

## St Peter's Bulletin for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Year A

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

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Private Intention
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Anne Myers RIP
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ray Myers – good health
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mamie Heyworth RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	The Parish

Confessions are not currently available except for those who are seriously ill.

**A thought for Easter:** ‘...the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them...’ These words from this Sunday’s Gospel have added significance in our present circumstances. The doors are closed – we are told to stay in. We may not be able to go out as we wish, but Jesus goes where He wills. Our freedom as Christians begins within and is given as a free gift that no agency can prohibit. Our faith enables us to see beyond walls and doors to what God has revealed to us. Thomas did not believe Jesus was risen because his faith was not yet strong enough – the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon him and the other apostles, the Holy Spirit that we received at our baptism. That is why we can believe and yet have not seen. Faith enables us to see beyond present crises and put our hope in the Lord who has overcome all things. It enables us to be Christ-like in forgiving those who ‘trespass against us’, for Christ has destroyed the barrier of sin. He forgives ‘us our trespasses’, and calls on us – enables us – to do the same, to be people of mercy. This pandemic has given us time and space to reflect on what we truly need and value. Today we should thank God for faith in the risen Christ and ask Him to increase it and the freedom and peace it brings, that believing, we may live through His name.

### How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

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.

There are no regular Holy Communion visits until further notice. Visits to the sick will be made only on request when someone is seriously ill.

**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:

For St Joseph's / St Peter's (Recorded):

<https://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk/>  
<https://st-josephsandsell.net/videos/>

## PARISH FINANCES

None of us knows how long the present emergency will last and how long it will be before we can resume Sunday Mass. Some parishioners, realising that we still have bills to pay (but no Sunday collection coming in apart from standing orders) have enquired about making their Offertory contribution via online banking. This is a facility that we are pleased to encourage and would be grateful if as many people as possible could support the parish in this way during these difficult times. If you are able to help in this way, please contact us via the parish website, using the contact button (top right hand corner of the Home Page). We will then be pleased to send you the necessary account details. Rest assured that contributing in this way is equally as confidential as is using your Offertory Envelope, as only the clergy have access to the parish's bank statements.

We wish to thank, most sincerely, those parishioners who have responded so far. We still need more people to help us in this way. If you are able to do so, please give it serious consideration. **Thank you.**

### **Reminder: This Sunday the 19th, Low Sunday, is the FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY.**

The question is being asked? - "*How, when there are no open churches, do we receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, promised by Jesus to Saint Faustina?*" As we are unable to get to confession - make an Act of Contrition with the intention to go back to the Sacrament as soon as possible. Make a Spiritual Holy Communion, asking God to come into your heart, and again, having the intention of going to Holy Communion when the church is open. Everyone wants to wipe their slate clean! **Jesus said:** "*I do not want to punish you for your sins but I want to heal your wounded heart.*"

**"Easter Wishes and Thanks** - on Holy Saturday we received a note from Fr Frank sending his good wishes and thanks to all of the parishioners of St Peter's, and asking God to bless you all."

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

Joan Keefe, 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:

Lily Falkingham, Mary Brown, Lily Cross, Thomas Tiplady, Philip Twist, Fr Michael Hennemann, Bob Thornton, Mary E. Hothersall, Lawrence Cooper, Ted McGuinness, Marion Wilson, Michael McMahon, Michael Fallon, Mark Lavelle, Alfred Sinclair, Jack Conway, John Desborough, Vonnie May, Ronnie Baines, Irene Cookson, Hugh Quiqley, Alec Rothney, Deacon John Forster, Eileen Pace, Henry Ball, Patricia Hill, Anita Walsh, Anita Gaven, Ted Podmore, Sheila Longbottom. ***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

### **This week's Memorial, Solemnity & Feast:**

Tuesday: Memorial - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor.

Thursday: Solemnity - St George, Martyr, Patron of England.

Friday: Feast - St Mark Evangelist.

Next weekend (26th) World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and Friday is 1st Friday (no Mass at Saltcotes).

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