

St Peter's Bulletin for Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul – Sunday 28th June 2020 – Year A

Sunday Morning 28 th	St Joseph's Intention
Sunday Afternoon 28 th	St Joseph's Parish
Monday 29 th	Private Intention
Tuesday 30 th	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 1 st	Andrew & Susan Evans (Golden Wedding)
Thursday 2 nd	Special Intention (LM)
Friday 3 rd	St Joseph's Intention
	The souls of those buried at Saltcotes.
Saturday 4 th	Sr Barbara Sexton CP RIP
Sunday (Vigil)	Mass at St Joseph's at 6.00 pm
Sunday 5 th 9.15 am	Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15 am
Sunday 5 th 10.30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th	Mass at St Joseph's at 5.05pm

A thought for Sunday: The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul brings together two saints who could certainly each merit a Feast of their own. Why are they together? The tradition is that both were martyred at Rome between 64 and 68 AD. Peter, of course, was the first Pope and the first Bishop of Rome. Paul, after his dramatic conversion, became the apostle to the gentiles – perhaps the greatest of all preachers. Together they are like two great pillars on which the Church of Rome was built and became the foundation for the Church as it spread across the world. But both had got things wrong when they went their own way: Peter tried to stop Jesus from going to Jerusalem to meet his fate; and thought he would stand by the Lord to the last – until he denied him. Paul thought his calling was to put a stop to the early Church, and was on his way to do this when our Lord stopped him in his tracks. Both abandoned their pride and let the Lord take the reins. And He reigned in them. As Paul himself said, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' It is the Lord who will make of us what we are called to be – if we let Him. Set close to Christ we become stones making a spiritual house for God; a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called us out of darkness into his own wonderful light.

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

Re-opening the church

St Peter's church will be open from this Saturday (10 am – 12 noon); then Sunday (10am – 12 noon) for private prayer only. During next week the church will be open on Wednesday (10am -12noon) and Wednesday evening (6 – 8 pm). From Saturday 4th July we will be able to open the church for public Mass. This will be limited by the need to maintain social distancing for those present at Mass. For those not in the same household, that means 2 people per bench, using alternate benches. We could probably accommodate somewhere between 50 – 100 people, depending on people who come from the same household. Watch out for more on this on the website and Youtube videos in the coming days. It is, however, good news that people can start getting back to Mass again.

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/>

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.

THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Pope Clement I said:

*"Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ
and realise how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation
and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world".*

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"Hi Jim, thank you for your note. I'm well and very thankful that we are in quarantine and have been for the last three months. No Holy Week and no Masses except on TV. The Parish is closed, we have got food for our Taytacos and we are keeping them well stocked but that means visiting them in their homes and leaving them a packet of food. They are being looked after. We have until the end of June for this. I hope this ends soon. Love from Maeve."

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, Michael Robinson, 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: Michael Hogan, Betty McMurray, William Kenyon, Patricia Greaves, Alice Houston, Ivy Bibby, Lee Duffy, Mary Stanning, Bernard Eccles, Sister Alberta, Mary Ingham, Peter Postlethwaite, Phyllis Rooney, Len Kyte, Stan Knowles Jnr., Michael & Margaret Lavelle, Eileen Abbott, Raymond Eaves. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

This Week's Feast & Memorials

Tues. The First Martyrs of the See of Rome.

Wed: St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr.

Fri: St. Thomas, Apostle - Feast. (1st Friday, no Mass at Saltcotes).

Sat: St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

Priest in Charge: Rev David Burns - 01253 737037

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

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