

St Peter's Bulletin for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 21st June 2020 – Year A

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 21 st	St Joseph's Intention
Sunday Afternoon 21 st	St Joseph's Parish
Monday 22 nd	Private Intention
Tuesday 23 rd	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 24 th	Mary O'Gara RIP & family
Thursday 25 th	Intentions of TG
Friday 26 th	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 27 th	In Thanksgiving
Sunday (Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 28 th	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 28 th	St Joseph's Intention

A thought for Sunday: We might think, to listen to this Sunday's first reading that we had jumped back into the middle of Lent: 'All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge." ' It sounds very much like the readings for Palm Sunday or Good Friday. Then we hear 'Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the souls of the needy from the hands of evil men'. In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: 'Do not be afraid'. In Holy Week the focus is on the passion and death of Jesus. Here, Jesus is telling His disciples that they must follow in his steps: as He would suffer, so they who follow him will suffer also. But whatever they must endure will come to an end. They are in God's hands – their souls will be safe if they are faithful to Him. St Paul tells us: 'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us'. What seems hidden in our present age will come to light when Christ comes, when the fullness of the Kingdom and all its glory are revealed. May God give us the grace to seek His Kingdom first, and its righteousness, that we may be found worthy to reign with Him.

The Voice for June: the June edition of our diocesan newspaper is available online:
https://st-josephsandsell.net/Documents/CatholicVoice_Lancaster_June_2020.pdf

Re-opening the church

We have been preparing to open St Peter's Church for private worship. Grateful thanks go to those who have volunteered their time to help make this possible by acting as stewards. We are looking now to open on one weekday morning, one weekday evening, and on Sundays. This will be for periods of two hours. Access will be restricted to benches at the back to help manage the cleaning. Each team of two stewards would be on duty for an hour at a time. Cleaning materials and any necessary PPE will be provided to clean and wipe down surfaces. The times need to be finalised – the schedule will be made known when it is ready. It will be posted at church, but please also keep an eye on the parish website, facebook, and video on Youtube. All being well, we should be able to open during the coming week.

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/>

LATELY DEAD - Sister Barbara CP

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she 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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (50 YEARS)

Married at St Joseph's Ansdell on 20th June 1970: Susan and Andy Evans.

SAINT ROSALIA (also called "The Little Saint")

In 1624, a plague beset Palermo in Italy. The Saint's remains were carried round the city three times and the plague ceased. After this, St Rosalia was venerated as the patron saint of Palermo and she is especially important internationally as the saint invoked in times of plague (disease), so we pray to St Rosalia to protect ourselves, our families and the world during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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.***

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

John Walls, Jane Etherington, George Wilson, Ethel Pendlebury, Marie Barratt, Patricia Marlow, John Hoole, Eddie Walsh, Marie Armer, Bob Salisbury, Ernest Tomlinson, Bishop Ambrose OSB, Rev. Bede Moore OSB, Deacon Keith Armstrong, Norah Hornby, Bridget Lavelle, Sr Agnes Marie Joy CP. ***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

This Week's Solemnity, Feast & Memorials

Mon: St John Fisher, Bishop, & St Thomas More, Martyrs,
National Calendar - Feast (Prayer for those who are Persecuted)

Tues. St Etheldreda (Audrey) Abbess.

Wed: Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Solemnity.

Thurs: Our Lady of Fernyhalgh, Diocesan Calendar.

Sat: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor.

Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

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

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