



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF

ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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WEEK COMMENCING 3 DECEMBER 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 1  
Migrants Day

## THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the Faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle (30 November). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation.

The historical origins of Advent are not easy to determine precisely. It began in its earliest form in France as a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany. It was when converts were baptized, and was similar to Lent, with an emphasis on prayer and fasting. Eventually, similar practices spread, and it became a period of focus on the coming of our Lord. The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning *coming*.

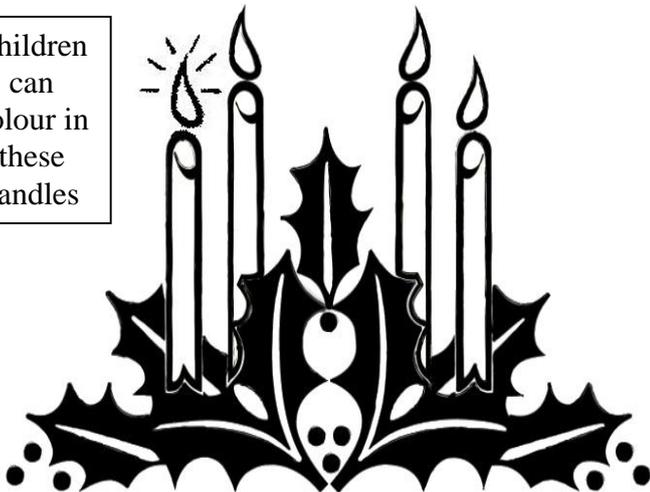
There is a two-fold meaning of this coming – a looking both back and forwards. We reflect back to the anniversary of the Lords first coming at Bethlehem, pondering again the great mystery of the Incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. And during the first three weeks we look forward, remembering that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead, and that we must be ready to meet Him.



## THE ADVENT WREATH

A good way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the Advent wreath. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end, pointing to our hope in God's plan of salvation and our hope in eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The fresh plant material symbolises the new life given to us through Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The pink candle highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half finished.

Children can colour in these candles



The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfil the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: "Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth."

**ADVENT DATES & EVENTS: see separate sheet and keep for close reference as to what is happening and where across the Scarborough churches.**

**MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 3 DECEMBER 2017: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday	2	4pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	3	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	See printed copy for Mass Intentions
Monday	4	4pm	St Edward's	<i>St John Damascene</i>
Tuesday	5	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Peter's	
Wednesday	6	11.30am	St Peter's	<i>St Nicholas</i>
Thursday	7	9.30am 4pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	<i>St Ambrose</i>
Friday	8	9.30am	St Peter's	<i>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY</i>
Saturday	9	9.30am	St Peter's	

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS:** normally 4th Sunday of the month at 4pm at St Edward's Church.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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**

Tuesday	St Joseph's	8.30 - 9.30am
Thursday	St Edward's	4.30 - 5pm
Saturday	St Peter's	10 - 10.30am



**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Divine Office) 15 minutes before morning Mass: St Peter's - Saturdays; St Joseph's - daily**

**MASSES RECEIVED:** see printed copy

**RECENT DEAD:**  
See printed copy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** see printed copy

**REGULAR PARISH GROUPS (more info from parish office)**  
**FATIMA ROSARY** St Peter's: **9am Fridays**; St Joseph's: **Thursdays after Mass**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays after Mass (St Peter's)  
**SACRED HEART Devotion** Fridays after Mass (St Peter's)  
**OUR LADY of Perpetual Help** devotion **3rd Wed. monthly** (St Peter's after Mass)  
**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** Tuesdays **12.30pm** (St Peter's Parish Centre upper room)  
**DIVINE MERCY Devotion** Fridays at **2.45pm** (St Peter's)  
**LEGION OF MARY** Saturdays **10.30am** (St Peter's Parish Centre)  
**LIFE ASCENDING** prayer group: **2nd Thursday monthly 10am** (St Joseph's bungalow)  
**EMMAUS** Scripture sharing **fortnightly 2pm Thursday afternoons** (St Edward's)  
**SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society)** **7.30pm first Monday of month** (St Peter's Parish Centre)  
**UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)** **1.30pm** (winter), **7pm** (summer) **third Tuesday monthly** (St Peter's Parish Centre)  
**PARENTS & TODDLERS** Term time weekly **Mondays 9.30am** (St Joseph's Bungalow).  
**YOUTH CLUB** **6.30-8pm Fridays** at St Augustine's School during term time  
**CRAFT GROUPS:** St Peter's - last Tuesday of month; St Joseph's - normally 2-4pm fortnightly (bungalow).  
**BARROWCLIFF CHURCHES TOGETHER LUNCH** **12pm to 1pm every 4th Tuesday of the month** at Wreyfield Methodist Church  
**OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP** **1st Thursday of the month 2pm to 4pm** (St Joseph's Bungalow)  
**YOUTH CLUB** Fridays, term-time weekly from **6.30-8pm** at St Augustine's. For children in Years **5,6,7 & 8**. £1 subs. Lots of activities. See posters for more info.  
**BOOKINGS** of Parish communal areas should be made through the Parish office

**NOTICES FOR VISITORS**  
**TOILETS** St Peter's: in the Parish Centre (across the car park); St Joseph's & St Edward's in the church building.  
**ST PETER'S CHURCH IS OPEN** at certain times during the week. Call in and say a prayer. CCTV is in operation. Do sign our **VISITORS BOOK IN THE PORCH**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

St Edward's Vigil:	95
St Joseph's 10am:	196
St Peter's 11.30am:	120
St Peter's 5pm:	38
<b>Total (inc.65 children):</b>	<b>449</b>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

St Edward's 6.30pm:	£235
St Joseph's 10am:	£234
St Peter's 11.30 & 5pm:	£214
Gift Aid envelopes total	£463
Standing orders (weekly av.):	£524
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,670</b>

**300 CLUB WINNERS**  
See printed copy

**CHEQUES** for offerings, donations, Mass Intentions, or Parish events **payable to St Peter's Church** please

**FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2018** begins in January. Any year 4 child in a non-Catholic school wishing to be prepared, get in touch with Fr Gubbins ASAP. 26 children so far.

**REFRESHMENTS AT ST EDWARD'S** will be served in the Hall after the 4pm Saturday Vigil each week.

**ST JOSEPH'S HALL open meeting: Sunday 3 December (today) after 10am Mass.** All welcome. Revised Drawings & Plans will be discussed, and a chance to ask questions as to whether we go forward to the next stage.

**OPEN MASS at Madonna House: 2pm on Tuesday 5 December.** Main celebrant, Fr Brian Nicholson. Refreshments & short talk afterwards. All welcome.

**UCM ENROLMENT MASS 6.30pm on Tuesday 5 December** at St Peter's, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** will take a break from **Tuesday 5 December**, resuming **Tuesday 9 January**.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** is this **Wednesday 6 December** after **11.30am Mass** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Now **fully booked**.

**ICONOGRAPHY GROUP** will meet for 2 more sessions on **7 & 14 December**, and resume again in 2018 (dates to be confirmed).

**CAROLS & MINCE PIES: St Augustine's** invite parishioners along on **Thursday 7 December** from **1.30-3pm** in the school hall. Phone 363280 by **Monday 4 December** (for catering purposes!)

**UCM CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12 for 12.30pm on Tuesday 12 December** at the Mount Hotel.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7pm on Wednesday 13 December** at Westborough Methodist Church. Featuring school Junior, Senior and Male Voice Choirs, Orchestra, Junior Jazz and SAJO - special guests St Peter's School Orchestra. An evening of outstanding performances. Tickets available from the school or on the door, £5 for adults, £4 for Children.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** will take a break **from Friday 15 December**, resuming **Friday 5 January**.

**CAROL SINGING** with Churches Together In Scarborough: celebrate the true message of Christmas by joining in carol singing outside St Andrew's United Reform Church on Ramshill Road, **1.30-3pm Saturday 16 December**.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW** Books of raffle tickets on sale, £5 per book. 1st prize £100 cash, 2nd prize £50 cash, 3rd prize £25 cash. **Donations** of cash or prizes welcome. To be drawn **after Mass** on **Sunday 17 December** in St Peter's Parish Centre.

**CAROL SINGING BY STAXTON SINGERS 7.30pm on Monday 18 December** at St Joseph's Church. Tickets £5. Speak to Fr Albert.

**WALSINGHAM Annual Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage 7-10 September 2018.** Standard single/twin £190; En-suite double/twin £230; inc. travel, breakfast & meals. £20 deposit. Contact the parish office ASAP.

**FREE SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT** daily reflection booklet available in church porches: *Journey to Christmas*; *Advent Extra*; and *Walk With Me*.

**MISSING** from the Parish Centre Resources Room - a CaFe DVD course, *Knowing God even Better*. Have you borrowed it, or do you know who has?

**MINISTERS' ROTAS FOR ST PETER'S** for 2018 will be available from 23 December. If your name is on the rota and you are unable to continue your ministry, please contact the parish office.

**2ND COLLECTION** for the Rainbow Centre raised a huge £857. **Well done!**

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2018** on sale very soon, price £1.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND** If you wish to see a priest during Advent get in touch via telephone or Eucharistic Minister.

**DON'T FORGET to shop via the Giving Machine** when buying your Christmas shopping **online** and raise a completely **FREE** donation for **Scarborough Catholic Parishes**. Over 2000 participating stores.

**DVD showing and discussion** of the 2016 Sorcese film *SILENCE*. **Fri. 8 December after Mass** at St Peter's. Set in times of suppression and persecution of Catholic Christianity, this film follows two 17th-century Portuguese Jesuit missionary priest who travel to Japan to search for their missing mentor, and to spread the Catholic Faith. If caught by feudal lords or ruling samurai, they must renounce their Faith or face the prolonged and agonizing death of themselves or even their flock. Moving and thought-provoking, with some scenes of violence.



### **SEASONAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Bernadette Billington will present a Seasonal Floral Arrangement Demonstration during a Fun Festive Concert at Scarborough Library on **Thursday 14 December at 12:30pm**. Christmas



Door Wreaths also on sale. Admission by Donation. The photograph above is an example of one of the various styles of Christmas Wreaths available to buy.

### **HOW WOULD YOU TEXT SOMEONE ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS THIS IS A KID'S CONTEST**

Look up the Gospel readings for Jesus' birth (**Matthew 1:18-2:12** or **Luke 2:1-20**). Choose a favourite passage from **one** of them and write it as a text message. Submissions will be printed in the newsletter nearer to Christmas on **18 December (max 30 words or icons)**

**ICON BLESSING CEREMONY Sunday 10 December following the 10am Mass** at St Joseph's, for all from the autumn Iconography group, as well as images in the Church. Also, if you have any Holy Images at home you would like blessing please bring them along.

**CHRISTMAS 2017 FILM TO LOOK OUT FOR: 'THE STAR'** is an animated version of the Christmas story told from the perspective of the animals present at the manger. It emphasises the importance of prayer and the value of forgiveness. The gentle donkey named Bo from Nazareth joins the story of the Royal Caravan to Bethlehem.



**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** celebrates Mary's conception without sin. The feast falls on 8 December, placing it 9 months from her birth. Pope Pius IX, in the Papal encyclical *Ineffabilis Deus*, declared Mary's Immaculate Conception dogma on 8 December 1854 with the words "*the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.*" Mary is the one who is "full of grace" and the one whom "all generations will called 'blessed'". Just as Christ has been called the "new Adam", the Church Fathers saw Mary as the "new Eve", who humbly obeyed God, even though Eve disobeyed. The Church Fathers also called Mary the "new ark of the covenant" and *theotokos*, meaning *God-bearer*. It is from these titles that the doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception and sinlessness unfolded. "*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*"

**THE RAINBOW CENTRE** provides year-round support to the homeless and disadvantaged of Scarborough and beyond. Winter is an *especially difficult* time for many. You can help by placing donations of non-perishable food and other daily living essentials in the boxes at back of Church. (**ensuring a long 'use by' date**). Our 2nd Collection raised **£857!**

**Advent Prayer to say at meal time, as you light the candle on the Advent Wreath at home for hope in Christ's Coming**

All-powerful God, help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Saviour.

May we live as he taught, ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**A PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS DAY**

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Filled with fear, doubt and suspicion, we build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace to:

- .. banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- .. welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- .. realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- .. share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- .. give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**USEFUL WEBSITE FOR ADVENT:**

<http://www.churchyear.net/advent.html>

**SUNDAY SMILE:**

Does wine make you **FAT**?

Wine does not make you **FAT** – it makes you **LEAN**... against tables, chairs, floors, walls ... and strangers...

**Blessing an Advent Wreath:  
A Family Activity**



You will need a Bible and four candles to celebrate this blessing.

**Before** your family has gathered for the blessing, select one of the following Scripture passages to be read during the blessing. Choose from: **Isaiah 11:1-4, 61:1-2; Mark 1:1-8; James 5:7-10; or Philippians 4:4-7**. Have someone **volunteer to read** the passage.

**Place the Advent wreath** on a table and have your family gather around it. Lower the light level in the room to create an appropriate atmosphere for the blessing. Place the four candles (symbolizing the four weeks of Advent) on the table and light a single candle for the first week of Advent. Have someone lead your family in the following prayer.

**Leader:** This week we begin the season of Advent, when the days grow short and darkness closes in. We are preparing to celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. Let's spend some quiet time being aware of the darkness and longing for the light.

*(Pause a few moments and then make the Sign of the Cross)*

**Leader:** Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us as well. May this wreath remind us of the hope and joy that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** *Advent* means "*arrival*". In the season of Advent, the church prepares to celebrate the coming of Jesus. We recall the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future with hope. We prepare to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but also His presence in our family. We wait for the return of the Lord at the end of time when all hopes will be fulfilled. We await the coming of the light that will shine in the darkness, shining light on our path to peace.

**Reader:** A reading from [*name of book in Bible*]

*(Reader reads selected passage)*

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**All:** Amen

*(Pray the Lord's Prayer then say the Glory be..)*