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WEEK COMMENCING 19 JULY 2020 - YEAR A
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE: week 4
Thursday is a Day of Special Prayer for Europe

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

2020 is **10th anniversary** of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on *The Word of the Lord* and **1,600th anniversary** of St Jerome's death. These dates inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales to dedicate 2020-21 as a period of focus on Sacred Scripture, in a special *Year of the Word*, entitled *The God Who Speaks*.

Scripture shapes our actions, our choices and how we relate to God, to ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbours and our world. We hear *'The God Who Speaks'* no matter what the circumstance or predicament. The **monthly focus** for the *Year of the Word* shines a light on a particular aspect of life and worship – it might be a closer look at a saint inspired by Scripture, or one of the Church's great seasons like Advent, Lent or Easter. To follow the monthly focuses, go to the website of the Year of the Word: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/>

DURING JULY, *Year of the Word* celebrates the **communion of saints in heaven**. They introduce a saint for each month of the year and their relation to Scripture. In this month of July, they highlight **St Mary Magdalene**, whose **Feast Day is on Wednesday 22 July** - this coming week.

ST MARY MAGDALENE is known as the *Apostle to the Apostles*. She was present at the **crucifixion of Jesus** with his mother and is the **first witness to his Resurrection** (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18). During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Last year, **Pope Francis raised her July 22 Memorial to a Feast Day** in the Church's calendar – reserved for significant events and for saints of particular importance. Mary Magdalene is an example and **model for women and men** in the church alike with her faithful testimony of the Good News.

St. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over whether Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are sceptical this is the same person.

Despite scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us **an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God**.

St Mary Magdalene is Patron Saint of *Penitents, converts, contemplative life, glove makers, hairdressers, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumers, pharmacists, sexual temptation, tanners, women*.

OTHER SAINTS to consider this week - This **Thursday 23 July** we observe a **Day Special Prayer for Europe**. There are **5 such days** in the year, occurring on the Feast Day of each of the following saints:

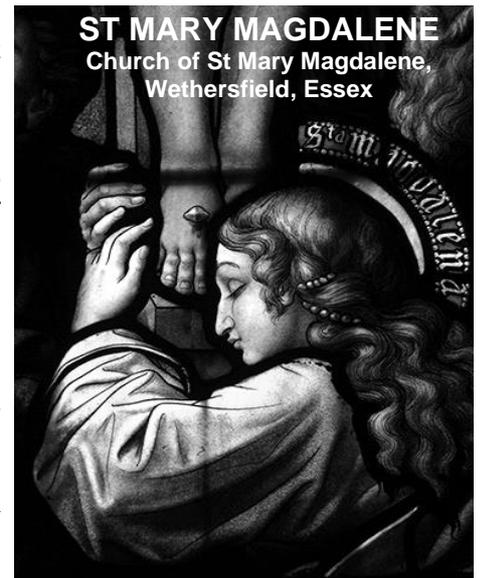
Ss Cyril & Methodius (14 Feb): Brothers who evangelised Moravia, Bohemia & Bulgaria in the 9th Century, and translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet invented by St Cyril. They are venerated as *Apostles of the Slavs*

St Catherine of Siena (29 Apr): A Doctor of the Church, her writings and her stigmata reveal her intimate union with God. She persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon, and tried to untie the Church during the Great Schism.

St Benedict (11 July): Renowned for founding the Abby at Montecassino and his Rule of living for monks in community. He was proclaimed patron of Europe because of his essential influence in the formation of Christendom.

St Bridget of Sweden (23 July): Following the death of her husband, she founded the Bridgettine Order, promoted peace and the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (9 Aug): Born Edith Stein to a Jewish family in Wrocław, now in Poland, she converted to the Church after reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila. She was gassed at Auschwitz in August 1942.



PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED - AT ST PETER'S ONLY FOR THE TIME BEING

SATURDAY VIGIL	18	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
SUNDAY	19	9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's **POLISH** St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	20	8.30am**	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Apollinaris</i>
Tuesday	21	7pm**	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
Wednesday	22	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>ST MARY MAGDALENE</i>
Thursday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</i>
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Sharbel Makhluf</i>
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</i>

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
MASS BY TELEPHONE Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (*Remains available after*)
SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar
READINGS AT MASS & DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Links for these are available on our website & in porch.
POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: *We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect & guidance*

† R. DEAD Mike Hedley, Tiberius Jardine **† ANNIVS** Fr Tom O'Connell, Bridget O'Brien, Francis Cranston (25/6), Ena Long, Paula Lee
† SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION Margaret Aveyard **MASSSES RECEIVED FROM** see printed copy
MASS COUNT last weekend (**Total 159**): Sat 5.30pm **45**; Sun 9.30am (Polish) **38**; Sun 11.30am **76**; weekly average attendance **15**
OFFERINGS Fortnight to 12 July: Loose plate **£415**; Gift Aid envelopes **£232**; average weekly Standing Orders **£1,228**; total **£1,875**
PLANNED GIVING to sign up for **Offertory envelope or Standing Order giving**, contact the parish office

CONFESSIONS available at **side altar** on **Saturday mornings after Mass until 11am** or by request
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, except Monday

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISM GUIDANCE Please contact Father Gubbins for latest information and guidance.
YEAR OF THE WORD THE GOD WHO SPEAKS has been extended into 2021 (*See article on front cover of newsletter*).
ONLINE JESUIT WEEK BROADCAST FROM KNOCK, Co. Mayo - Find God in the mess of the pandemic: a week of prayer, meditation and scripture. 26 July to 2 Aug. Three sessions each day. More info on Knock Shrine website: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/>
MONTH OF JULY is dedicated to the **Precious Blood of Jesus**. During the 1st Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX in exile created a universal Feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. The Feast is no longer in the Church Calendar, but a votive Mass in honour of the Precious Blood can be celebrated.
FEAST OF ST JAMES Saturday 25 July. Compostela is the capital of North West Spain and a Place of Pilgrimage, with several Pilgrim routes (Camino de Santiago) as it is the burial place of St James, whose remains are within the cathedral.
2020 YEAR OF ANNIVERSARIES 75 years since end of the II World War (2/9/1945); 75 years since bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki (6, 9/8/1945); 75th anniv of VE Day (8 May); 80th anniv of the Battle of Dunkirk (26/5-4/6 1940); 75 years since founding of United Nations (24/10/1945); Pax Christi (*Latin - Peace of Christ*) International Catholic Movement for Peace is 75 years; 10th anniv of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on *The Word of the Lord*; 60th anniv of St Joseph's Church Newby.
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE OAK STAND for Scarborough Parishes has finally arrived! It is now on display in St Peter's Church.
DEC CORONAVIRUS APPEAL DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) is working with 14 leading UK aid charities - including CAFOD Catholic Overseas Aid Agency - to raise funds for refugee camps, war torn countries and families fleeing conflict against the deadly threat of Coronavirus. Please consider donating if you can at <https://www.dec.org.uk/>
300 CLUB continues to be suspended for the time being. So, hold on until further notice.
SUNDAY SMILE: *Some think church is like a giant helicopter - they don't want to get too close, in case they get sucked into the rotas (rotors)*

REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS, CONFESSION & ADORATION

Note - these instructions are not set in stone and will change as our situation changes - so stay tuned!

We have a **list of all** who have contacted us or visited the church so far. This means that we can simplify things a bit, now.

- **No need to "book" in advance** if we already have your details. If you are **not** on the list, you **must** fill in a Test & Trace form
- On arrival, **give your full name** to the steward, who will tick you off on the list (in alphabetical order of surnames)
- We **cannot admit** anyone who is unwilling to provide their full name and contact details (this is a legal matter - see below)
- Once you have filled in a form, your details should be on the list for future weeks
- You may email us in advance to provide contact details, but please do so by noon on a Friday for the forthcoming weekend
- Try to arrive early to avoid crowding. When you arrive, form an orderly queue observing the 2-metre rule marked on the ground

TEST & TRACE We are obliged to comply with Government Test & Trace, and Covid-19 Safety rules which state we must keep a record of **full names and contact details** of everyone attending church. Your details will be used only by the NHS in the event of an outbreak. Forms are kept for 21 days from the date of the last Mass attended, after which time they will be destroyed.

TOILETS, HALL & CENTRES According to the Covid-19 guidelines, toilets and meeting rooms **cannot** be used until further notice