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In the quiet, reflective moments by the Sea of Tiberias, we find Peter grappling with a past that cannot be rewritten. John's Gospel presents us with a Peter burdened by the weight of denial—three times turning away from his identity as a disciple. Like Peter, we often find ourselves ensnared in the net of past regrets, yearning for the impossible—a new past. Yet, the dawn in this Gospel passage symbolizes something profound: the possibility of stepping into a future not tethered to past failures but alive with hope and transformation.

Desmond Tutu, in his work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, spoke of the necessity of confronting the past to move forward. Forgiveness, he asserted, does not erase wrongdoing but rather acknowledges it as a step toward healing. Similarly, Peter's journey with Jesus in this chapter is not about erasing his denial but about stepping into the light of love and service. Jesus' threefold question, "Do you love me?" is not an accusation but an invitation—a call to renew love and commitment.

Embracing the Dawn: Forgiveness and New Beginnings



This passage challenges us to ponder our own lives and our collective histories. In a world marred by systemic injustices, we are called to confront painful truths—not to remain enslaved by them, but to transform them into pathways of justice and reconciliation. As Tutu suggests, true reconciliation is not without risk, but it is the only path to genuine healing.

Peter's story reminds us that while we cannot obtain a new past, we can embrace a new future. Each dawn is an invitation to live into the resurrection hope—a chance to love boldly, act justly, and walk humbly in the way of Christ. May we, like Peter, find the courage to step into this new day with love as our compass, writing our future with acts of grace and mercy.

St. Joseph's Parish: Gift Aid Update

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our commitment to maintaining accurate records and enhancing the financial strength of our parish, we are conducting an update of our Gift Aid declarations. It has been several years since our last review, making this update both timely and essential.

Why Gift Aid Matters:

- Increased Contributions: Gift Aid allows St. Joseph's to receive an additional 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.
- Current Information: Changes in employment, address, or tax status necessitate accurate and up-to-date records.
- Inclusivity: Some parishioners may not have previously completed a Gift Aid form, or their current form may be outdated.

What You Need to Do:

1. Obtain a Form: Pick up a new Gift Aid form from the back of the church, the parish office, or request one by email.
2. Complete the Form: Choose from two options:
 - Option 1: Applies to past and future donations. Tick this if you want past donations to qualify.
 - Option 2: Applies to future donations only. Suitable for those new to Gift Aid.
 - If unsure, our team will gladly assist you.
3. Submit the Form: Return it to the Finance Committee, one of the priests, or the parish office. You can also email completed forms to bettypires1503@gmail.com.



Assistance Available:

Finance Committee members will be available after each Mass to guide you through the process.

Your participation is invaluable. By completing a Gift Aid form, your contributions have an even greater impact without costing you a penny. We deeply appreciate your generosity and support.

Together, let's ensure St. Joseph's remains a vibrant and mission-driven community.

Blessings,
Fr. George, CP

Praying for the Conclave

There will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, 6 May, at 5.30pm to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals gathered in Rome before the Conclave starts on Wednesday. The principal celebrant of this Mass will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. If you would be so kind, all are welcome to attend.

Join Us for St. Joseph's Joyful Bring and Share Lunch!

We are absolutely delighted to invite you to our upcoming Parish Bring and Share Lunch in celebration of the feast of St. Joseph! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 18th, following the 12 noon Mass, as we gather in the charming Red Room. With a little luck, we'll also embrace the beauty of the garden if the sun decides to shine on us!

This is a heartwarming invitation to all parishioners and their families to join in a vibrant community gathering. We encourage you to bring along a traditional dish from your homeland, along with some beverages to share (but let's keep it modest and friendly!). Please note, while we can't cook or reheat dishes on-site, we will happily keep your contributions warm for everyone to enjoy. You're welcome to drop off your dishes after the 10 am Mass.

This celebration is a fantastic opportunity to connect, mingle, and deepen our friendships within our church family. We warmly welcome every one of you and truly hope to see a wonderful turnout. Let's come together, share our cultures, and enjoy a day full of joy and community spirit.

See you there!



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to Holy Week's collection, totalling an impressive £1534. Your kindness and support empower us to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together, we make a significant impact on our community and beyond. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you sincerely for your support.

100 Club Results

The April draw was held at the Monastery on 1st May. The number of entries was 100 and the winners were: £400 Marilyn D'Sa (86), £100 Claudio Solari (10), £50 Maura Richardson (89). Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Mass intentions from 3rd May 2025

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 3 May 2025	07.00 pm	Terence Anning	Lately Dead
Sun, 4 May 2025	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Cis & Anne Moriarty	Intentions
	12 noon	George O'Shea	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Mrs Sam Hardman	Lately Dead
Mon, 5 May 2025	09.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Tues, 6 May 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 7 May 2025	09.30 am	Phil Cumiskey	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 8 May 2025	09.30 am	Kate, Phil Finlay & Ricky Cumiskey	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 9 May 2025	09.30 am	Mamie Bourke	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 10 May 2025	09.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead. If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 5: 27-32. 40b-41/ Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 (2a)/ Rv 5: 11-14/ Jn 21: 1-19. **Mon:** Acts 6: 8-15/ Ps 119: 23-24. 26-27. 29-30/ Jn 6: 22-29. **Tue:** Acts 7: 51 -- 8: 1a/ Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6 and 7b and 8a. 17 and 21ab/ Jn 6: 30-35. **Wed:** Acts 8: 1b-8/ Ps 66: 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a/ Jn 6: 35-40. **Thu:** Acts 8: 26-40/ Ps 66: 8-9. 16-17. 20/ Jn 6: 44-51. **Fri:** Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Jn 6: 52-59 **Sat:** Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, p/ John of Avila, p, dr. Acts 9: 31-42/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Jn 6: 60-69 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 13: 14. 43-52/ Ps 100: 1-2. 3. 5/ Rv 7: 9. 14b-17/ Jn 10: 27-30