

St Peter's Bulletin for 3rd Sunday of Easter – Sunday 26th April 2020 – Year A

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

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 26 th	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 26 th	St Joseph's Intention
Monday 27 th	Private Intention
Tuesday 28 th	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 29 th	Sr Doreen Casey RIP
Thursday 30 th	Freda Cottam RIP
Friday 1 st	St Joseph's Intention
Friday 1 st Evening	Holy Souls
Saturday 2 nd	Joan Keefe RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Morning 3 rd	The Parish
Sunday Afternoon 3 rd	St Joseph's Intention

NB: The Morning Mass on Sun 3rd May will be celebrated at St Peter's, recorded and put online.

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

Many Thanks: A big 'Thank You' to those who sent cards, offerings and good wishes for Easter. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

A thought for Easter: 'Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him...' St Luke tells us that up until then 'something prevented them from recognising him.' And yet, had not their hearts burned within them as Jesus explained the scriptures to them on the road? There are clear references to the Mass here. We encounter the God who speaks to us in the scripture readings, as we hear all that God has done to form us as his people through history. Finally, he speaks to us through his Son, who is present to us in a powerful way at the 'breaking of bread' – the offering of his sacrifice made present to us at the consecration of the bread and wine, which become his body and blood. God is not just speaking to us, but pouring out his very life for us. It is the very fount of our faith and life – no wonder that we miss not being able to be present. Perhaps, as with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus wants to enkindle in our hearts the fire of his love, that we will see him all the more clearly when next we are able to receive him at the breaking of bread.

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

PARISH FINANCES - UPDATED 22ND APRIL

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.

For those who do not use online banking and who would like to make their contribution by cheque, please contact the parish website (see bottom of this page) for the address to which to send your cheque. **Thank you very much.**

LATELY DEAD - JOAN KEEFE

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

"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:

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:

Doris O'Dwyer, John Bristow, Joe Hodgkinson, Betty Eaves, Alfred Green, Arthur Killiner, Joseph O'Connor, Stephen Wilkes, Mary Blacoe, Norman Miller, Boris Townsend, Sr Juliana, Paddy Lenehan, Pat Benson, John Fallon, Dennis John Gaskell, Ether Cross, Vincent Burke, Mary Harris.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

This week's Memorials & Feast:

Tuesday: St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr. St Louis Gregnion de Montfort, Priest.

Wednesday: Feast - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor.

Thursday: St Pius V, Pope.

1st Friday: St Joseph the Worker (No Mass at Saltcotes).

Saturday: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor.

Next weekend (Sunday 3rd May) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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