

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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Benvenuto Bienvenu Bienvenido Benvindo Benvinguts Willkommen

WEEK COMMENCING 23 FEBRUARY 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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LENT – A PENITENTIAL SEASON – *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*

Lent is the 40-day season prior to Easter. It is a penitential time of **prayer and fasting**. The season begins **Ash Wednesday** and concludes at the end of Holy Saturday, with the Easter Vigil. In the Roman Catholic Church, the 40 days of this season do not include the six Sundays of Lent. Sundays throughout the year are considered “mini-Easters” – they always celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Easter Sunday this year will be 12th April.

The word “*Lent*” itself comes from *lencten*, simply referring to the **Spring season – season of new life and growth**. However, since the Anglo-Saxon period (9th Century) it has been a popular term for this penitential season. The Latin name for the season, *quadragesima*, is more significant, as it means “*forty days*” or “*fortieth day*”.

A Brief History of Lent: In the first three centuries of Christianity, preparation for the Easter feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for Easter. As of the 5th Century, some Church Fathers, such as St Leo, believed the 40 day fast to be an Apostolic tradition. However, according to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, most modern scholars reject this view. History shows a variety in both the duration and fasting guidelines in the first three centuries.

The first official reference to Lent as a period of forty days' preparation occurs in the teachings of the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, which uses the term *tessarakoste*, meaning “*fortieth*” in Greek. By the end of the fourth century, a Lenten period of forty days was established and accepted.

Lent and Baptism: In its early development Lent quickly became associated with the sacrament of **Baptism**, since Easter was the great baptismal Feast. Those who were preparing to be baptized participated in the season of Lent in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Baptism. Eventually, those who were already baptized considered it important to join these candidates preparing for baptism in their preparation for Easter. The customs and practices of Lent, as we know them today, soon took hold.

*“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

Mark 1:15



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY. IT IS A DAY OF FASTING & *ABSTINENCE* (NO MEAT). IT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT (ASH WEDNESDAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

SATURDAY VIGIL	22	5.30pm	St Edward's	
SUNDAY	23	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's ** (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	See printed copy for Mass intentions
Monday	24		St Joseph's (No Mass)	
Tuesday	25	5.30pm	St Edward's	
ASH WEDNESDAY	26	9am 4pm 7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) St Edward's St Joseph's	
Thursday	27	9.30am	St Joseph's	
Friday	28	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	29	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

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 9.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays St Joseph's 8.30am to 9.30am
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



OFFERTORY COLLECTION: (3 churches) Envelopes £407; Loose plate £738, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,699. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's 173; St Joseph's 140; St Edward's 79; Polish 90; Total: 482

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

ANNIVERSARIES: Samantha Jenkinson, Selwyn Butterfield, Thomas Davey, John Walsh, Ella Connor, Norah Thomas, Alfred Jaconelli **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Johnson, Rosa Pasquali

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: Ken Barker (St Peter's)

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.62 £25; No.21 £10. **Congrats.** To join, see Bob Stankiste, Louis Sylvestre, or Rob Palmer

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/>



Throughout 2020 the Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in reading St Matthew's Gospel - just a few verses each day. If you are able, read aloud with your family, perhaps taking turns line by line or day by day. The Holy Father commends reading part of the Gospel every day so that we can listen to Jesus at all times.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) the Holy Father says the Lord does not disappoint those who take the risk of letting Him encounter them each day; "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord" (EG3). May the words of the gospel bring you and your families renewed faith, hope and joy.

Everyday Matthew you didn't know you knew

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| Not fit to carry his boots (Matthew 3:11) | The salt of the earth (Mt 5:13) |
| Go the extra mile (Mt 5:41) | Don't let your left hand know what the right is doing (Mt 6:3) |
| You can't serve two masters (Mt 6:24) | Here today, gone tomorrow (Mt 6:30) |
| He washed his hands of it (Mt 27:24) | The narrow gate (Mt 7:14) |
| Like wolves in sheep's clothing (Mt 7:15) | By their fruits you'll know them (Mt 7:20) |
| A house built on sand (Mt 7:26) | Like sheep among wolves (Mt 10:16) |
| He who has ears to hear (Mt 11:15) | He who's not with me is against me (Mt 12:30) |
| The blind leading the blind (Mt 15:14) | There'll be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 13:42) |
| A millstone around his neck (Mt 18:6) | The eleventh hour (Mt 20:6) |
| The chosen few (Mt 20:16) | Practise what you preach (Mt 23:3) |
| Burning the midnight oil (Mt 25:6) | Separate the sheep from the goats (Mt 25:32) |

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

RCIA INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS continues **Fridays 6.30pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre
1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION Next **PARENTS MEETING 7pm**
Thursday 27 February in St Peter's School. children Sign the **register** in church at
weekend Mass. 30 children are preparing from St Peters school & some non-Catholic schools
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be **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. **4 so far.**
BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE starts this **Wednesday 26 Feb 7-8pm over 4**
weeks. Speak to Fr Gubbins if you would like your child baptised. **5 enquiries so far.**

BENE MERENTI. Congrats to our head St Joseph's altar server, who has been awarded a
Bene Merenti medal from the Pope Francis for his dedication as an Altar Server for over 72
years, to family life, & his involvement in the wider community.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS after Mass on **Thursdays** at St Joseph's, on
Tuesdays at St Edward's and on **Fridays** at St Peter's.

REFRESHMENTS after Mass **today** at St Joseph's **Sunday 23 Feb** in Newman Room.

MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S Fr Brian Christie is currently away and will be back on **26**
February - Monday morning Mass will resume on **Monday 2 March 9.30am**.

BLESSING OF BIBLES at all Masses on **1st Sunday of Lent**. Bring your bible from home.
This is one way to celebrate *The Year of the Word* - make reading the Bible a Lent resolution

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 TO SCARBOROUGH for **YEAR OF THE WORD: 7-**
8.30pm Wed 4 March at **St Augustine's School**. Bishop Draney will give an
introduction to praying with Scripture, then lead us as a community through prayer
together. *All parishioners of Scarborough & Coastal Deanery are encouraged to*
participate. Please add your name to the list at back of church. Try to get there.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6 March: Churches Together Service
10.30am at St Mark's Church, Green Lane (*opposite St Joseph's*); also, another
Service at **2pm** at Burniston Methodist Church. All welcome.

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 this weekend (**Feast Day Tues 17 March**).
Tickets **£5, children free**, on sale now! Bring your own food and drink.

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. See Poster

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

CHRISM MASS is **Tuesday 7 April 12noon** 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 Annie 07875 596351 or Kath 07957 505761 to book (**£50 non-refundable deposit**).

CHILDRENS' READERS ROTA at St Joseph's: any child **post First Communion**
age, who would like to go on the Readers Rota add name to list.

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

POLITE NOTICE As we approach the **new Financial Year in April**, each parishioner is
asked to *consider increasing their weekly giving* - whether by standing order, offertory
envelope or loose plate (*even if only by a little, eg. 50p*). Shortly essential work will commence
on some of the windows in St Peter's (*est. cost £120,000*) and repainting part of St Joseph's
sacristy area. Also, if you are a **tax payer** and have not already signed up for **Gift Aid**, do
consider this too. *For every £1 we can claim back an extra 25p* - it provides a very valuable
contribution to our income. It is **TOTALLY confidential**; we do not need to know your income.

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 hand 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.

BISHOP DRAINY will bestow THE ORDER OF LECTOR: Sunday 8 March
at 11.30am Mass at St Peter's. This marks a step on the journey to Permanent Diaconate.
Our candidate has been praying and discerning this chosen path over time.

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.*

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

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

On **Friday 21 Feb** we began a
personal 33-day consecration, to
rededicate our lives, homes and
country to Jesus through Mary. Each
day, after Mass we say the *Act of*
Entrustment to Our Lady. We will
also follow the 33-day prayer retreat
of St Louis de Montfort (*free books*
available) which you are encouraged
to say in your homes and in your

parish groups. This culminates on **25**
March, Feast of the Annunciation.

A **3-day triduum** of the litany of
Saints & Martyrs of England & the
Rosary takes place from **26 to 28**
March, culminating on **29 March**
with a **personal rededication** in
Westminster, Walsingham, every
Cathedral, and every participating
parish, including **ST PETER'S**
CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH.

The first dedication was made by King
Richard II in Westminster Abbey to
seek the protection of Our Lady in the
face of great political turmoil. England
received the title 'Mary's Dowry';
meaning that England was 'set aside'
as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under
her guidance and protection.

More info at www.behold2020.com

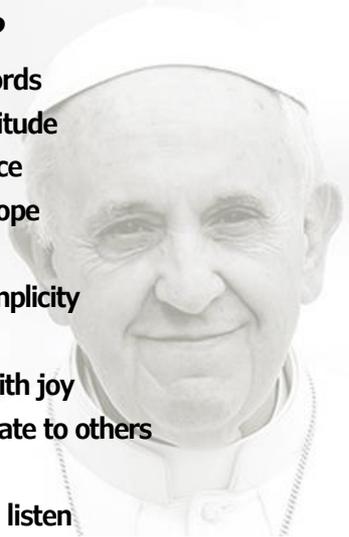
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST
JOSEPH'S photos of First
Communion/weddings/baptisms/
functions needed for display.

PARISH MEETING: Sunday
14 March after the 9.30am
Mass at St Joseph's to make plans
for celebrating the **60th Jubilee**.
Photos/ cuttings you have of
events down the years at St
Joseph's. Write your name on the
back, / any info so that the photos
can be displayed & returned. The
bishop is working out a date to
come for Mass of Thanksgiving.

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.
Deadline end February.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED 22/23 FEB 2018

A PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

O God, who made us in your image and intended us for creative work; look with love on those who are unemployed. Help us to enjoy life together with those who have work, and to understand what kind of help we need to give one another, whether in paid employment or not. Guide the leaders of our country, that they may take wise decisions which will benefit us all. Finally, we ask you Lord to guide us in the knowledge that we all have worth in ourselves, and that we are all of equal value in Your eyes, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

WHY DOES MASS BEGIN WITH A PROCESSION?

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, Mass normally starts with a **procession**. This may appear a practical consideration, but it does have a spiritual aspect to it. The entrance procession is **highly symbolic**, reminding us that our life is a pilgrimage to the heights of Heaven.

During the first few centuries after Christianity was legalized, the pope would gather with his flock at one church in the city and process to a different 'stational' church. As the procession moved along to the stational church where the Mass was to be offered, the Kyrie Eleison and the litanies were sung. It was often called a '*penitential procession*' and was used as a way to prepare the hearts of those who were to participate in Mass. The physical act of moving from one place to another gave the faithful a chance to get away from the world and enter into something very solemn and moving.

While this action was shortened over the centuries, Mass was always preceded by a smaller procession within the church building, retaining many of the same features and became a symbolic gesture that reminded the faithful of their procession or "pilgrimage" to Heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the spiritual symbolism of a pilgrimage: "*Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer.*" (CCC 2691)

The **sanctuary** of the church is naturally a place that symbolize heaven, with the **presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**. Usually, the sanctuary is elevated by a number of steps. This has the symbolic effect of **lifting up our eyes** (and hearts) to God, but also reminding us of Jesus' ascent to Mount Calvary. The priest assumes this role and ascends to a '**mystical Mount Calvary**' to offer the sacrifice of the Mass, participating in the one sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

The next time you attend Mass, try to internalize the entrance procession and use it as an opportunity to prepare your heart for what is about to happen, transporting yourself from this world into the **mystical Supper of the Lamb**, where we hope to be fully united with God for all eternity.

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking."

SUNDAY SMILE:



BREAKING NEWS ...

A MAN WHO TOOK AN AIRLINE COMPANY TO COURT AFTER HIS LUGGAGE WENT MISSING HAS LOST HIS CASE

"The Lord... said to him, 'Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of those who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.'" Ezekiel 9:4



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

NEWSLETTER: 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: only names of deceased can be printed in full in the Newsletter unless **written permission** is sought from the person for whom the Mass is to be said. When requesting dates give an alternative, and please ensure it is clear whether the person is deceased or living.