

St Peter's Bulletin for Sunday 5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday - Year A

Following the Government's announcement on 23rd March, **Catholic Churches continue closed to the public at this time.**

Until further notice, Mass continues to be celebrated by Fr David in private.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don O'Toole who died recently. Don was a former head of St Peter's School.

Palm Sunday 5 th (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Wednesday 8 th	William Holland (Ann)
Thursday Evening 9 th	William Burns (Ann)
Saturday 11 th	No Morning Mass
Easter Sunday 12 th (Easter Vigil)	The Parish

Confessions are not currently available except for those who are seriously ill.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

There are no regular Holy Communion visits until further notice. Visits to the sick will be made only on request when someone is seriously ill.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen".

Live-Streaming & Recorded Masses:

For St Joseph's / St Peter's (Recorded): <https://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk/>
<https://st-josephsandsell.net/> and select 'Videos'

For Holy Family, Freckleton & Warton follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnneandHolyfamily/>

For Our Lady of the Assumption, Blackpool: <https://www.olablackpool.org/> (Recorded)

For Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Michael, Workington follow:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd>

Our Lady of Furness, Barrow: <https://camsecure.co/httpswebcam/owenbayliss/owenbayliss5.html>

PARISH FINANCES

None of us knows how long the present emergency will last and how long it will be before we can resume Sunday Mass. Some parishioners, realising that we still have bills to pay (but no Sunday collection coming in apart from standing orders) have enquired about making their Offertory contribution via online banking. This is a facility that we are pleased to encourage and would be grateful if as many people as possible could support the parish in this way during these difficult times. If you are able to help in this way, please contact us via the parish website, using the contact button (top right hand corner of the Home Page). We will then be pleased to send you the necessary account details. Rest assured that contributing in this way is equally as confidential as is using your Offertory Envelope, as only the clergy have access to the parish's bank statements. Thank you. P.S. This week we have paid a gas bill for £445, nearly as much as the Offertory collection in some weeks !

A further suggestion re live stream Masses that are still being said on a daily basis: website lourdesleigh.org

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for:

Joan Keefe, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Joan Woodcock, Iain Fair, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents.

May God give them His healing grace.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Pope John Paul II, Veronica Slater, James Slater, Gerard Connolly, Ted Parker, Stan Fenton, Lucy Simpson, John Worden, Alfred Sinclair, John Smith, Hanneke Sharp, Bernard Craig, William Sinclair, Mary Nolan, Hilda Check, Bernard Costigan, Mary Hall, Richard Moss, Ronald Moody.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

This week's Reminder:

Thursday 9th: Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Rt. Rev. Paul Swarbrick as 7th bishop of Lancaster, April 2018.

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