



Please Pray
for

The Reverend Peter James Murphy

who is to be
Ordained
to the

Sacerd Priesthood

by

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

on

The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul
Sunday 28th June 2020

Sunday, 3rd May 2020
Good Shepherd Sunday

Many people have already been in touch with me over the past few weeks to ask me what will happen regarding my ordination to the Priesthood, especially in the light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

It had been my plan, in these final months before the ordination, to send you and your family a formal invitation to join me at my home parish of St Marie's on the Sands, Southport for the Mass of Ordination, and then for a celebration afterwards. Unfortunately, as I am sure you will understand, this is no longer going to be possible.

After much prayer and discussion with my Archbishop, it has been decided that I will continue to be ordained, as planned, on Sunday 28th June 2020. However, only my immediate family and a small number of priests will be able to physically be present with me, and the Archbishop. I am very thankful to you, and so many other people, for having been a great support to me; and I wish that I would have been able to thank you in person on the day of my ordination.

The Mass of Ordination will be live streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool at 3pm on Sunday 28th June. The link will be available on www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk.

I look forward to the day when I will be able to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Like priests are already doing, I will say Mass each day privately until that time when the social distancing restrictions begin to be safely lifted, and we will be able to meet together, albeit in smaller groups. I will make the details of any Masses that I am able to celebrate publicly known as soon as it becomes possible to do so. Until then, I encourage you to be in touch with any Mass Intentions that you would like me to take to the altar of God, especially in those first weeks of my priestly ministry.

Please continue to remember me, and the other 'priests to be' throughout the world who will have to make similar, difficult decisions, in your prayers.

Be assured of my prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

THE REVEREND PETER JAMES MURPHY BA BTh

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