

## St Peter's Bulletin for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 5th July 2020 – Year A

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15 am	Public Mass
	10.30 am	People of the Parish	Public Mass
		St Joseph's Intention	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>		St Joseph's Intention	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Freda Cottam RIP	Public Mass
		Mass at St Joseph's at 12 noon	Public Mass
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Canon Francis Tootell (Anniv)	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>		St Joseph's Intention	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Deacon Michael Harrison (10th Ordination Anniversary)	
Sunday (Vigil)		St Joseph's Intention	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15 am	
		People of the Parish	
		Thompson Family Intentions	

**A thought for Sunday:** The scripture readings for our first public Mass are quite short, but to the point. The first reading from Isaiah reminds us of Palm Sunday: 'See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey.' Jesus comes to Jerusalem, the holy city, in humility as He comes to us now. He does not break the crushed reed, nor put out the smouldering wick. Rather He comes to heal, to restore, to build up. For He is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love, as the psalm tells us. God wants to make His home in us, to teach us to seek and long for spiritual things – the treasure kept for us in heaven where nothing can steal or corrupt it for it is a wreath that will never wither. So Paul assures us in the letter to the Romans. And in the gospel, Jesus reminds us that it is not to the learned and the clever that He reveals Himself, but those who come as a child. He is our place of rest for He is gentle and humble of heart, and we will find rest for our weary souls. It is just the message we need to hear as we gather together once again as a family in Christ, eager to draw strength from His blessed presence.

**The Voice for July:** the July edition of our diocesan newspaper is available online:

[https://st-josephsandsdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice\\_Lancaster\\_July\\_2020.pdf](https://st-josephsandsdell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_July_2020.pdf)

### Re-opening the church

St Peter's church will open for public Mass this Sunday morning at 10.30am. We will, of course, have to observe regulations for safe distancing and hand sanitising. Alternate benches will be available, with the others taped off. Each bench can accommodate 2 people or 2 couples at either end, or a household or bubble group. This means that we will be able to get around 80-100 people in church. The upstairs area can be used as an overflow if the downstairs benches are used up. There will be no singing, and no altar servers, readers or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. There will be no bidding prayers and a shortened homily (honest!). Communion will be given under one kind. We will also be taking names and contact numbers as people come in to comply with the Track and Trace requirements. The stewards will attend to this. Any details will be kept securely and destroyed after 21 days. We will also have Mass on Wednesday morning at 8.30am. If you are able to go to that Mass, I would ask that you consider going then rather than on Sunday to allow people who are working to attend on Sunday. Keep an eye open for further announcements on the website or on the videos.

### How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

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.

### 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".

**Mass online:** Visit <https://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk/> or <https://st-josephsandsell.net/videos/>

### **A BIG 'THANK YOU'**

During the month of June contributions received by way of standing order, online banking, cash and cheques amounted to £2212.00. **A big 'thank you' to all who have contributed to keeping the parish running during our enforced closure.**

We are, of course, most grateful for all of your kind contributions under whatever form they come to us, be it, cash, cheque, standing order or online. This weekend, as we take our first tentative steps towards returning to a degree of normality, we would ask that those who have switched to standing order or online banking during our enforced closure should continue to use these ways of contributing for the time being if possible. Anyone wishing to change to using these ways of contributing instead of cash should contact the parish website. Thank you.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Please continue to pray for: Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, 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, Michael Robinson, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

### **CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL:**

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water or healthcare, are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. In some developing countries there are almost no intensive care hospital beds or ventilators.

Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever, to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. You can pass your donation to either Deacon Michael or Mary Waddington or as individuals online at: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal) **OR** by phone **08085 85 88 85**. *There is a poster on the Notice Board. THANK YOU.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joanne Barrow, Eileen Maggs, Robert Cookson, Mary Tustain, Margaret Denye, Lily Battersby, Ann and Albert Yeulett, Mary Briggs, Eva Burke, Joan Flemming, Joan Cross, Jennie Turner. Fr. Matthew Hogan, Sr. Catherine O'Brien CP. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **This Week's Feast & Memorials**

Mon: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr.

Thurs: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions.

Sat: St. Benedict, Abbot, Principal Patron of Europe - Feast.

**Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037**

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

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