

St Peter's Bulletin for Pentecost – Sunday 31st May 2020 – Year A

Sunday (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Sunday Morning 31 st	St Joseph's Parish
Sunday Afternoon 31 st	St Joseph's Intention
Monday 1 st	Private Intention
Tuesday 2 nd	St Joseph's Intention
Wednesday 3 rd	Peter Harrison RIP
Thursday 4 th	Hilda Harrison RIP
Friday 5 th	St Joseph's Intention
Saturday 6 th	Holy Souls (of those buried at Saltcotes)
Sunday (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving (AW)
Sunday Morning 7 th	The Parish
Sunday Afternoon 7 th	St Joseph's Parish
	St Joseph's Intention

A thought for Easter: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'. These words Jesus spoke to his disciples 'in the evening of the first day of the week' – the very day of His resurrection from the dead. It is His first appearance to them as a group and, already, He is giving them the Holy Spirit. How does this differ from the day of Pentecost? An indication is to be found in the phrase 'He breathed on them...' This calls to mind another phrase, this time from the book of Genesis, where God forms the first man: 'Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.' Man was endowed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and with grace from the beginning; but these he lost because of sin. Now God the Son, risen from the dead, is restoring man to life, breathing the Spirit once again into him, and to these men in particular - the first priests - giving them the power to bring others back from death – the death of sin. As He said to the paralytic: 'Your sins are forgiven you' before setting him on his feet. The Spirit is first given to the Church to deal with sin before the power is given to set humanity on its feet again with the fullness of His gifts.

Pentecost Sunday – National Rosary Rally 9 am -9 pm

This 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/>

LATELY DEAD: SISTER VERONICA WALLACE 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. **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, 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:

John Knowles, Diane Hindle, Joseph Cody, Gertrude Richardson, Sharon Devine, Christine Barrs, Reverend John O'Toole, Margaret Mary Phillips, Veronica Shaw, Winnie Worden, Raymond Eaves, Len Whiteside, Sister Evelyn Wilson CP. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

This Week's Feast & Memorials:

Mon: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

Tues. Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs.

Wed: Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs.

Thurs: **Feast** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

Fri: St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr. (*1st Friday - no Mass at Saltcotes*).

Sat: St. Norbert, Bishop.

Next Sunday (7th) The Most Holy Trinity.

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