

St Peter's Bulletin for Corpus Christi – Sunday 14th June 2020 – Year A

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 14 th	St Joseph's Intention
Sunday Afternoon 14 th	St Joseph's Parish
Monday 15 th	Private Intention
Tuesday 16 th	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 17 th	Murphy & Mason Families
Thursday 18 th	Those who prayed for AW
Friday 19 th	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 20 th	Lesley Wharton RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 21 st	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 21 st	St Joseph's Intention

A thought for Sunday: Although St John has quite a long account of what Jesus said at the Last Supper, he does not provide any account of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist there. What he does give us, that the other evangelists do not, is an exchange with the people after the feeding of the five thousand and Jesus' crossing over the water to the other side of the lake at Capernaum. Here the people ask Jesus for a sign as in Moses' time when the bread from heaven came down to feed his people. 'I am the bread of life', Jesus tells them. It is here that John presents the reality of what Jesus is saying. "Unless you *eat* the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life within you. Anyone who does *eat* my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life..." What we don't see from our translation is that Jesus uses two different words for 'eat'. These are given in the Greek: first, the word 'phagete' meaning simply to eat; then, 'trogon', which means to chew. Jesus is making the point that we must literally eat him in the Eucharist. This is no mere sign. Jesus is there: body, blood, soul and divinity. He not only gives himself for us on the cross, but also personally to us when we receive Him in Holy Communion. That's how far Jesus goes to show His love for us.

The Voice for June: the June edition of our diocesan newspaper is available online: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5264fad3e4b077de0404a67b/t/5ed14e11fae0797396332089/1590775347067/LancasterJune2020FinalProof.pdf>

Volunteers needed

The government has now stated that churches may open for private visits and prayer from Monday 21st June if they are ready. The diocesan offices have sent out instructions and various measures that we are to comply with. We will need two people in attendance when the church is open. Hand sanitising is to be provided, and signage to ensure social distancing and where people can go. We still need some more volunteers to make this viable. Each team would be on duty for an hour at a time, and the period of opening would be two hours per day. Cleaning materials and any necessary PPE would be provided to clean and wipe down surfaces. We hope to open a few days a week, which would include an evening for those at work in the day. If you wish to help please contact Fr David on 01253 737037.

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-josephsandsdell.net/videos/>

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR LIFE.

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.

During the month of May contributions/donations received from all sources **totalled £3646** (including a single donation of **£2000**). **Our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed.**

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus* this coming Friday the 19th. Jesus said to St Margaret Mary Alacoque -

"Behold this Heart which has loved mankind so much, and yet they do not want to love me in return. Through you, My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth".

On the following day we celebrate the memorial of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary* - devotion to these two hearts was promoted together, as a means of entering more deeply into the mystery of God's love.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, heavenly beauty and splendour of the Father, You are the most valued heavenly treasure."

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, Sister Barbara CP, 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:

Rt. Rev. John Brewer (4th Bishop of Lancaster), Howard Blanche, Frank Rooney, Richard Little, Catherine Leeming, Bridget Froggatt, Elsie Robinson, Ethel Sergeant, Arthur Horton, Veronica Hughes, Peter Foster, Agnes Preston, Julie Edwards, Theresa Mary Atkinson, Des Battersby, Stuart McFarlane, Betty Young, Daryl Turner, Sister Evelyn Wilson CP. ***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

This Week's Memorials:

Tues. St Richard of Chichester, Bishop.

Fri. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity.

Sat. The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Memorial.

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