



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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WEEK COMMENCING 23 APRIL 2017  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
Low Sunday / Doubting Thomas Sunday

## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7)*

**This Feast Day** is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, in the year 2000. Millions of people look forward to, and are profoundly moved by this day.

### WHAT IS IT, AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. 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 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 Kowalska**, 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 in 1938, 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 devotional practices proposed in the diary of Saint Faustina are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

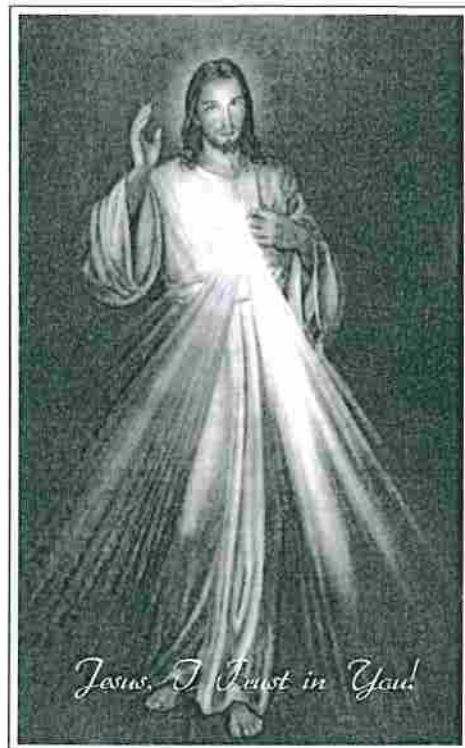
### THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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)

**The Image of The Divine Mercy** represents the risen Christ whose hands and feet bear the marks of the Crucifixion. The two rays signify the Sacraments of Mercy (Baptism and Penance), and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the blood of souls, carrying life-sustaining food for our spiritual journey. The water is analogous to the Sacraments of Baptism and Penance, in that through these sacraments our souls are washed clean. In the Image, Jesus is walking forwards, as though coming to each one of us, offering each of us His Mercy.

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 **Saint 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** to those who meet the conditions. *An explanation of this is on the back page of this newsletter.*



**MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23 APRIL 2017: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday	22	6.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	Robert Houseman (anniv)
Sunday	23	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	Special Intention For the People of the Parish Richard Broughton (anniv) Joseph Doody (anniv)
Monday	24	9.30am	St Peter's <i>St George, Patron of England</i>	Ints of Fr William Massie
Tuesday	25	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's <i>St Mark the Evangelist</i> St Peter's	Mary & George Watson Sandra Perry (anniv)
Wednesday	26	9.30am	St Peter's	Fr Neol Davies dec'd
Thursday	27	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	TJ George Oliver & Sarah Barron (in thanksgiving)
Friday	28	9.30am	St Peter's <i>St Peter Chanel / St Louis</i>	Ints of Fr Andrew Smith & Community
Saturday	29	9.30am	St Peter's <i>St Catherine of Sienna</i>	Mary & Tommy Traynor's ints

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Saturdays St Edward's 5.45 - 6.15pm  
Sundays St Joseph's 9.15 - 9.45am  
Saturdays St Peter's 10 - 10.30am



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays St Joseph's 8.30-9.30am  
Thursdays St Edward's 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Saturdays St Peter's 10 - 10.30am



**MASSES RECEIVED:** Margaret Ryan, Jean Roan, Sarah & Oliver Barron (x2), Mo Swales and Emma, Canon Donal O'Byrne, Sr Dymphna (s2), Alison Wright

<p><b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><b>Holy Thursday:</b> St Edward's 90 St Joseph's 150 St Peter's 100</p> <p><b>Good Friday:</b> St Peter's 180 St Joseph's 133</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil:</b> St Joseph's: 133 St Peter's: 150</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday:</b> St Edward's 102 St Joseph's 265 St Peter's 355</p>	<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> St Pope John Paul II, Robert Houseman, Richard Broughton, Joseph Doody, Sandra Perry</p>	<p><b>YOUTH CLUB</b> has broken up for Easter and resumes <b>5 May</b>. <b>INVITATION</b> to all year 4s and those preparing for their <b>First Holy Communion</b> to join the Youth Club. Summer programme begins on <b>Friday 28 April from 7pm-8.30pm</b> at St Augustine's School. Come along and give it a try. Contact David Edwards on 07870 495834 for more</p>
	<p><b>RECENTLY DECEASED:</b> Anne Florence Abley (Castle Road), Canon Bill Madden (retired)</p>	
	<p><b>SECOND COLLECTIONS - Thank you.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Places £515.84.</li> <li>Flowers for Easter: St Peter's £108.77, St Joseph's £465, St Edward's £89.80.</li> </ul>	
	<p align="center"><b>300 CLUB WINNERS:</b></p> <p align="center">No.45 £25 Mrs C Holdsworth No.70 £10 Gwen Watson</p>	
	<p><b>GIFT AID ENVELOPES</b> are available. Contact Jennie Eyre on 07983 402203 if you cannot find yours. If you are a tax payer, please consider using them.</p>	

**WELCOME to all visitors to our Churches this Eastertide,  
and to those who come to our town for the Tour de Yorkshire this coming week**

**LOURDES BLIND CARD WINNERS:** 1st prize, Jenny Eyre; 2nd prize, Sue Stubbings; 3rd prize, Sue Mann

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to Tom, Harry and Ben Gruber (Raincliffe Ave) baptised at St Peter's on Easter Saturday 22 April

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** A family night of music, dance & song, and food from different countries: **St Mary's Hall 7.30-10pm Friday 30 June**. There's a planning meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 25 April after Mass in St Peter's Church**.

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** at St Joseph's bungalow resumes Monday 24 April.

**ICON PAINTING** Thursday afternoons at St Peter's parish centre for four weeks starting **Thurs 27 April** at 2pm. No experience or special skill needed. This is a spiritual activity.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Parents Meeting: 7pm Thursday 27 April in **St Peters Church**.

**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN 2.45pm on Sunday 30 April** at Flat 2 Graham Court, 1 Graham Crescent, with refreshments

**COUNTRYDANCING:** for **Senior Citizens** continues at St Edwards Hall **2-4pm on Mondays**, until July; for **all participants, 7.30-9.30pm on Tuesdays** in St Edwards Hall, until July. All welcome. Live music & instruction where necessary.



## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: THIS SUNDAY 23 APRIL



Divine Mercy of God. A day of thanksgiving for the goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter Mystery. An image of the Divine Mercy is displayed in St Peter's Church on the Sacred Heart Altar. The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated as follows, in St Peter's Church on **Sunday 23 April at 2.30pm finishing with Mass at 5pm**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Blessing of the Image
- Veneration of the Image
- Homily on Divine Mercy
- 3 O'clock Prayer
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Rosary
- Confessions
- Benediction

**ST PETER'S SVP** next meets **Monday 8 May at 7.30pm**. New volunteers welcome.

**ANTHONY STOREY MEMORIAL LECTURE 11am Saturday 6 May** at Staff House, Hull University, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX. All welcome. See poster.

**PUBLIC TALK** by Fr Yostos, Abbot of St Athanasius Coptic Monastery at Langdale End on the history of Coptic Christians and on life at the UK's only Coptic Orthodox Monastery – a rare opportunity to hear from hear about Coptic monastic life: **11am on Saturday 6 May** at Scarborough Library. £1 entry. For more info phone 01609 536602 or email [colinlangford78@gmail.com](mailto:colinlangford78@gmail.com)

**AUCTION OF PROMISES 7pm Friday 12 May** at St Augustine's School. Free entry. Raising funds for the music department tour to Croatia and a purpose built portacabin. Email [obarron@st-augs.org](mailto:obarron@st-augs.org) ring the school for offers of Promises or more info.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** When lighting a candle, please ensure it sits in its metal casing, in order to guard against fire safety hazards and to prevent melted wax from clogging the candle stand, adding to the work of the cleaners.

**MIDWEEK DISCUSSION GROUP** at St Mark's Anglican Church, Coldyhill Lane: 7 sessions **Wednesdays at 11am** beginning **3 May**. See poster.

**KEVIN O'CONNOR SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE** Coffee morning and top quality table top sale: **10am Saturday on 29 April** at Room 4, **Roscoe Rooms**, Roscoe Street.

**AT ST JOSEPH'S** on Easter Sunday, Emma Brady and Mo Swales were received into the Catholic Church. They would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their good wishes, card and gifts on their very special occasion. God bless you all!

**ST PETER'S CHURCH** is open at certain times during the week to encourage visitors to drop in and offer a prayer. Many do so as they go up to the Castle. CCTV is in operation. Visitors' Book is available for signing.

**PARISH WEBSITE** Again worth a visit – lots of new photos of recent events in our community and town, including the Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness, the Easter Vigils and the Easter Gardens at all 3 Churches.

**EASTER WATER** that was blessed on Easter Night (Vigil) is a sign of Baptism/new life and of God's protection. Take some home and sprinkle to invoke the blessings of the Risen Christ upon your family. Bless yourselves with it at Holy Communion

**HAS ANYBODY PICKED UP** planned giving envelope box number 45 by mistake? Please contact Jennie Eyre 07983 402203.

**CASTLE WARD Tenants & Residents Assoc** Public Meeting **Tues 25 April 7pm** at The Rainbow Centre. All welcome. See what's happening and bring your concerns.

**MAY PROCESSION 10.45am Sunday 7 May** from the Castle to St Peters Church.

**BISHOP'S VISITATION** to Scarborough Parishes has been deferred until 2018, due to diary commitments of the Bishop.

**FEAST OF ST GEORGE** celebrated on **Monday 24 April**. Mass at **9.30am** at St Peter's. **Glass of bubbly** in St Peter's Parish Centre afterwards in honour of St George.

**EXPLANATION OF INDULGENCES** is on the reverse of this newsletter

## NOTICES FOR VISITORS

**A LOOP SYSTEM** is in operation. Turn to position **'T'** on your hearing aid.

**TOILETS** are available in the Parish Centre (across the car park) at St Peter's and also at St Joseph's and St Edward's (in the church building).

## AMPLEFORTH SUMMERTIME

at Ampleforth Abbey for 10-15 year olds: **Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July**. Sports, talks, prayer, walks, and a trip to Flamingoland. Application forms available from David Edwards on 07870 495834.

## All in an April Evening by Katharine Tynan (An Easter Poem)

*All in the April morning,  
April airs were abroad;  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Pass'd me by on the road.*

*The sheep with their little lambs  
Pass'd me by on the road;  
All in an April evening  
I thought on the Lamb of God.*

*The lambs were weary, and crying  
With a weak human cry,  
I thought on the Lamb of God  
Going meekly to die.*

*Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet:  
Rest for the little bodies,  
Rest for the little feet.*

*But for the Lamb of God  
Up on the hill-top green,  
Only a cross of shame  
Two stark crosses between.*

*All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
I saw the sheep with their lambs,  
And thought on the Lamb of God*

## MY LORD and MY GOD



## ST GEORGE: PATRON OF ENGLAND (Feast Day: April 23)

Facts of St George's life have passed through the centuries growing in legend and myth. According to legend, St George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George bay was named in his honour. However, he must have been some character in his lifetime for his reputation to have survived for almost 1,700 years. Below are some widely accepted facts of St George's life.

- He was born to Christian parents in AD 270 in Cappadocia, now Eastern Turkey
- He moved to Palestine with his Mother and became a Roman soldier, rising to the high rank of Tribunus Militum
- He later resigned his military post and protested against his pagan leader, the Emperor Diocletian, who led Rome's persecution of Christians
- His rebellion against the Emperor resulted in his imprisonment, but even after torture he stayed true to his faith
- The enraged Diocletian had St George dragged through the streets of Nicomedia, Turkey, on the 23 April 303AD, and had him beheaded
- The Emperor's wife was so inspired by St George's bravery and loyalty to his religion, that she too became a Christian and was subsequently executed for her faith
- He was Canonized by Pope Gelasius I in 494AD
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England
- In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.
- King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England when he formed the Order of the Garter in St. George's name in 1350, and the cult of the Saint was further advanced by King Henry V, at the battle of Agincourt in northern France



**EASTER REFLECTION.** *There is an "unknown author" story about a holy man who lived on the banks of a river in India. One day, he noticed a scorpion struggling for life among the tangled reeds in the water. He tried to rescue it but every time he did so the scorpion tried to sting him. A passer-by who saw him said, 'Don't be a fool trying to save that nasty creature.' The man replied, 'Just because it is in the scorpion's nature to sting, I should not betray my nature to save!' There is a kind of Easter theme in that story. It echoes those lines in the Letter to the Hebrews which tell of how, at various times in the past, God tried to save the human race from its self-destructive tendencies. At this time of the year we celebrate the high point of God's plan of salvation — the coming of Jesus. The first Easter happened just over 2000 years ago but: **Easter is not a story of the past. Easter is a story for today.** Our Easter is a story for our reality! Following Jesus' Easter, our Easter is accomplished every day. Our Easter, our passage through death is accomplished each time we overcome the death of lies to reach the truth, each time we overcome the death of bitterness to reach reconciliation, each time we overcome the death of indifference to reach compassion. Each new day invites us to walk the road with the Easter people*

**The steadfast love  
of the Lord  
never ceases;  
His mercies never  
come to an end.  
They are new  
every morning.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *I went to a fortune teller and she looked at my hands. She said, 'Your future looks pretty black.' I said, 'Are you kidding? I've still got my gloves on.*

**AN INDULGENCE** is a **remission before God of a temporal punishment** brought about by sin, either in the sufferings of this life, or in purgatory. It is issued by the church to a person who has demonstrated some kind of penance or good work, and is obtained by those who are duly disposed, and satisfy certain prescribed conditions. The person becomes *as if just baptized*. An Indulgence can be acquired for oneself or for the soul of a deceased person (but cannot be applied to other living persons). There are two types of Indulgence: A **Partial Indulgence** - removes part of one's punishment or suffering; and a **Plenary Indulgence** - removes all of it, and can be gained only once a day.

**THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DECREE OF INDULGENCE** grants a plenary indulgence to those who satisfy the following conditions (and a partial indulgence to those who fulfil some but not all or the conditions). One must:

- be in the state of grace
- receive the Holy Eucharist
- be in a state of complete detachment from sin (inc. venial)
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff
- have sacramentally confessed their sins

As Lent is used for the preparation of the Feast of Divine Mercy, the requirement for Confession does not have to be met on the Feast Day itself, but it must be recent, and one must still be in a state of grace on the Feast Day. As it falls on a Sunday, the requirement for receiving Holy Communion should be met during Mass, wherever possible.