

## St Peter's Bulletin for 6th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 17th May 2020 – Year A

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Private Intention
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Baldwin RIP
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> (The Ascension)	Patrick Sumner RIP
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Freda Cottam RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention

**A thought for Easter:** 'I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth...' In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to His apostles. He also tells them, 'In a short time the world will no longer see me'. Jesus will not be with His disciples much longer. After his death He will rise again, but will be seen only for a short time; then, 'the world will no longer see me.' Jesus will ascend to the Father – He will no longer be seen. But the disciples will be seen. They must now be His Body. That is why Jesus tells them to keep His commandments. They must keep His word alive, a living witness. But Jesus will still be with them. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will make Jesus present, just as Jesus makes the Father present. In a sense God will be with them more than ever, they will know and understand all that He has taught them. The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church, the life of the Risen Christ, the Word of God. We must treasure and keep that Word, and keep his commandments. That God may be seen in us.

### **A Marian Prayer for May from the Pope:**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

### **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-josephsansdell.net/videos/>

**LATELY DEAD: Margaret Baldwin and Margaret Mooney**

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.  
Amen.*

**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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**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 & the 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. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate as individuals online at: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal) **OR** by phone **08085 85 88 85**. *Thank you.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

Peter Smith, Elizabeth Lenehan, John Lenehan, Frances Clare, James Henry Illingworth, Patricia Hermeges, Margaret Vale, Sister Joseph Carmel CP, Kathleen Quigley, Ian Parry, Pat Cross, Peter Harrison. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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**This Week's Solemnity & Memorials:**

Mon: St John I, Pope & Martyr.

Tues. St Dunstan, Bishop.

Wed: St Bernardine of Siena, Priest.

**Thurs: Solemnity - The Ascension of the Lord.**

Next Sunday (24th) World Communications Day of Prayer.

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