

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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WEEK COMMENCING 16 FEBRUARY 2020

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: week 2

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was set apart for her among the nations. This year, Catholics of England, and anyone else who wishes, are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as the Christ's first disciple. A formal public announcement by the Bishops of England and Wales was made on 1 January. **THIS FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY** you will be invited to begin a personal 33-day consecration to Jesus through Mary following the method of St Louis de Montfort ending on **25 March**, Feast of the Annunciation. *Free books will be made available.* This will take place **DAILY AFTER EACH MASS**. A 3-day triduum of the litany of Saints & Martyrs of England & the Rosary from **26 to 28 March** culminates on **29 March** with a **personal rededication and Communal Entrustment**, in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, including Scarborough Catholic Parishes. Our **personal promise** brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. Our **communal entrustment** unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors. **More info and resources on the website at www.behold2020.com**



THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMAN IN HUMAN HISTORY

Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and as such, is the most influential woman in human history. When she was just a teenager living in Nazareth, a town in Northern Israel, **Mary said a radical and selfless 'yes' to God's will for her life:** *'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.'* (Luke 1:36). Through her free choice and at that young age, Mary decided to cooperate with God's plan. In 2019, Pope Francis described her momentous choice by saying that *'This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance, or a faint 'yes' ... she knew what was at stake and she said 'yes' without thinking twice. Hers was the 'yes' of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk.'*

Through Mary's risk, Jesus Christ entered the world. In choosing Mary, God entrusted her with the greatest of all tasks – that of nurturing the Son of God Incarnate – of feeding Him, and raising Him from childhood to adulthood and accompanying Him throughout much of His life. Mary likely spent more time in His presence than any other person: she is present at His birth, she prompts Him to begin His public ministry at the Wedding at Cana, she accompanied Him all the way to the cross where she gave her sorrowful yes to His self-offering, and is there in the 'upper room' when the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples at Pentecost. In short, the Father willed that His Son's entire existence as a man would hinge, so to speak, upon the ongoing consent of Mary. Can there be a more intimate co-worker?'

As Jesus Christ was God and man, Mary lived within the greatest Christian mystery – the **Emmanuel, the God with us** – bringing His life into the world and giving Him the security of a home and a family when He was a vulnerable child. The Gospel of Luke beautifully describes how this closeness to Jesus throughout His life allowed Mary to grow into wise and truly faith filled woman. *'But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.'* (Luke 2:19)

WHY IS MARY IMPORTANT? Put simply, Mary is so important because without her yes, God's plan for humanity could not have taken place. **Through her 'yes', Jesus, the Son of God, became man**, and through Him salvation was won for the World. The Bible tells the story of how mankind became distant from God by rebelling and yet, through Mary, Jesus could come to live among us, to redeem mankind. This is often referred to as salvation or the Gospel, the good news, that we can be reunited with our creator. Saint Athanasius, a saint from the Early Church put it this way: *'The Son of God became a son of man so that the sons of men might become sons of God.'*

This is what is meant by the 'New Covenant'. A covenant in ancient times meant a bond or a promise that brought someone into a family or tribe, and the Old Testament books of the Bible record how mankind struggled to remain loyal to the promises it had made to God. Mary is the person who changes humanity's track record of failing to keep its word with God. In his book Hail Holy Queen, Dr Scott Hahn puts it this way:

'God remained constantly faithful; Adam did not, and neither did Moses, neither did David. In fact, sacred history leads us to conclude that only God keeps His covenant promises. How then, could mankind fulfil the human end of a covenant in a way that would last forever? That would require a man to be sinless and as constant as God. Thus, for the new and everlasting covenant, God became man in Jesus Christ, and He established the covenant by which we become part of His family: the family of God. ... Every family needs a Mother; only Christ could choose His own ... Now, everything He has He shares with us, His divine life is ours, His home is our home; His Father is our Father ... and His mother is our mother, too.' He concludes: *'It is the new covenant, borne into the world by the Blessed Virgin Mary, that has made all the difference in our lives – in my life and yours – and in human history.'*

SATURDAY VIGIL	15	5.30pm	St Edward's	
SUNDAY	16	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's ** (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	17		St Joseph's (No Mass) 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
Tuesday	18	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	19	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	20	9.30am	St Joseph's	
Friday	21	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Peter Damian
Saturday	22	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	CHAIR OF ST PETER

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: normally 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm at St Edward's Church Avenue Victoria

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays St Edward's 4.45pm - 5.15pm
Sundays St Joseph's 9.15am - 9.45am
Mondays St Joseph's after Mass (when said)
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Tuesdays St Edward's 5pm - 5.30pm
Wednesdays St Peter's 10am - 12 noon
Thursdays St Joseph's 8.30am to 9.30am
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



OFFERTORY COLLECTION: (3 churches) Envelopes £425; Loose plate £565, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,544. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's 130; St Joseph's 155; St Edward's 78; Polish 65; Total: 428

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

† **ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick Wilkins, John Pennock, Anne Mahon, TL Vincent Billington, Raymond Ginns, Marie Belfitt, Clifford Aveyard, Fr Tom Burke, Fr Dan Breen, Fr Sean O'Donnell (Filey) † **RECENTLY DEAD:**

† **SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** (none at present)

ALL CHEQUES payable to St Peter's (offerings, donations, Mass intentions, Restoration Fund etc)

TOILETS are located in the parish centre across the car park at St Peter's, and within the church building of St Joseph's and St Edward's. Always accompany your child to the toilet when at church.



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>



Reading & Teaching Scripture - Part 4 of 4:

Remember that remembering is only the first step

The Church doesn't want us just to be able to retell or recall the words we read in the Bible. Neither does it want us to be able to analyse a passage just to demonstrate prowess. It wants us to know that the words we read in Scripture have meaning for every generation. I speak of Scripture as "meaning wrapped in words". Our task is to unlock the literary form, the writing techniques and authors world and the setting of a passage so that we might get a clearer sense of what the author was trying to say. Then, we are better placed to bring that message to our lives so that we might hear the God who speaks to us, now. With the author 'in the room', a clear idea of not only what, but how, they wrote and some insights into the physical setting, we are on our way!

Keep watching this panel as we progress through the Year of the Word for more Focus Points on The God Who Speaks

From the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales Website: The God Who Speaks

Each month our free diocesan Catholic Newspaper, the **Middlesbrough Voice**, will carry reflections from different groups of people in the diocese on their favourite words of Scripture – an article worth following in this Year of the Word.

The Law Hasn't Changed-
It Has Been Fulfilled
Matthew 5:17-18



"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. In truth I tell you, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, is to disappear from the Law until all its purpose is achieved. Therefore, anyone who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of Heaven; but the person who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you, if your uprightness does not surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of Heaven."

RCIA INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS continues **Fridays 6.30pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre
1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION Preparation for Children in non-Catholic schools: **6.30-7.30pm Thursdays of term time** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Next **PARENTS MEETING 7pm Thursday 27 February** in St Peter's School.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated **Thursday 4 June 2020**. A meeting will be called soon. Names please of those wishing to be confirmed (**yrs 9 upwards**)
Pick up an enquiry form from back of church - also for any adult who may have missed out
BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE starts **Wednesday 26 Feb, 7-8pm over 4 weeks**.
Speak to Fr Gubbins if you would like your child baptised.

MASS AT ST JOSEPH Fr Brian Christie is away from **5 to 26 February** so there will be **no Monday Mass** at St Joseph's during this period - resumes **Monday 2 March**.

COFFEE MORNING on 12 February for the Lourdes Fund raised **£273**. **Thank you** to all who supported this in any way.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS New Ecumenical Group exploring how, as Christians, we can be relevant to the concerns regarding climate change: **12.30pm Monday 17 Feb** (tomorrow) at St James Church Hall Upper Room, Seamer Road. Would someone from the parish attend and report back - **any volunteers?** Phone Bruce Clark on 07707 335821 to confirm attendance and let Fr Gubbins know too.

MEMORIAL MASS for Fr Coleman Ryan: 12 noon Tuesday 18 Feb at All Saints Church Thirsk. **All welcome**.

UCM MEETING 1.30pm Tuesday 18 February in St Peter's Parish Centre followed by a video *The Dressing of the Wells*. Well Dressing/Flowering is an ancient custom in which wells, springs and other water sources are decorated with floral designs. It is mostly associated with the Peak District & Staffordshire. **Non-members always welcome**.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is **6.30pm Wednesday 19 February**. All Committee Members should try to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 6.30pm Tuesday 3 March in St Peter's Parish Centre.

LENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME FREE Spiritual guides for Lent available now.

BISHOP'S VISIT for Year of the Word: 7-8.30pm Wed 4 March at St Augustine's School. Bishop Draineay will give an introduction to praying with Scripture, then lead us as a community through prayer together. **All parishioners of Scarborough & the Coastal Deanery are encouraged to participate**. Please add your name to the list at back of church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6 March: main Churches Together service **10.30am** at St Marks; also **2pm** at Burniston Methodist Church. All welcome. *See article on back page for more info.*

FAIRTRADE FILM & QUIZ NIGHT 7pm Friday 6 March at St Edward's Hall, with refreshments. This is to coincide with **Fairtrade Fortnight, 24 Feb to 8 March**

PARISH IRISH NIGHT in anticipation of St Patrick's day - **8pm to 10.30pm on Saturday 14 March** in St Mary's Hall, Castle Road. **MUSIC & SONG** by **Tony Forde** from Leeds. Tickets on sale from next weekend (Feast Day **Tues 17 March**).

KEVIN O'CONNOR'S IRISH DANCE SCHOOL St Patrick's Day Celebration: 7pm on Tuesday 17 March at the YMCA, St Thomas Street. Book online at ymcascarborough.uk or phone the box office on 01723 506750.

CAFOD FAST LUNCH Friday 27 March after 11.30am Mass in St Peter's Parish Centre. Contact the parish office for contact details to book.

CHRISM MASS is Tuesday 7 April at Middlesbrough Cathedral. We hope to arrange a coach with enough interest. Names on lists at back of church - state where you wish to be picked up. Seats payable in advance - cost to be confirmed.

PARISH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Tue 1 to Fri 4 Sept. Cost: standard single/twin **£225**, en suite twin/double **£265**. Inc's all transport, half-board, Pilgrim services & half-day excursion. Contact the parish office for contact details to book (£50 non-refundable deposit).

MISSING FROM ST EDWARD'S HALL a black music stand belonging to the Country Dance group. If you have borrowed this could you please return it ASAP as it is urgently.

REPAINTING ST JOSEPH'S Sacristy, toilet & hallway is will happen in the coming weeks

PARISH 2020 CALENDARS Last week to claim your copy. Money to piety stalls please.

CORONAVIRUS In light of the present situation regarding Coronavirus, as well as the usual winter colds and viruses, Holy Communion is suspended under both kinds and will be administered in the hand only (not on the tongue). The Sign of the Peace is also suspended. The situation will continue to be reviewed. We hope you understand. **LEAFLETS** on how to prevent the spread of Coronavirus are available in Church porches.

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR YEAR OF THE WORD

Living God, you walk along-side us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hope and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020

This marks the start of **LENT**

MASS TIMES:

9am - St Peter's
4pm - St Edward's
7pm - St Joseph's

SCHOOLS:

Imposition of Ashes

St Augustine's:

10.15am - Upper School
11.30am - Lower School

St Peter's - **2.15pm**.

BRING YOUR PALM CROSSES

It is customary to burn Palm Crosses from the previous year.

Leave your Palm Crosses In the box at the back of each church so they can be burned to create the Ashes for Ash Wednesday Masses.

6 WEEK LENT COURSE: The Saints Helping Us Today
2pm Thursdays in St Edward's Hall beginning **27 February**.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S We will have a display at St Joseph's to mark the Anniversary.

PARISH MEETING will be held on **Sunday 14 March after the 9.30am Mass** at St Joseph's to make plans for celebrating the 60th Jubilee. We would be grateful of any photos you have of events down the years at St Joseph's. Please write your name on the back, so that the photos can be returned. We will invite the bishop to come to mark the diamond jubilee.

LOGO Parishioners are invited to submit suitable ideas and/or designs for a logo to be used for the 60th Jubilee of St Joseph's. Please submit by end February.

REFRESHMENTS after Mass at St Joseph's on **Sunday 24 Feb**

POPE TO VISIT MALTA

It has been announced that Pope Francis is to make an Apostolic visit to Malta & Gozo on 31 May

Your Word is the light to feet and the lamp to my path.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS: FEBRUARY

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

FEAST DAY OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER (CATHEDRA PETRI)

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Chair of St Peter on **22 February**, which falls this coming Friday and so it is appropriate that Mass is at St Peter's Church on that day. The **Chair of St Peter** can mean two things. It is the physical object situated in the apse behind the altar in St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City (*see right*) - the ancient wooden throne which tradition claims was used by St Peter as Bishop of Rome. The relic is enclosed in ornamental sculpted bronze casing, which was designed by Bernini in the mid-1600s, together with the "stained glass" window above (actually made from alabaster, a naturally translucent stone), depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove. The chair and window form a single, unified work.



The Chair of St Peter also refers to the **spiritual authority** that this chair represents. This Feast Day is a very **ancient tradition**, which has existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it **we give thanks to God for the mission he entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors, the Popes.** Jesus told Peter that "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18). Christ founded His Church upon Peter, giving him the keys to heaven – the power to bind and lose – and a special place or primacy among the apostles. Christ tells Peter to "feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). He was given pastoral responsibility of Christ's entire flock. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said in 2012, the Chair is "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." The First Reading of the Feast Day speaks of the servitude of the role of "shepherd" – not by lording over the people but by being examples to the flock, until the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ appears. The Psalm, The Lord is my Shepherd, reflects the theme of shepherding, of focusing on the relationship between God as the ultimate shepherd of our souls

Christ made St Peter head of the Church, but it was Peter who established See in Rome as the See of his Successors. The term *Holy See* comes from the Latin *Sancta Sedes*, meaning *Holy Chair*. The term originates from the enthronement ceremony of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. The *cathedra*, (*the chair or throne*), represents the position and authority of the Holy Father or a bishop, and the place where he resides in the territory of his jurisdiction. Here the Holy See refers to the "seat of government" of the Catholic Church (the word *catholic* means *universal*).

St Peter on his chair at St Peter's Church, Scarborough



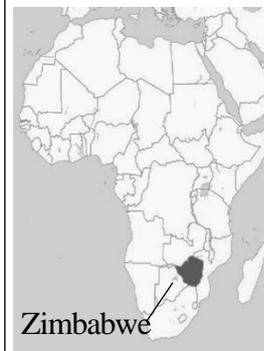
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Theme: Rise! Take up Your Mat and Walk.

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape. The preparation for the day is vast. The international committee is based in New York and each participating country has a national committee. Regional conferences consider the service, then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you (**2pm on Friday 6 March** at Burniston Methodist Church this year), people will gather to celebrate the service. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries, beginning in Samoa, then travels across the world, through each continent, and finishes in American Samoa over 36 hours later.

Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service. They encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. Zimbabwe has gone through many changes notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future, and invite us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often-difficult and turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.



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FCJ VOCATIONS WEEKEND 28 Feb-1 Mar at the Faithful Companions of Jesus community in Liverpool. A weekend for Young Women (20s & 30s) reflecting on the vocation to religious life. See posters or contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnfcj@hotmail.com

Submit notices by **end of Thursday** for inclusion the following weekend (subject to the approval of the Parish Priest). Please keep notices short (we reserve the right to edit). Email us if you wish to be on the newsletter mailing list.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS Please seek permission from the Parish Priest before displaying your notice, and please be considerate to existing notices.

MASS INTENTIONS/SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATIONS Reminder that only names of deceased can be printed in full in the Newsletter, or written permission from the person for whom the Mass is to be said. Please ensure you make it clear whether the person is deceased or living.



SUNDAY SMILE: