

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – YEAR C
WEEK COMMENCING 6 JANUARY 2019

Divine Office Week 2

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (also known as Wise Men Day or 3 Kings Day)

Many of us are familiar with *Epiphany* through the image of *Three Wise Men (or Magi)* bearing gifts as they followed the *Star* to the place of Jesus' birth. It is customary to add **3 kings** to the manger scene. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the Day of the Kings (Dia de los Reyes), and presents are opened on that day, in imitation of the gifts brought to the Christ child. **In Ireland** it is known as *Little Christmas Day* (in Irish, *Nollaig Na Mban*), or Women's Little Christmas, because the men take on the household duties. It is also known as Twelfth Day or *Twelfth Night*, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days from December 25 to January 6 for the 12 days of Christmas.

The word *epiphany* means *appearance* or *manifestation* or *revelation*. Use of this word carries with it the idea of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. The texts for the Sundays after the Epiphany dramatize the many ways that we people came to understand who Jesus was. But this ever-widening circle of revelation began 'outside the circle' of Judaism, so to speak, with the *Magi*.

Who were the Magi? Many versions of the Bible refer to them as the *Wise Men*. We often forget that these Magi or Wise Men were non-Jews. Older sources suggest that they were priestly descendants of one of the tribes of the Medes, known for their knowledge of the stars (astronomy) and their ability to interpret dreams. Their tomb is in Cologne Cathedral, Germany.

4 things we can learn from the MAGI/Wise Men

Firstly, the Wise Men began their journey because of their **beliefs**. It was a common belief that when a world leader like a king was born that a special stellar phenomenon would appear in the sky. The Magi saw something that convinced them that they had seen the long-awaited sign. Historians tell us that the Jews, the Romans, and the Persians were all watching the skies about that time, looking for signs of the birth of an extraordinary king. A few years before, around 11 BC, Halley's Comet had been seen. There were other stellar phenomena, including a bright star, Sirius, which appeared brightly in the daytime instead of at night. The Wise Men saw the star and began their journey.

Secondly, the Wise Men were willing to follow what they had seen into **unknown territory**. Their journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone. The Wise Men risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who was known to behave as a madman when provoked and returned to their country by another way.

Thirdly, the Wise Men were **committed** to the journey - wherever the star might lead. The Wise Men set out to find a newborn King by following a star and ended up in finding a baby born to young, relatively poor parents! Not exactly what they expected and not exactly what befit their dignity as priests.

Finally, the Wise Men **brought gifts**. They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts: **Gold** was the kind of gift that you brought to a king. **Frankincense** was the kind of gift that you would bring to a priest. **Myrrh** was given to someone who was about to die.

On this **Twelfth Day**, or Three Kings Day, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of **time**? The gift of your **talents**? Your **service** in the community? Your **witness** and testimony? The gift of undying love and **devotion**? The greatest gift of the *Three Wise Men* comes to us in the form of a realization. **They were the first Gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone**. The Good news is for everyone, not just a select few. In this coming year, 2019, may we look to heaven for guidance and comfort and may we accept God's blessings in whatever forms we find them, just as the Wise Men accepted that their long, expensive journey led them to a baby born to young, inexperienced parents who lived on the poor side of town.



MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 6 JANUARY 2019

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Saturday Vigil	5	4pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	6	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's ((LIVE STREAM)) St Peter's	See printed copy for Mass Intentions
Monday	7	4pm	St Edward's	
Tuesday	8	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Peter's	
Wednesday	9	9.30am	St Peter's	
Thursday	10	9.30am 4pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	
Friday	11	9.30am	St Peter's	
Saturday	12	9.30am	St Peter's	

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):			ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:		
Saturdays	St Edward's	3.15 - 3.45pm	Tuesdays	St Joseph's	8.30 – 9.30pm
Sundays	St Joseph's	9.15 - 9.45am	Thursdays	St Edward's	4.30 – 5.00pm
Saturdays	St Peter's	10 – 10.30am	Saturdays	St Peter's	10 – 10.30am



MASSES RECEIVED FROM

See printed copy

RECENTLY DEAD:

See printed copy

300 CLUB WINNERS:

No.251 £25
No.149 £10

ANNIVERSARIES: see printed copy

REGULAR PARISH GROUPS (more information from Parish Office)

ROSARY for Unborn St Peter's: 9.10am Fridays; St Joseph's: Thurs after Mass
STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays after Mass (St Peter's)
ANGELUS Saturday morning after Mass (St Peter's) **Sundays**, St Joseph's
SACRED HEART Weekly 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 Sacristy)
LEGION OF MARY Saturdays after Exposition (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), 7.15pm (summer-time) third Tuesday monthly (St Peter's Parish Centre)
PARENTS & TODDLERS Term-time weekly Mondays 9.30am (St Joseph's Bungalow).
PRAY & PLAY Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & fun activities for children aged 0-9 (with adult). Monthly 2nd Saturday (but check) 10-11.30am (St Edward's Hall)
CRAFT GROUPS: St Peter's 7-9pm last Tuesday of month (Parish Centre); 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 at the house of a parishioner (ask for venue).
ICONOGRAPHY GROUP Thursdays, fortnightly 2-4pm, with breaks at term ends (St Peter's Parish Centre).

BOOKINGS of our Parish communal areas should be made only through the Parish office, thus avoiding double booking and upset.

MASS ATTENDANCE (Sunday 30/18)

St Peter's 11.30am	150
St Peter's 5pm	57
St Joseph's 10am	171
St Edward's Vigil	80
Polish Mass	115
Total (including children)	573
Monday 31 December (7pm Mass)	88
New Year's Day (St Peters)	128
New Year's Day (Polish)	60

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Edward's 6.30pm:	£186
St Joseph's 10am:	£240
St Peter's 11.30am & 5pm:	£337
Gift Aid envelopes total:	£509
Standing orders (weekly av.):	£524
Polish Mass	£30
Total:	£1,826

Cheques payable to St Peter's church

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. **Always accompany your children to the toilets.**

ST PETER'S CHURCH IS OPEN at certain times during the week. Call in and say a prayer light a candle. **CCTV is in operation.**

REQUIEM MASS of Kathleen Lavelle: 11am on Tuesday 15 January at St Joseph's Church. Reception of the body **4pm on Monday 14 January**.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Mary Bellwood, 93years, of St Helens Nursing Home, Avenue Victoria: 12 noon on Friday 11 January at St Peters Church.

FUNERAL CREMATION of Josie Thomas Hackness Drive 1.30pm Thursday 10 Jan.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS is celebrated next **Sunday 12/13 January**. We have invited all families who had a **child baptised during 2018** to the **11.30am** Mass for the *blessing of babies and Renewal of Baptismal Promises*. Holy Water will be blessed and you can take some to your home and sprinkle the rooms imploring Gods Protection on your family and property this new year. (Bring A Water Bottle)

OPEN MASS at Madonna House: 2pm on Wednesday 9 January. Celebrant Fr Thomas Swaffer will give a short talk after Mass. All invited.

SCHOOLS RETURN this week. Wishing everyone a successful term ahead and New Year.

ST PETER'S 2019 MINISTERS ROTAS available from the **Sacristy, not the porch**.

UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) next meet at **1.30pm on Tuesday 15 January** They will be holding a Bring & Buy Sale. All welcome.

ICONOGRAPHY GROUP resumes **1.30pm Thursday 18 January** at St Peter's.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL will be the weekend of **19/20 January**.

PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL next meeting is at **6.30pm on Wednesday 23 January** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Items for the Agenda to the Parish Office by **18 January**.

PARISH LUNCHEON is **Wednesday 23 January** after St Peter's **11.30am Mass** in the Parish Centre. Phone the parish office on 360358 to book.

LOURDES 2019 If you know of a **deserving person** to help financially to send to Lourdes in the last week of May with the diocese, get in touch with Fr Gubbins.

RAINBOW CENTRE Special Winter Appeal for tinned meats, eg. stew, corned beef, ham, chopped pork etc. Leave at the Rainbow centre or at one of our churches. There is greater need for support in the colder months. **We will have a Retiring Collection for the Rainbow Centre end of January to help them with expenses.**

CRIB OFFERINGS IN THE 3 CHURCHES go to the *Friends of the Holy Land*. If you have a *Friends of the Holy Land* box at home, bring to Parish Office for counting.

APF (RED MISSION BOXES) to be returned as soon as possible for counting and forwarding on, at the the end of the calendar year.

STONE CROSSES from stone left over from **St Peter's gate pillar** when it was widened, are in St Peter's porch. Make a donation. Proceeds to *St Peter's Restoration Fund*.

PARISH STATISTICS for the year 2018: Baptisms 36; Receptions into the Church 1; Confirmations 31; First Holy Communions 32; Weddings 5; Funerals 28; average weekly Mass attendance 587 (inc. 97 Polish)

FREE CATHOLIC POCKET DIARIES 2019 at back of each church (*limited number*).

PARISH 2019 CALENDARS sample copy in the porch. If you wish to order, add your name to the list. Cost £2 each to cover printing . Lots of Photos of parishioners and parish events. 50+calendars ordered across the churches so far. **Available next weekend.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS still some at back of church: *please check to see if any belong to you*

PARISH CENSUS / CONSENT

It is *a number of years* since Scarborough Catholic Parishes last had a census. The need for a new census has arisen due to the many changes within the parish. People move within the town or change phone numbers, others move away or pass away, and often we welcome new families and individuals into our parishes. Having correct records helps the church care for the parish community, especially in times of need when people often need the help of their priest.

Parishioners are asked to complete a form, available **on the back of this newsletter or from the back of the church**, or alternatively to send in their details, which should include their **full name, address, telephone number and date of birth**. It would also be helpful to know if they are **Roman Catholic, are baptised, made their First Holy Communion** and if they have been **Confirmed**, and their usual church of attendance. Details of other family/household members should also be included, **WHERE POSSIBLE**, and their religion.

We would like to include in our records *all members* of the parish, including those who attend Mass elsewhere, and those who are unable to attend regularly, or at all.

If you live near an elderly or housebound neighbour or work in a Nursing / Care Home and know somebody who might like to be included in the parish records, please ask them, or help them, to register.

All personal data will be kept completely confidential and will not be given out without your explicit consent. Your personal information will be used only by our priests for parish/pastoral reasons. Additionally, those who are appointed as employees, ministers or catechists may need to contact you in the capacity of their duties.

Thank you very much for filling in this form. You are a valued member of our parish community.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

O Blessed Trinity – God our Father, Jesus Christ His Belovèd Son, and the Holy Spirit – hear the intercessions of Blessed Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior, and of all the saints on our behalf. We come before you today to dedicate our home to you. Make it a dwelling place of your mercy and peace. Give to those who pass through the doorways of our home an awareness of Your presence within their hearts. Bless their coming in, and their going out. Watch over them, wherever they may journey. Amen

CUT OUT THE BLESSING & PLACE IT ABOVE THE DOOR OF YOUR HOME & SAY THE BLESSING (above) ✂

“CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT”

20 + C + M + B + 19

“MAY CHRIST BLESS THE HOUSE”

C = Casper; M = Melchior; B = Balthasar

**DIOCESE OF MIDDLESBROUGH PARISHES OF ST PETER ST JOSEPH ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
PARISH CENSUS & CONSENT FORM**

CENSUS (Please write clearly – return to the Office at St Peter’s Church)

Christian name(s) Surname RC yes / no

Spouse’s name(s) Surname RC yes / no
Delete as appropriate

Address

Post Code

Tel No. Mobile No.

Email address

How long have you lived in the parish?

Children’s Christian names & date of birth

Church normally attended: St Peter’s St Joseph’s St Edward’s Other

Please tick any that apply, or name your usual church

Please let us know if you received: Baptism First Communion Confirmation

Would you like to be involved in the *support and running of the parish*? State how

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

If you do not already do so, would you be willing to use *planned giving envelopes* YES / NO

If you do not already do so, YES / NO

If you are a *tax payer*, would you be willing to sign a *Gift Aid declaration*? YES / NO

Parish co-ordinator, Jennie Eyre, will contact you to organise this. For more information contact her on 07983 402203

PARISH CONSENT FORM

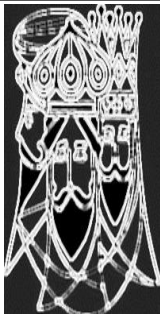
Under the **new General Data Protection Regulation** (‘GDPR’) there are occasions when St Peter/Joseph/Edward churches must obtain your explicit consent to use your information, known as ‘**Personal Data**’. Personal Data includes, but is not limited to **your name, address, telephone number and email address**. We cannot display even your name without your permission. Please indicate by **ticking below** how we may use your data.

- I consent** to my personal details being held in the Parish Directory to enable us, or members of the diocese, to contact you from time to time.
- I consent** for my personal details to be published in the Parish Newsletter. The newsletter is circulated within the Parish Community.
- I consent** for my personal details to be published on the Parish Website which is available to view on the world wide web.
- I consent** to my name being displayed on the Parish rota, on the Church noticeboard and in the Sacristy.
- I consent** to my contact details being passed to others in the parish community for the purpose of carrying out church ministries (and for that purpose only - we will not pass on your personal details for any other reason without your explicit consent).

Signature Date

All personal data held by the Parish and the Diocese of Middlesbrough, including information provided on this form, is processed in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Notice; which is available at www.middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/policies.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS DURING JANUARY 2019
Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



ST PETERS CHURCH WEBCAM LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES
Housebound, family & friends overseas can live-link with us on their home computers and laptop. Go to the parish website: www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk & click “**Launch Stream**”

SUNDAY SMILE:
Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago and it actually fit!! So proud of myself.

It was a scarf. But still. Let’s be positive here.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

