

St Peter's Bulletin for 7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 24th May 2020 – Year A

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 24 th	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 24 thSt Joseph's Intention
Monday 25 th	Private Intention
Tuesday 26 th	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 27 th	Roger Bell RIP
Thursday 28 th	Mary Conway RIP
Friday 29 th	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 30 th	D'Souza Family Dec'd Members
Sunday (Vigil) (Pentecost)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 31 st	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 31 stSt Joseph's Intention

A thought for Easter: The whole of chapter 17 of John's Gospel is referred to as the Priestly Prayer of Jesus. It is one long prayer to the Father; the last Jesus would pray with his disciples before His passion and death. Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him 'so that your Son may glorify you.' Everything Jesus does is to glorify the Father and make his name known. This prayer is like the first half of the Our Father: 'Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Jesus has come to do the Father's will, not His own. His prayer is not for the world, but 'for those you have given me'. It is the disciples, and those who will follow them, that Jesus prays for. These will be the means by which His work will continue, bringing the salvation He will win on the cross to the ends of the earth. Jesus is praying that they will be one with Him in a kingdom still on earth and in the world, but with its head and destiny in heaven. It is a prayer for us, still striving to let His will be done, His Kingdom come in and through us for the greater glory of God.

Pentecost Sunday – National Rosary Rally 9 am -9 pm

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, 31st May, there will be a Rosary Rally held throughout England & Wales and Scotland for an end to the Corona virus crisis and various other spiritual and temporal goods. Each hour from 9 am to 9 pm is assigned to various dioceses for them to lead the rosary with individuals, families, and parish and other groups. Our diocese of Lancaster has been assigned the hour from 5 pm until 6pm together with Westminster and Argyll & the Isles. The intentions are:

- for faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations
- an end to the virus and its effects that prevent us from living life in abundance
- the protection of the common good and people's economic livelihoods
- preservation from disaster and war.

Further details will be made available via the parish website: www.stpeterlytham.co.uk

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/>

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, Sr Veronica Wallace CP, 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 **OR** by phone **08085 85 88 85**. *Thank you.*

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

Henry Hothersall, Marjorie Ash, Doris Carey, Elsie Porteus, Louis Charles Ritchie, Frederick Yale, John Valentine, William MacKay, Mary Singleton, Elizabeth Bould, William Reynolds, Kathleen Leeming, Helen Chandler, William Hutchinson, Gwen Loftus, Sandra Webb, Tom Eccles, Mary Cairns, James Paul Richardson, Katharina & Walter Graham, James D'Souza.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

This Week's Feast & Memorials:

Mon: St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor.

Tues. St Philip Neri, Priest.

Wed: Feast - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Apostle of England.

Fri: St Paul VI, Pope.

Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

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

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