



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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

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**WEEK COMMENCING 19 FEBRUARY 2017**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A**

**Divine Office Week 3**  
**Racial Justice Day**

## WHY DO PRIESTS USE INCENSE AT MASS?

**The use of incense** in the ancient world was common, especially in religious rites, where it was used to keep away flies and foul smells. We know from the Greek historian, Herodotus, that it was popular among the Assyrians, Babylonians and Egyptians. In Judaism, incense was included in the thanksgiving offerings of oil, rain, fruits, wine (Numbers 7:13-17). And the book of Exodus (30:1-10) tells us that **the Lord instructed Moses to build a golden altar for the burning of incense**, which was placed in front of the veil to the entrance of the meeting tent where the ark of the covenant was kept.

**History of liturgical use:** It is not known exactly when the use of incense was introduced into our Mass or other liturgical rites. At the time of the early Church, the Jews continued to use incense in their own Temple rituals, so it was most likely that the Christians would have adapted its usage for their own rituals.

The use of incense is mentioned in liturgies of the **fifth century** and in the procession of a Bishop to the altar and on Good Friday during the seventh century. The act of incensing the Gospel of the Mass appears very early; at the offering of the gifts, in the 11th century; and at the Introit (opening of the celebration of the Eucharist), in the 12th century. Incense was also used at the Benedictus and Magnificat during Lauds and Vespers about the 13th century, and for the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament about the 14th century. Gradually, its usage was extended to the incensing of the celebrant and assisting clergy.

**The purpose of incensing** and the **symbolic value of the smoke** is that of *purification and sanctification*. For example, in the Eastern Rites at the beginning of Mass, the altar and sanctuary area were incensed while Psalm 50 (the *Miserere*) was chanted invoking the mercy of God. **The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven:** the Psalmist prays, "*Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice*" (Psalm 141). Incense also creates the ambiance of heaven: The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "*Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people.*"

In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) incense may be used during the entrance procession; at the beginning of Mass, to incense the altar; at the procession and proclamation of the Gospel; at the offertory, to incense the offerings, altar, priest and people; and at the elevation of the Sacred Host and chalice of Precious Blood after the consecration. The priest may also incense the Crucifix and the Paschal Candle. During funeral Masses, the priest at the final commendation may incense the coffin, both as a sign of honour to the body of the deceased which became the temple of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and as a sign of the faithful's prayers for the deceased rising to God.

**The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God**



**MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 19 FEBRUARY 2017: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>St Edward's</b>	Mass intentions on printed copy only
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>St Peter's ~ Polish</b> <b>St Joseph's</b> <b>St Peter's</b> <b>St Peter's</b>	
Monday	20	4pm	St Edward's	
Tuesday	21	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Peter's	(St Peter Damien)
Wednesday	22	9.30am	St Peter's	(Chair of St Peter)
Thursday	23	9.30am 4pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	(St Polycarp)
Friday	24	9.30am	St Peter's	
Saturday:	25	9.30am	St Peter's	

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

**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 Peter's	10am-11am
Saturdays:	St Edward's	3.15pm – 3.45pm
Sundays:	St Joseph's	9.15am – 9.45am



**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK:** List available on printed copy only

**ANNIVERSARIESs**

List available on printed copy only

**REGULAR EVENTS & VENUES**

- ADORATION** in each church – see above for times
- MORNING PRAYER (Divine Office)** 15 minutes before morning Mass (St Joseph's)
- ROSARY** before Mass **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 **Mondays 9.30am** (St Joseph's Bungalow)
- ASCENT (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), **7.30pm** (summer) **third Tuesday monthly** (St Peter's Parish Centre)
- CRAFT GROUPS:** **St Peter's** - last Tuesday of month; **St Joseph's** – normally fortnightly in the bungalow

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

St Edward's Vigil:	71
St Joseph's 10am:	222
St Peter's 11.30am:	175
St Peter's 5pm:	48
<b>Total:</b>	<b>516</b>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Envelope giving	£546
Loose plate	£719
Standing orders (weekly av):	£513
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,778</b>

**300 CLUB WINNERS**

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**YOUTH CLUB 7-8.30pm Fridays**

**term-time**, St Augustine's School. No Youth Club - 24th February - half term. **3rd March** Youth Club is at St Peter's Parish



**PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Parents' meeting **7pm**

**Thursday 2 March** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Preparation Mass with the children **11.30 am Sunday 5 March**.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** begins **7.30pm Thursday 16 March**. 1 hour a week for 4 weeks in St Peter's Parish Centre. Anyone with a child for Baptism get in touch. 4 enquiries so far.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** Our schools are on midterm holiday this week. Relax and have a few lie-ins!

**LENT 2017** is approaching. Could we ask that the Stations of the Cross be led by different groups each week, eg: Choirs, Ascent, UCM, SVP, Mothers' Prayers, Legion of Mary, Ministers' groups, Parish Council, Emmaus, Divine Mercy group, Craft Group etc. You can use your own text, or we can provide a text. Let Fr Gubbins or Fr Albert know.

**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN Sunday 19 February at 2.45pm** (today).

**UCM** next meets on **Tuesday 21 February at 7pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre for Pie & Pea Supper & Quiz. All welcome.

**INVITATION TO OPEN MASS at Madonna House Tuesday 21 February at 2pm.** Main celebrant, Fr Terence Richardson, acting abbot at Ampleforth Monastery. He will give a short talk after Mass. All welcome.

**NEW 2 YOU SALE** in support of refugee children **11am on Saturday 25 February** at St Mary's Church Hall, Filey.

**VACANCY AT ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** The School is seeking to appoint a full time, permanent Maths teacher. Details can be found on the school's website at <http://staugs.co.uk/>. **Applications close on Friday 3rd March.**

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** for the Philippines, written by Christian women of the Philippines: **10.30am Friday 3 March** at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church (bus route no.5 & 5). All welcome.

**SING TO THE LORD!** (celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Musicam Sacram). A day of talks & workshops. **10am-4pm Saturday 11 March** at St Therese of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees. For all, but especially those involved in music in our churches. Cost £10. Take packed lunch. Phone 07540 532785 to book.

**GET INTO TEACHING** Are you interested in a rewarding career? Ampleforth College is hosting an Open Day **Saturday 18 March 9:15am to 11:30am.** The College is recruiting for teacher training places for 2017-2018 in secondary subjects English, Maths, Design and Technology, Modern Foreign Languages, Physics and Chemistry.

**WILD WEST NIGHT** Stepney Hill Party Barn **7-12pm on Friday 24 March**, organised by St Peter's School & Friends and hosted by Magic Mike. Hog roast. Fancy dress. Tickets £15pp. Contact the parish office. Proceeds to Eagle House Orphanage, Kamuzinda, Uganda, one of the children's homes where the children in the Pearl of Africa choir are from.

**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. Place your petitions in a sealed envelope (no money) and put it in the collection or through the letter box.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH SANCTUARY** needs redecorating. This continues the project began by Fr Massie. To restore it to its original beauty will be excessively expensive. We are exploring the possibility of 'cleaning' the upper part, where the Saints are on view, and then to paint the walls. We will keep you posted as time goes by.

**URGENT PLEA FOR MEN'S CLOTHING** by Rainbow Centre. Large and extra-large sizes needed too.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS** are invited, due to a shortage in numbers. Submit your nomination to Fr Gubbins, Anne Smith or to the parish office.

**MORE NOTICES** on the reverse of this sheet.

**FUNDRAISING EVENING**

**for the Ladies of Mary: 5.30pm Thursday 23 February after Mass** at St Edward's Hall. Tickets £5 donation,

available at all churches this weekend. Limited numbers due to size of Hall. Price includes the film *The Quiet Man*, Irish stew and refreshments.

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



**LOURDES FUNDRAISER** On your way in or out of Church you will be encouraged to buy some Raffle Tombola Tickets to help defray the cost of sending some Scarborough parishioners to Lourdes in May. Please support if you can. So far the **TOMBOLA** at St Peter's last weekend raised £85.80, with thanks to **Ian Hutchinson of Horsley's Butchers** in the indoor market hall for providing the meat voucher prize. If in his shop do say thanks!

**LENT 2017** begins **1 March (Ash Wednesday).** The *Walk With Me* Lenten Reflection booklet and the *Lent Extra* magazine is available in our churches. Lent edition of the *Bible Alive* is also available. Give a donation towards cost.

**LENT PLANNER** We are planning our Lent events calendar for all 3 churches. Available **next weekend.**

**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.



**CHILDREN'S**  
Liturgy of the Word

The **Liturgy of the Word** of Mass is at a level the children understand and enjoy, with discussions, prayers, songs and activities. It tries to raise awareness of God's love, the seasons of the Church, the understanding of, and symbols in the Mass, and help them grow in the Faith of the Catholic Church. **We need some more volunteers to join the Rota.** We will resume children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of Lent at St Peter's. 11.30am Mass.

## WHAT IS THE DIVINE OFFICE

The **Divine Office**, also known as the **Liturgy of the Hours**, is the official set of prayers **marking the hours** of each day and **sanctifying the day** with prayer. It fulfils the apostolic exhortation to **"pray without ceasing"** (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

In the Psalms we find expressions like *"in the morning I offer you my prayer"; "At midnight I will rise and thank you"; "Evening, morning and at noon I will cry and lament"; "Seven times a day I praise you"*. Following on from this, the Divine Office is prayed **around the clock** at various intervals, and, given that it is prayed **around the world**, this means that there is never a moment when someone is not praying. As the whole body of the *People of God* we are indeed *praying without ceasing*. The Liturgy of the Hours as we now know it is composed of **8 'Offices'** which punctuate the day between midnight to just before retiring.

The Divine Office is the prayer of the people of God. **It forms part of the Church's official liturgy**. Together with the Mass, it constitutes the official public prayer life of the Church, and has formed part of the Church's public worship from the earliest times.

The Divine Office can be either **sung (chanted) or said**. It consists of hymns, psalms, Scripture readings and prayers. The hymns and litanies of the Office express the symbolism of the time of day, liturgical season, or feast being celebrated. The book containing the Office is often referred to as the **Breviary**.

**Celebration of the Divine Office** is an obligation undertaken by priests, and the Constitutions of religious institutions generally oblige their members to recite all or part of the Office as part of their charism. The laity are under no public obligation, but are encouraged by the Church to incorporate it into their prayer life (see Catechism of the Catholic Church No.1175).

Fr Coleman introduced this Liturgy to St Joseph's Church and it is prayed there before morning Mass during the week. **During Lent it will also be introduced at St Peter's Church**. Books will be made available.

## FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER Wednesday 22 February

This Feast calls to mind the **mission conferred by Christ on Peter**, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope, who is the **living symbol of unity**, and who, by his authority, **safeguards the teachings of Christ** to be passed down unchanging to each new generation.

Jesus bestowed upon Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, including the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles.

When Jesus asked the Apostles: *"Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?"* Peter (called Simon) was the one to recognise that he was "Christ, Son of the living God". Jesus said: *"Blessed are you ...because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter [Cephas, a rock], and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven"*. (Mt 16:13-20) In saying this Jesus made Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St Peter's hands.

**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?

**REQUEST TO PARISH GROUPS** We wish to include details of all groups active in the parish (social and devotional). Would **all groups kindly supply a brief outline** of their mission/activities and details of meeting times/venues etc?

## SAINTS FOR FACTS

St. Polycarp was part of the 2nd generation of Church leaders having studied under John the Apostle. As a holy man and bishop of Smyrna he countered the heresies and controversies by imitating Christ's life. He was martyred at age 86 sentenced to burn at the stake. Witnesses claim the flames arched around him.



## WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Find out more about the Saints, online.  
Browse Saints by name, date or Patronage  
<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>



No man can  
serve two masters:  
for either he will  
hate the one,  
and love the other;  
or else  
he will hold to  
the one, and  
despise the other.  
Ye cannot serve  
God and mammon.

— Matthew 6:24

## SUNDAY SMILE

*Paddy phones an ambulance because his mate's been hit by a car.*

*Paddy: 'Get an ambulance here quick, he's bleeding from his nose and ears and I tink both his legs are broken.'*

*Operator: 'What is your location sir?'*

*Paddy: 'Outside number 28 Eucalyptus Street'*

*Operator: 'How do you spell that sir?'*  
*Silence.... and after a minute.*

*Operator: 'Are you there sir?'*

*More silence and another minute later.*

*Operator: 'Sir, can you hear me?'*

*This goes on for another few minutes until....*

*Operator: 'Sir, please answer me. Can you still hear me?'*

*Paddy: 'Yes, sorry bout dat... I couldn't spell ESucalyptus, so I just dragged him round to number 3 Oak Street.'*