



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

ST PETER'S, ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDWARD'S

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WEEK COMMENCING 5 MARCH 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Year A

Divine Office Week 1

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017 (Excerpt)

Pope Francis has written a beautiful message for Lent. He says Lent is a new beginning. "*Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life by means of **Prayer**, **Fasting** and **Almsgiving**. During this Season we are invited to ponder the Word of God and hear it. We can find inspiration in the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man*" (Luke 16:19-31). This parable invites us to open the doors of our hearts to others because each person is a gift and recognising in the needy the face of Christ. The full article can be read online at w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent.index.html



THE SYMBOLS & SIGNS OF LENT

Purple or Violet: the colour for Lent. Purple is used because it is associated with **mourning and penance**, anticipating the pain and suffering of the crucifixion; and because Purple represents **royalty**, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

Ashes: The ashes used to mark the heads of the Faithful on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt blessed Palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The Faithful are invited to receive the Ashes as a **visible symbol of penance**, helping us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes express **death** (reminding us that life passes away on earth), of **grief, mourning and sorrow** (that we have sinned and caused division from God), and of **purification** (reminding us of the cleansing power of Jesus Christ). **Sack-cloth and ashes** are common Old Testament symbols of penance, sorrow and repentance (eg. Job repented by wearing sackcloth and ashes). Ashes were also used in purification rites.

Fasting, Almsgiving and prayer: three biblical ways of coming back to God. **Prayer** strengthens our relationship with God, helping us turn away from sin; **Fasting** is a form of self denial - giving up something leads to greater self discipline. But remember, it is about spiritual results, not material ones. So, while losing a few pounds may be a nice side benefit, all fasting should be done for God's glory and spiritual growth. **Almsgiving** - while Lent is about giving something up, it is also about putting something positive in its place. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy (eg. CAFOD).

Alleluia (or Hallelujah) The Alleluia is sung at the Gospel Acclamation in every season apart from during Lent. It is next sung at the Easter Vigil. It is a term of great joy that the Kingdom has been established on earth. During Lent our focus is on the coming of the Kingdom, not the Kingdom already come. The words "*Glory to you O Christ, You are the Word of God*" can be used instead.

The Gloria is not said or sung during Lent until the Easter Vigil, for the same reason as the **Alleluia**.

Flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar during Lent (with a few exceptions, eg. Laetare Sunday, Solemnities & Feasts)

Veiling of Statues (optional) This happens on the Saturday prior to 5th Sunday of Lent, where it is the local custom.

Palm leaves: celebrating the kingship of Christ. The palm branch is associated particularly with **Palm Sunday** when, according to Christian tradition, palm branches were waved at the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It was adopted into Christian iconography to represent the victory of martyrs, or the victory of the spirit over the flesh.

Holy Water Fonts are emptied, symbolising Christ's barrenness in the desert and spiritual dryness. Some places fill the font with sand to symbolise dryness or the desert.

The Cross: symbol of **Christ's Victory over death**, and of God's **love** and **justice**. Jesus Christ is **unblemished lamb** that was sacrificed on the Cross to atone for our sins. This is the over-arching message of the Bible - the story of **Redemption** - God's rescue plan for his fallen children. Through His **Sacrifice on the Cross** Jesus destroyed sin and death.

Stations of the Cross: Jesus' journey to Calvary. Jesus called His followers to *take up their cross and follow Him* (Matthew 16:24). This concept of "cross-bearing" is more than tolerance of inconvenient or bothersome circumstances. It is a calling to imitate Christ: "*It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me*" (Galatians 2:20).

The Fish: a Lenten symbol of Fast. In the early Church the fish was the secret sign for Christ's followers, who were persecuted and forced to worship in the Catacombs of Rome. Now it stands for a Christian who has been brought back to life by the Water of Baptism.

MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 5 MARCH 2017: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil:	4	4pm	St Edward's	
Sunday:	5	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's ~ Polish St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	Note: for privacy and confidentiality we do not include personal names in the online version of the newsletter. Please see our parish printed copy.
Monday	6	4pm	St Edward's	
Tuesday	7	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's (Ss Perpetua & Felicity) St Peter's	
Wednesday	8	9.30am	St Peter's (St John of God)	
Thursday	9	9.30am 4pm	St Joseph's St Edward's (St Frances of Rome)	
Friday	10	9.30am	St Peter's	
Saturday:	11	9.30am	St Peter's	

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays	St Joseph	8.30am - 9.30am
Thursdays	St Edward	4.30pm-5.30pm
Saturdays	St Peter	10am-10.30am



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturdays	St Edward's	3.15-3.45pm
Sunday	St Joseph's	9.15am – 9.45am
Saturday	St Peter's	10am-11am



PASTORAL LETTER to be read at all this weekend's Masses.

ANNIVERSARIES:
see printed copy of newsletter

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK: see printed copy of newsletter

MASS ATTENDANCE
St Edward's Vigil: 71
St Joseph's 10am: 155
St Peter's 11.30am: 165
St Peter's 5pm: 51
Total (inc. children): 442
Ash Wednesday: St Edward's 55; St Joseph's 60; St Peter's 90; St Joseph's 60; **Total 265**

REGULAR EVENTS & VENUES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in each church – see above for times
MORNING PRAYER (Divine Office) St Joseph's: 15 minutes before morning Mass, St Peter's: 15 minutes before Saturday morning Masses of Lent
FATIMA ROSARY Fridays 9am (St Peter's); after Mass Thursdays (St Joseph's)
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 Wednesday monthly (St Peter's after Mass)
MOTHERS' PRAYERS Wednesdays 1.15pm (St Peter's Parish Centre upper room)
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION Fridays at 2.45pm (St Peter's Sacristy)
LEGION OF MARY Saturdays 10.30am (St Peter's Parish Centre)
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP Term time weekly Mondays 9.30am (St Joseph's Bungalow)
LIFE ASCENDING 2nd Thursday monthly 10am (St Joseph's bungalow)
EMMAUS Scripture sharing group, Thursdays 2pm fortnightly (St Edward's)
SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society) St Peters: 7.30pm first Monday of month (Parish Centre), St Joseph's: Tuesdays fortnightly 7.30pm (Newman Room)
UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) 1.30pm (winter), 7pm (summer) third Tuesday monthly (St Peter's Parish Centre)
CRAFT GROUPS: St Peter's - last Tuesday of month; St Joseph's – normally fortnightly (bungalow) - contact Anne Smith on 369155.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
St Edward's 4pm: £172
St Joseph's 10am: £225
St Peter's 11.30 & 5pm: £259
Gift Aid envelopes total £607
Standing orders (weekly av.): £513
Total: £1,776

300 CLUB WINNERS
see printed copy of newsletter

YOUTH CLUB 7-8.30pm
Fridays term-time, St Augustine's School. Next meets: **Friday 10 March (no meeting 24 March)**.
Speak to St Augustine's School.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Preparation Mass with the children 11.30 am Sunday 5 March. Theme: Lent. **Welcome** to the 31 children and families today. **FIRST COMMUNION DATES:** Sunday 11 June at 10am at St Joseph's; Sunday 18 June at 11.30am at St Peter's (letter sent home with children on Friday with this information)

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE for parents (and Godparents, if they are able) begins **Thursday 16 March, 7.30-8.30pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre. 9 enquiries so far. Speak to Fr Gubbins or Fr Albert.

CANCELLED TODAY: Sung Vespers at St Joseph's as Fr Albert will be attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral this afternoon.

RITE OF ELECTION Two candidates from the Scarborough Parishes will be presented at the Cathedral, accompanied by their sponsors, family members and Fr Albert and Catechists. The candidates will be presented to our Parish Community **today** at the **10am Mass** at St Joseph's. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be led by the **Divine Mercy Group** next Friday 10 March, after morning Mass. The Legion of Mary will lead the Stations the following Friday 17 March. Anyone else?

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 10 March. Take the CAFOD envelope with you and deny yourself some food or luxury next Friday and the put the money saved into the envelope and return it (Gift Aid it if you can).

PARISH LUNCHEON Wednesday 15 March after 11.30am Mass St Peter's. Contact the parish office ASAP to book a place.



ST PATRICK'S DAY SHOW presented by Kevin O'Connor School of Irish Dance: **7pm Friday 17 March** at Lower Graham School. Tickets £5/£3.50 

WILD WEST NIGHT Stepney Hill Party Barn **7-12pm on Friday 24 March.** Hosted by Magic Mike. Hog roast. Fancy dress. Tickets £15pp. Contact the parish office to book. Proceeds to Eagle House Orphanage, Kamuzinda, Uganda.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Ladies of Mary (DMJs) **11.30am on Sunday 26 March** at St Peter's followed by a buffet at St Mary's Hall.



WALSINGHAM Annual Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage **8-11 September.** Accommodation: Twin Standard (£171.50 pp) or Twin en-suite (£210.50 pp). Note - **no single rooms** left. Price includes half board & travel. Contact the parish office to book a place.

PETITIONS to Our Lady of Fatima can be taken to Fatima by one of our parishioners on 21 March. Put your petitions in a sealed envelope (no money) and put through the letter box

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT It has been suggested we have a coming together of the different cultures, traditions, music and dance as a Parish Night, combined with different foods, costumes and entertainment, around the Feast of the Ascension – possibly **Saturday 3 June** (after Lourdes). What do you think?

CHRISM MASS 12 noon at the Cathedral: Tuesday 11 April A 15 seater minibus has been booked. Lists at back. Add your name if you would like to book a seat (£6).

FORMATION AND COMMISSIONING of Lay Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be on Saturday 6 May at the Spa, Scarborough. This is for **new** Ministers or those with **temporary** faculties. Previously, additional practical training for Ministers of the Word was provided, but this will now happen on the day. If you wish to become a Minister please contact Fr Gubbins or Fr Albert.

AVAILABLE NOW in piety stalls: Easter cards; St Patrick's Day cards, statues, Rosaries, medals, key rings, Novenas, children's booklets etc; Fatima Novenas, Rosaries and statues; and many other devotional items, cards and booklets.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will participate in the National Activity for Catholic Youth, **FLAME** at Wembley on **11 March.**

FR MASSIE was in St Augustine's School last Thursday speaking about Vocations. He is Diocesan Vocations Director as well as University Chaplain in Hull.

SEE REVERSE of this newsletter for important event dates of **LENT**

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS A retiring collection will be held **this** weekend to raise funds to help provide care for our sick and retired priests: help with housing, healthcare, as well as financial support. Our 21 retired priests have given many years of ministry in our parishes and diocese, and continue to help-out by saying Mass when our priests are away. Please give generously, and do keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. Cheques should be made payable to *St Peter's*. If you are a tax payer, consider Gift Aiding your donation. Use a white visitor Gift Aid envelope and clearly mark it "*Sick & Retired Priests*"

COMPLETE LENT EVENTS PLANNER AVAILABLE

on a separate leaflet

See **reverse** of this newsletter for a summary of the first 2 weeks

LENT TALKS in the Parish Centre **Fridays** after Morning Mass & Stations: based on the last words of Christ from the Cross - led by Fr Albert. **Talk 1: 10.15am Friday 10 March: *Father, forgive them***". All welcome.

RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON (Course for Lent) begins **2pm on Thursday 2 March** at St Edward's Hall: talks and discussions based on Luke 15 and on the Rembrandt painting of that name. All welcome.



Prayer Penitence Alms-giving Self-Denial

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (DIVINE OFFICE) will be prayed **15 minutes before Mass on Saturdays during Lent.** Books will be provided. This is also called 'Prayer of the Church' and is divided into a 4 weekly cycle. It is a beautiful liturgy and is prayed by millions the world over.

FASTING AND ABSTINANCE What is meant by Fasting?

Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is **considerably** reduced (see below). **Abstinence** is the practice of restraining ones-self from indulging in something pleasurable as a means of self-denial

Law of Fasting



The fast is **broken** by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk).

(excused from Fasting & abstinence for medical reasons)

Date Day Time 2017 LENT PLANNER – WEEKS 1 & 2 (cut out and pin to the fridge door)

5 March	Sun	1st Sunday of Lent 11.30am	First Communion Preparation Mass at St Peter's
7 March	Tues	12 noon	Barrowcliff Churches 2gether Lunch & Talk at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
9 March	Thurs	2pm	Lent Reflection: <i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i> (St Edwards Hall)
10 March	Fri	CAFOD Family Fast Day 10am	Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at St Peter's after morning Mass
		10.15-11am	1st Lenten Talk led by Fr Albert: <i>FORGIVENESS</i>
12 March	Sun	2nd Sunday Lent 3.30pm	Sung Vespers at St Joseph
14 March	Tues	12 noon	Barrowcliff Churches 2gether Lunch & Talk at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
15 March	Wed	12 noon	Parish Luncheon after 11.30am Mass at St Peter's (to book, see prev. page)
16 March	Thurs	2pm 7.30pm	Lent Reflection: <i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i> (St Edwards Hall) Baptism Preparation Course
17 March	Fri	ST PATRICK'S DAY ❀❀❀ 10am	Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at St Peter's after morning Mass Lenten Talk – note: no talk today (St Patrick's Day)

SOME SUGGESTED WAYS TO KEEP LENT (SEASON OF PURIFICATION)

- Give up social media or put aside technology (eg. MP3/TV)
- Give up bad habits like smoking, drinking or swearing
- Help the environment (eg. choose to walk to work)
- Make more time for God (seek out silence)
- Attend weekday Mass once or twice a week
- Pray the Scriptures/Stations of the Cross/Rosary
- Work on self-denial/fasting/being more honest & truthful
- Fast from negativity and criticism
- Go to Confession sometime during Lent and cleanse the souls
- Go on a Pilgrimage or a day away or a quiet day
- Practice Almsgiving to local charity or CAFOD

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:1-4

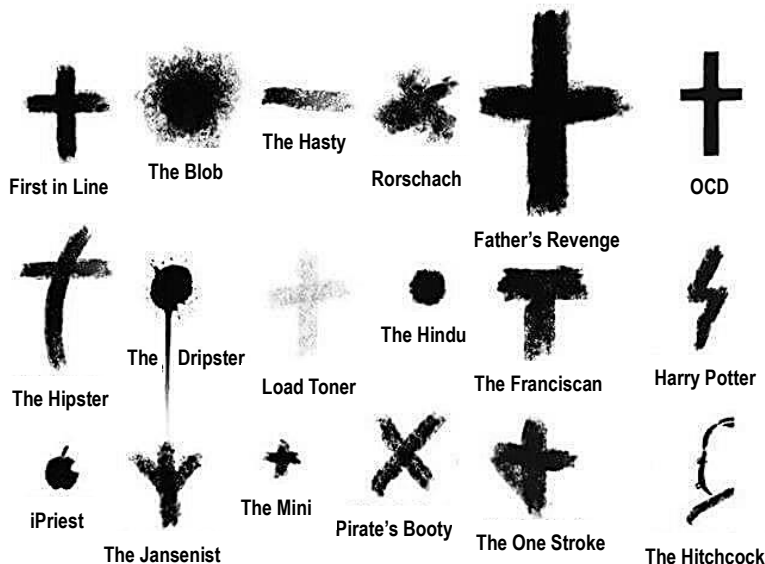
PRAYER FOR LENT

O Lord Redeemer of my life. Take from me the spirit of laziness, despair, lust, gossip and pride. Replace each one with a spirit of humility, patience, purity, and self-denial with love for what you love, and a burden for what burdens you, My Lord and Saviour. Help me confront my own transgressions and not to condemn my brothers and sisters for you alone are just and holy, now and forever. Amen.

AFTER FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS OF PRAYING & FASTING IN THE DESERT, THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS. SATAN WAITS TILL CHRIST IS WEAK FROM FASTING TO TEMPT HIM. THE DEVIL TEMPS US WHEN WE ARE TIRED, LONELY, HUNGRY, ANGRY, SAD, & STRESSED OUT. KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES & RESIST SATAN.

SUNDAY SMILE

A Catholic Guide to Ashes, Extended Edition



“Have charity, first for our own souls, then with the neighbour. For, as water quenches fire, so charity quenches sin.”

St John of God

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

“Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48):
catholicsstrivingforholiness.com