

St Peter's Bulletin for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 12th July 2020 – Year A

Sunday 12 th		Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15 am	Public Mass
	10.30 am	People of the Parish	Public Mass
		Thompson Family Intentions	
Monday 13 th		No Mass	
Tuesday 14 th		St Joseph's Intention	
Wednesday 15 th	8.30 am	Deacon Michael Harrison	Public Mass
		Mass at St Joseph's at 12 noon	Public Mass
Thursday 16 th		Fr Peter Sharp	
Friday 17 th		St Joseph's Intention	
Saturday 18 th		Fr Mark Harold	
Sunday (Vigil)		St Joseph's Intention	
Sunday 19 th	10.30 am	Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15 am	
		People of the Parish	
		Special Intention	

A thought for Sunday: 'Imagine a sower going out to sow...' Jesus sets the scene for one of the best known illustrations of the 'mysteries of the kingdom of heaven'. The different places where the seed falls represent the reaction different people have to God's Word and whether or not there is a chance for it to grow and flourish. It can also serve to remind us of how each one of us can be at different stages or places in our lives. There are times when I know that I have let His word as it were bounce off me. I have been too busy, or taken up with something else, and His word just does not get a look in. This is the seed that falls on the path and birds eat it up straight away. Then there have been times when I have been enthusiastic and full of promise to start with, but there is little depth to my commitment, and soon my resolve has withered like the seed that falls on rocky ground and withers after shooting up straight away. Sometimes the word has had a good start but over time so many cares and concerns are allowed to crowd it out and it does not flourish. This is the seed that falls among thorns that grow and choke it. How often have I given the word chance to flourish so that it grows and produces good fruit? We need to be more consistent in how we prepare and respond to God's good word. We should pray for better soil – a heart more hungry and ready for his word that, by God's grace, will produce the fruit that God has made it for.

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

https://st-josephsandsell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_July_2020.pdf

Church opening

St Peter's church will open again for public Mass this Sunday morning at 10.30am; and will be open for Mass next Wednesday at 8.30am. We must continue with our necessary measures to provide sanitizer and safe distancing. Once again, a big thank you goes to our stewards who have done a great job of marking out the church and helping to keep things safe. We will also continue our periods of opening for private prayer on Wednesday evening from 8 – 10pm, and Thursday and Saturday from 10am -12noon. At this time, if people wish to go to Confession, please phone Fr David and an arrangement can be made. We are looking towards celebrating public Mass for the 6pm Vigil at St Joseph's, but we still need to arrange sufficient stewards to clean benches after Mass to make the church ready for Mass the following morning. Watch this space...

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'

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. As we take 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, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

FOOD BANK

It is easy, whilst we are all endeavouring to 'stay safe & well' to forget support given in the past to the Food Bank. Since lockdown started, Pete and Ellen Rickards, on behalf of the SVP, have delivered approximately 100kgs of food and £140 in cash. *Our thanks go to them both.* The Food Bank run by St Cuthbert's Church in Blackpool has not been open because their volunteers are over 70, however, Pete & Ellen took the donations to St Cuthbert's school and discovered they have set up their own Food Bank because they are very concerned regarding the school holidays.

A lot of donations have dried up during the pandemic, yet sadly a lot of people are in dire need. Please donate non perishable food items (please check use by dates) and toiletries - you will find the donation box in the inner porch. **Thank you so much.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frances Brocklesby, Eamon O'Hare, Victoria Ellison, Canon F. Tootell, Philip Kershaw, Mary Kershaw, Thomas Anyon, John Mulligan, Kathleen F. Holland, Fr. Harry Fitzsimmons, Lulu Hart, Gordon Turner, Edmund Madrid, George Henry Wallace, Jane Sinclair, Gay Ainsworth, Marjorie Crook, Stan Knowles, Eddie Mather, Jenny Sykes, Sr. Josephine, Peter Richardson, Brian Parker, Brian Waddington, Ted Cottam, John Bould, Fr. Michael Lakeland. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

This Week's Memorials

Mon: St. Henry.

Tues: St. Camillus of Lellis.

Wed: St. Bonaventure.

Thurs: Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

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

Parish Website www.stpeterslythamco.uk