

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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Note: the Polish Mission does not form part of the Scarborough Parishes – it is a separate entity

Welcome	Fáilte	Merĥba	Croeso	Witajcie	Swagatam	Mabuhay
Benvenuto	Bienvenu	Bienvenido	Benvindo	Benvindo	Benvinguts	Wilkommen

WEEK COMMENCING 19 APRIL 2020 (LOW SUNDAY)

DIVINE OFFICE: week 2

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / DOUBTING THOMAS SUNDAY

## FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This Feast Day originated from the diary message of a young Polish nun. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that **God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness**. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St Faustina (St Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament OLM, born Helena Kowalska; 1905–1938), an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with complete trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.

The earliest element of the devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St Faustina was the Image. Jesus appeared to her with hand raised in a blessing, and rays radiating from His heart and said, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary 47-48)

"The two rays denote Blood and Water. the pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father." (Diary 299)

During the course of the revelations to St Faustina, Jesus asked that a Feast Day dedicated to the Divine Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday following Easter, when the Image of Divine Mercy be solemnly venerated. The liturgical texts are already suited to this request. The Feast Day was incorporated into the Church calendar by St Pope John Paul II in 2000, during the Canonisation of St Faustina. The Church encourages celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this Day by offering a Plenary Indulgence. For those, who have been wondering, whether it is still possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday, this answer is yes. In the original Vatican decree of 2002 that establishing the plenary indulgence, and has perpetual force, there is a special provision "For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill". It clearly states that "all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes ... may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday". This does not remove the 3 conditions which must be fulfilled to receive the plenary indulgence: a sacramental confession, a Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff. The decree clearly states that these must be done "as soon as possible". The decree reads as follows: "if totally detesting any sin ... and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you)." The decree has many other special provisions, including "the sick and those who nurse them". For the complete official decree go to: [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/tribunals/apost\\_penit/documents/rc\\_trib\\_appen\\_doc\\_20020629\\_decree-ii\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html).

Additionally, on 20 March, the Vatican Penitentiary announced special indulgences for all afflicted with the COVID-19 virus, medical personnel who care for them, those in quarantine, and all those praying for them.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: [www.mercysunday.com](http://www.mercysunday.com)

"If my people who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn from their wicked ways, I myself will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land...." (2Chronicles 7:14)



**ALL MASSES LIVE STREAMED ONLY FROM ST PETER'S - NO PUBLIC PERMITTED  
ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

SATURDAY VIGIL	18	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass Intentions
SUNDAY	19	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</i>	see printed copy
Monday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Tuesday	21	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Anselm</i>	
Wednesday	22	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Fidelis, St Adalbert</i>	
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) ST MARK, EVANGELIST	

**NOTE:** by popular request, **all weekday Masses** will be live streamed at **10am** for the period of the Coronavirus lockdown. There will now also be a **Saturday Vigil Mass** which fulfils the Sunday obligation (Sunday 10am Mass remains suspended).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday 19 April** Live Stream from St Peter's: **2.30pm** - Exposition & Blessing and Veneration of Image of Divine Mercy, **3 o'clock** Prayer/Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Rosary & Benediction

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.15am to 12 15pm Monday to Friday (Live Stream)**

**ROSARY 2pm Monday to Friday (Live Stream)**

**STREAMED MASSES** in our diocese: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>

**POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:** *We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.*

**† RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Lambert, Andrew Little

**† ANNIVERSARIES:** Gordon Vickers, Joseph Doody, Jacqueline Gilleard, Roger Jones, Anita Degorio, Mary Barnett, Pope St John Paul II, Richard Broughton, Robert Houseman, Sandra Perry, Gerald Paul Hainey

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** As it is not possible to receive the Sacrament of Confession in person at this time, the advice from the Pope & Bishops is to make a personal Confession and Perfect Act of Contrition direct to the Lord, together with a promise to go to Confession as soon as you're able.

**ACT OF CONTRITION:** *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

**FUNERAL CREMATION** for Doctor Andrew Little (aged 45): **1.30pm on Friday 24 April** at Woodlands Crematorium. Family only. Our sympathy to his wife Louise and 3 children.

**FEAST DAY OF ST GEORGE (AD270-303) Patron of England** since 1350. Born in Cappadocia (now Eastern Turkey), he moved to Palestine, where he became a high-ranking Roman soldier. He later resigned and protested the then Emperor Diocletian, who led Rome's persecution of Christians. He was imprisoned and tortured, but remained true to his faith in Christ, which enraged Diocletian. He was dragged through the streets of Nicomedia, Turkey, and was beheaded. His body was returned to Lydda, Palestine. The Emperor's wife was so inspired by St George, that she too became a Christian and was subsequently executed for her faith. St George was Canonized by Pope Gelasius I in 494AD. Legend has it, he slayed the dragon (symbol of evil/Satan) near the sea in Beirut. Several countries claim St George as Patron, and he is revered by muslims as well as Christians. We celebrate his Feast Day on **Thurs 23 April**.

**NEWSLETTER** is available outside all our churches in a waterproof box - **take a copy to those who are isolated (take care - wear gloves, post through letterbox)**. **MAILING LIST:** email us to receive by email (note, we are not able to post copies).

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are on hold for the moment. Continue to use old ones for the moment, and change the date to the current date, or if you find it easier, sign up for Standing Order giving (forms on request).

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** summary for the year ended 31 December 2019 is attached to this newsletter. Thanks to your generosity and thrifty spending, it was a good year.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION** raised £392. **Thank you.**

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Breaking News. Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended - not so much to prevent Covid-19, but to stop eating.*

**SCARBOROUGH PARISHES FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

<b>GENERAL INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2019</b>	note	<b>2018</b>
Offertory giving and donations (inc Polish & Indian Masses)	97,301	1	96,650
Gift Aid Refunds on offerings and donations	17,992		18,283
Funeral, wedding & baptism fees & hospital chaplaincy	9,274		8,368
Rental income (old school, flat, garage & hall hire)	18,152	2	16,900
Other income & fundraising (net of costs)	8,088	3	6,691
<b>Total income</b>	<b>150,808</b>		<b>146,892</b>
General buildings maintenance & repairs	5,647	4	6,838
Establishment running costs	36,926	5	35,267
Church supplies	5,900	6	7,092
Priests' remuneration, provisions & travel (inc supply priests)	25,132		26,121
Administrative costs	17,910	7	17,702
Diocesan Assessment	44,995		44,995
Other expenses **see below	9,293	8	8,674
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>145,802</b>		<b>146,689</b>
<b>Net income after deduction of expenses</b>	<b>5,006</b>		<b>203</b>

**Notes**

1. Includes £51,450 of gift aided standing order and envelope giving (2018 - £53,032)
2. Rental income on St Peter's Old School increased from September 2019
3. 300 club, piety stall & goods for resale & refreshments income
4. Electrical work, plumbing, decorating, garden of remembrance fencing
5. Church & presbytery light & heat, water, insurance, council tax, safety tests, gardens, & sundries
6. Candles, altar breads & wine, Missalets, organ fees
7. office supplies, staff & equipment, phone, printing costs, licences, adverts, computer & website
8. Clergy & lay minister formation, parish trips & events, resources, cleaning & refreshments consumables, donations, Christmas trees, church displays, & other sundries

**FUND ACCOUNTS**

**St Peter's Restoration & Conservation Fund:**

Balance brought forward	10,632	27,299
Income received from donations, bequests and fund-raising	13,177	30,572
GPM Ripon Ltd (balance of windows & gate widening)	(2,729)	(47,239)
Balance carried forward	<b>21,080</b>	<b>10,632</b>

**St Joseph's Presbytery Conversion Fund:**

Balance brought forward	2,100	2,100
Income received from donations	220	-
Architects fees	(1,650)	-
Balance carried forward	<b>670</b>	<b>2,100</b>

**St Edward's**

<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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**Many thanks to all who support us financially through their weekly and monthly offerings, donations, and fund-raising, and to all who have signed up for Gift Aid.**