

## St Peter's Bulletin for 5th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 10th May 2020 – Year A

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

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Private Intention
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret McKeon RIP
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Illingworth RIP
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harry & Emily Illingworth RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention

**A thought for Easter:** Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am going now to prepare a place for you", give us great consolation. Jesus is actually getting a place ready for us in heaven! And then He is going to come back and take us with Him. The apostles are confused because they don't know where He is going and don't know the way. "I am the way, the truth and the life", says Jesus. This tells us that Jesus is not just going on ahead of us, He is also with us. The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit to be with us, to dwell in us so that the blessed Trinity now dwells in us. The Lord wants to walk in our shoes, see through our eyes, and speak through our mouths. He must be our guide, our teacher, and our source of strength – our way, our truth and our life. And He wills that we may do 'greater things' than He did when He walked the earth, not because we are greater but because it is He who is working in us; and wants the effects of His work to be manifest through His Church. We just have to believe Him, trust Him, and keep the door open for Him; and then He will lead us to that place He has prepared for us.

**From a Message from the Bishops:** "...None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare..."

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day when we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise." (*Signed, on behalf of the Bishops of England & Wales, by the five metropolitan bishops including Archbishop Malcolm McMahon from our own province of Liverpool*)

### 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/>

### **CONTRIBUTING AT THE PRESENT TIME**

The parish still needs your financial support during these difficult times. If you would like to donate by **Standing Order, Online Banking or by Cheque**

please contact the parish website and we will be pleased to give you details as to how you can do this. Contributions by standing order, online banking and cheque during the month of April totalled **£1536.00**.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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### **THE MONTH OF MAY is dedicated to the *Blessed Virgin Mary* -**

the entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical colour white - the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. *You are all beautiful, O Mary! You are the glory, you are the joy, you are the honour of our people!*

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### **CATHOLIC VOICE OF LANCASTER**

For the first time in nearly 29 years a Paper version has not been produced but a smaller edition of 12 pages. There will be no hardcopy this month. The link to read the 12 page edition is:

[http://www.diocese.cc/FileSystem/11/Private/Advertising/Proofs/LancasterMay2020\\_Final.pdf](http://www.diocese.cc/FileSystem/11/Private/Advertising/Proofs/LancasterMay2020_Final.pdf)

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### **OUR OVERSEAS MISSION\*VES\*PERU\*LATEST\*24 APRIL 2020**

During Lent on 19th March, I emailed Sister Maeve to find out what effect COVID-19 was having on Our Overseas Mission in Villa El Salvador (VES) and would £2000 come in handy? She replied that they were in quarantine, the Taytaco's had been suspended for 15 days and "Yes please, send the cheque". Maeve emailed me again last week:

*"Dear Jim. We are still in lonely confinement but I got your cheque and from the 1st April we are starting to give lunch, a good hot meal to the Taytaco's and we are so grateful because the queues at the banks are unheard of but the people are hungry, at least they will have three good meals a week. In solitary confinement but its better than nothing! Love Maeve"*

So there you go, straight from The Front. Its good news that our donations allow Maeve to keep "Our Mission" up and running, helping those in need in a shanty town on the other side of the world. **GREAT BIG THANKS** go to all involved for your generosity. See you soon - I hope!

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Please continue to pray for:

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: Sid Lloyd, Elsie Knowles, Frank Mulligan, Katie Gilmartin, Wendy Lloyd, Michael Fallon, Doris M. Chesworth, Gerald Forshaw Sr Gregory CP, Philip Leatham, Winnie Mulligan, Alan Bamber, Sr Bridget Noonan CP, Alan Nicholas, Frank Holland. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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

Tues: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs. St Pancras, Martyr.

Wed: Our Lady of Fatima. Thurs: Feast - St Matthias, Apostle.

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

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

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