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WEEK COMMENCING 17 JANUARY 2021 - YEAR B
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 2
Peace Sunday



POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR 54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace

World Day of Peace was established by Pope St Paul VI in 1967. The first World Day of Peace was observed on 1 January 1968, when the Church also celebrates the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. **"A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace" is the theme** of Pope Francis' message for this 54th World Day of Peace, addressed to heads of state and government, leaders of international organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. In his message the Pope calls for a *"culture of care"* by advancing on the *"path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations."* and stresses *"There can be no peace without a culture of care,"*

In this task, the Pope offers the principles of the Church's social doctrine as a compass on the path to peace.

Contemporary crises: Pope Francis begins by noting how the *"massive Covid-19 health crisis"* has aggravated deeply interrelated crises such as climate, food, the economy and migration, causing great sorrow and suffering to many. He appeals to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and essential technologies needed to care for the sick, poor and most vulnerable. The Pope also notes a surge in nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring death and destruction. These and other events of 2020 have underscored the importance of caring for one another and for creation. *"A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace"* is a *"way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time"*.

Evolution of the Church's Culture of Care: The Holy Father traces the evolution of the Church's Culture of Care from the first book of the Bible to Jesus, through the early Church down to our times.

After its creation, God entrusts the world to Adam to *"till it and keep it"*. After killing his brother, Abel, Cain's response to God *"Am I my brother's keeper?"* is a reminder that all of us are keepers of one another. Despite his crime, God protects Cain. This confirms the inviolable dignity of the human person created in God's image and likeness. Later, God instituted the Sabbath to restore social order and concern for the poor, while the Jubilee year provided a respite for the land, slaves and those in debt. All this shows that *"everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others."*

God the Father's love for humanity finds its supreme revelation in Jesus, who asks His disciples to *"do likewise"*. Early Christians followed Jesus by sharing what they had and caring for the needy, thus making their community a welcoming home. Today, the Church has *"many institutions for the relief of every human need: hospitals, poor houses, orphanages, foundling homes, shelters for travellers..."*

Church's social doctrine: The culture of care of the Church, enriched by the reflection of the Church Fathers and luminous witnesses to the faith became the *"beating heart of the Church's social doctrine"* which serves as a *"grammar" of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, pursuit of the common good and concern for the protection of creation.* The Christian concept of 'the person' fosters fully human development. *"Person" always signifies relationship, not individualism; it affirms inclusion, not exclusion; unique and inviolable dignity, not exploitation... Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness.*

According to this *'compass'*, every aspect of social, political and economic life achieves its fullest end when placed at the service of the common good. The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed that all of us, fragile and disoriented, are in the same boat. *"All of us are called to row together"*, since *"no one reaches salvation by themselves."* The Church's social principles also urge us to concrete solidarity for others because we are all responsible for all. It also stresses the interconnectedness of all creation, as his *Encyclical Laudato Si' (Be Praised)* points out.

In the face of our throw-away culture, with its growing inequalities both within and between nations, Pope Francis urges government leaders, international organizations, business leaders, scientists, communicators and educators, to take up the principles of the Church's social doctrine as a *compass*, capable of pointing out a common direction and ensuring *"a more humane future"* in the process of globalisation. He also calls on everyone to take this *compass* in hand and work to overcome the many existing social inequalities.

Weapons & peace: The Pope calls for resources spent on arms to be used for priorities such safety of individuals, promotion of peace and integral human development, fight against poverty, and provision of health care. It would be a courageous decision, he says, to *"establish a 'Global Fund' with the money spent on weapons..., in order to permanently eliminate hunger and contribute to development of the poorest countries!"*

Educating to peace: The promotion of a culture of care calls for a process of education beginning in the family where we learn how to live and relate to others in a spirit of mutual respect. Schools & universities, the communications media, as also religions & religious leaders are called to pass on a system of values based on the recognition of the dignity of person each linguistic, ethnic and religious community

Pope Francis concludes his message, urging *"We never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way... Instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another."* Read Pope Francis' full message at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html (we can print if you do not have online access)

SATURDAY VIGIL	16	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
SUNDAY	17	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Joseph's St Peter's (Polish) St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	WORLD PEACE DAY For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	18	7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tuesday	19	12 noon	St Edward's	St Wulstan
Wednesday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Fabian / St Sebastian
Thursday	21	10am	St Joseph's	St Agnes
Friday	22	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Vincent
Saturday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

SYRO MALABAR MASS No Masses until after National Lockdown has ended

CONFESSIONS 10.30am to 11am Saturdays at St Peter's; **8.45am to 9.15am Sundays** at St Joseph's
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass. Praying for Peace in USA especially.

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> click link at right of screen
READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code Links are available on our website & in church porches
POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: *that the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's is **open every day** (gate closed but unlocked - down steps. see the new sign on wall)

† **ANNIVS** Grace Gubbins, Evan Harris, Stanley Ireland, Peter Massie, Derek Botterill, Tom Byrne, Patrick Devine, Peter Kemp
 † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Veronica Oxley, George Francis Dick
MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy
ATTENDANCE St Peter's Vigil **20**; St Joseph's 9.30am **38**; Polish **50**; St Peter's 11.30am **62**; **Total 170**
OFFERINGS Loose plate **£263**; Gift Aid envelopes **£174**; Polish **£30**; Av. Standing Orders **£614**; Total **£1,081**
PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish office.

MASS TIMES Pay a close eye to the times and venues of weekday Masses.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS have been suspended during lockdown (except in emergency).

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Some prayer cards to St Joseph are on sale in the Holy shop at St Peter's and St Joseph's. Pray the **Jubilee Year Prayer to St Joseph** (see right).

54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE is this **Sunday 17 January** - Pax Christi's celebration of the Holy Father's World Peace Day message for Peace Sunday. See **front cover** for summary of the **Pope's message for Peace Sunday**. Other resources are available on the **Pax Christi website** at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/> **Pray this prayer for Peace:** *Let us pray for an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries become havens of peace. May we receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, and respond with respect and love to those different from ourselves. May we have the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behaviour. And may our Faith community always be a welcoming place for all. Amen.*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY **Mon 18 to Sun 24 Jan.** **Theme: Abiding in Christ.** Due to Covid-19 celebrations will mainly be online this year. Resources available, inc. reflections, from <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021 Ash Wednesday 17 Feb marks the first day of Lent; Lent Fast Day Friday 26 Feb; Palm Sunday 28 March the beginning of Holy Week; Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday **1 March**, Good Friday **2 March**, Holy Saturday **3 March**, Easter Sunday **4 April**.

MEN'S WINTER COATS The Rainbow Centre need men's winter coats, size medium & large.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS for **Rota** needed at St Joseph's, otherwise church may need to close until lockdown is over. Speak to Fr Gubbins

HANDS/FACE/SPACE Continue to cooperate with our Stewards so our churches remain safe places. If you are anxious about Covid-19, or have a health condition, do not to come to church - shield at home.

PARISHES 2021 CALENDARS **£1 each (large print £2).** **Proceeds to the Rainbow Centre.** Lots of photos from the past year, as well as an article on St Joseph's Church, as 2020 marked the 60th anniversary and, also, the beginning of a Jubilee Year of St Joseph. There is a sample copy at the back and a list to add your name and how many. **60** ordered and printed so far.

FREE CATHOLIC POCKET DIARY Limited number available at the back - *first come, first served.*

7 DAY CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE: Light one for loved ones. **£3** at Our Lady's Altar.

POPE FRANCIS this week has encouraged all people to have the vaccine against Covid 19.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian
of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted
his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph,
to us too, show yourself
a father and guide us
in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

SUNDAY SMILE:
**THE MORE YOU WEIGH
THE HARDER YOU ARE
TO KIDNAP.**

STAY SAFE, EAT CAKE.