. He died on January 31st 1888, and was canonised by Pope Pius XI and given the title 'Father and Teacher of the Youth'. *God our Heavenly Father, the priest Saint Bosco was an outstanding Pastor and educator of the young. May we learn from him, from his life and from his teaching, and ensure an education for all our young, and a sharing of the faith with all our children, young and old Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:

Application forms for the Sacramental Course which will be beginning in February, for children in year 4 and above, are available from Fr. Peter before/after Sunday Masses. Forms *must* be returned by Sunday February 18th.

Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation.

CandleLit Procession & Blessing of the Calvary by Bishop Paul **this Friday 2nd February at 7pm at St. Joseph's** followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. It will also be a chance to pray in thanksgiving to the people who generously donated to the movement of a statue, for which we are all very blessed.

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 21st January:- **£611.50.**

Offertory donation:- **£1040.00.**

SPUC:- **£5.00.**

Crib Offerings:- **£6.70.**

South Sudan Appeal:-

£200.00 (Running total **£1069.30**).

Many thanks to all who contributed.

GIFT AID

If any taxpayer who isn't already signed up for Gift Aid would like to do so, please contact Deacon Michael. It is quite painless and a great help to the parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

South Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal 2023

We have now launched our annual appeal on behalf of the SVP for your help for the people of South Sudan and in particular for the feeding of destitute babies and children. South Sudan, independent from Sudan since 2011 after its own gruesome and long civil war has a population of 11.5 million. With 70% of the population experiencing shortages, the SVP Baby Feeding Centres provide daily meals to babies and young children in some of the poorest communities, but they need our help to fund this vital lifesaving work. Over the years you have generously supported the SVP in this work and we cannot thank you enough. Sadly, these poor people continue to need our help to keep their babies and young children alive, so once again we raise our voices on behalf of them and ask for your support. SVP members will be handing out donation forms as you leave church today. These can be returned with your kind donations up to Christmas and into the New Year. Cheques should be made payable to 'Twinning - South Sudan Appeal' and please do Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. Thank you and God bless, Deacon Michael.

THIS APPEAL CLOSSES TODAY.

THANK YOU.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Anne Hayes, Deacon William Riley, Dorothy Riley, Winefred Byrnes, Judith Cross, Red Wood Fargo, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

2024 Diocesan Directories are available from Bill Whiteside at the back of Church priced £6.

Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -

Red Lamp: *"Chris - training for Ministry"*

Our Lady's Lamp: *"Andy - B"*

Sue has room in her diary for new bookings. To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

First Sunday is Food Sunday: next week, the First Sunday of the Month, could we make a **special effort to bring non-perishable food items, and toiletries, to Church over the weekend**, which can be distributed to those in need at these times.

Trinity Hospice Fund Raising:

St. Peter's and St. Joseph's Parishes have been long-time supporters of Trinity Hospice. Indeed a Hospice Fund 200 Club was run for over 30 years at St. Joseph's until Covid restrictions stopped this. In 2024 we plan to co-ordinate our support and launch a joint fundraising appeal in both parishes to run during the month of February. This will feature a 'Just Giving' page and bucket collections at the end of masses in both parishes for the first two weekends in February. More information will be provided next week. If anyone would like to volunteer with the Trinity collections, please contact Dennis Duignan on 07432602753.

Please pray for all who have died recently -

Alan Turner, John Lyons

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ciro Bueno, Eddie Hollis, Anne Warburton, Alicia Holroyd, Rev Bishop Patrick O'Donogue - 5th Bishop of Lancaster, Colin Tierney, Wilma M. Bealey. **May they rest in peace. Amen**

Look Ahead to Lent:

Ash Wednesday 14th Feb: Masses 9am at SP's, 10am and 7pm at SJ's.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays in Lent at SJ's 5pm - 5.50pm and

Sundays in Lent at SP's 4pm-5pm (on certain weeks confession will be available in this hour:

details as advertised each week).

Stations of the Cross & Benediction:

Mondays at SP's at 7pm & Tuesdays at SJ's at 7pm;
Lenten Talks (on a variety of subjects, further details each week).

Wednesdays at SP's at 6.30pm - 7.30pm
(starts February 21st).

Responsorial Psalm for
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
and the response is:

"O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE!

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS."