

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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Welcome
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WEEK COMMENCING 31 JANUARY 2021 - YEAR B
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 4
Racial Justice Sunday / SPUC White Flower Appeal

FRA ANGELICO - THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



On Tuesday 2 February, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**, also known as **Candlemas**. This event was painted by the Dominican painter, Guido di Pietro (1395-1455), better known as **Fra Angelico** between 1540 and 1542. It was the subject of one of the frescoes he painted in the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence, during the time he spent as prior there. The image depicts the Gospel account where **Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem** 40 days (inclusive) after his birth, to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to consecrate their firstborn to the Lord, in obedience to the ***Torah (*Hebrew Scriptures)**. Although **Mary, Mother of God**, was in no need of ritual purification, her husband, **Joseph, did not set themselves above the Law**. The words of the prophet Malachi are fulfilled in Mary and Joseph as they present their firstborn son, along with the humble sacrifice prescribed for the poor of two turtledoves ("Now I am sending my messenger ... the messenger of the covenant ..." Malachi 3:1). The account of the Presentation by Luke (2:22-40) tells also of the proclamation of a devout man, **Simeon**, who had been promised he would see the salvation of the Lord, who is a "light to enlighten the gentiles, and is the glory of the people, Israel". It is this that gives this Feast of the Presentation its other name, **Candlemas**, and **it is the custom of the Church to light and bless candles in representation of the light of Jesus who enlightens all who come into the world**.

During this **Year of St Joseph**, this scene is offered for contemplation (see www.yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/sacred-artwork/). It is a serene piece, painted in a monk's cell (no.10) for

the purpose of contemplation. Here Joseph is placed on the same visual plain as Mary, who presents her Son to Simeon as he presents the customary offering. Joseph is neither old nor young, but is a fitting compliment to Mary. The event is contemplated by two characters in the fore-ground: St Peter of Verona (recognizable by the bloody gash on his head), and Blessed Villana, a Florentine holy woman of the fourteenth century. It is also interesting to note that the image of Joseph bears a striking resemblance to other works of Blessed Fra Angelico that are identified as self-portraits, suggesting the Prior/Artist may well have **looked to Joseph as a patron and example** as he served his brother Dominicans.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The name, White Flower, was originally inspired by the work of the **Weißer Rose (White Rose) movement**, a non-violent, intellectual resistance to the Nazis in Germany at the height of the Second World War. They became known for an anonymous leafleting and graffiti campaign that lasted 8 months between 1942 and 1943. In 1943 Hans and Sophie Scholl, two of the group's core members, were caught, arrested and subsequently beheaded, along with four others.

The White Rose still serves as an example to us of what can be achieved by standing up for what is right, and has been adopted by the **SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)** for their **annual appeal**. SPUC is currently campaigning to **stop home abortion**, which gives women abortion pills to take at home to perform their own **DIY abortions without medical supervision**. This was legalised supposedly to avail people of abortion during lockdown. SPUC tells us that, since March 2020, around 500 women a day in Britain have performed their own chemical abortion at home with no medical supervision or support. Women receive **NO** advice or guidance from a GP. Instead, they phone or video-call an abortion provider through a system known as 'telemedical' abortion. Lethal abortion drugs are then sent through the post to enable women to perform their own abortion at home.

Chemical abortions using abortion pills can have severe complications. SPUC also says that many women in the UK have spoken out describing the trauma of being trapped at home during lockdown whilst having to perform their own abortion, and that leaked NHS email has revealed how at least 13 incidents under this "pills-by-post" abortion regime are being investigated, including two maternal deaths.

A **second collection** will be held at all Masses this weekend to help the SPUC fight this great danger to mothers and their unborn babies, as well as the many other vital work they do to protect life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks.

Cards to fill in and send to your MP are available at back of church. You are greatly encouraged to do so. Evil flourishes when good people do nothing. The church is always merciful and compassionate towards anyone in this dilemma and offers forgiveness and healing. For more information, or to donate online, go to the SPUC website at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

SATURDAY VIGIL	30	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
SUNDAY	31	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Joseph's St Peter's (Polish) St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Racial Justice Day</i> For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	1	7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Tuesday	2	12 noon	St Edward's PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
Wednesday	3	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Blaise / St Ansgar</i>
Thursday	4	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	5	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Agatha</i>
Saturday	6	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Ss Paul Miki & Comp</i>

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

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 FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: *for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded*
OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is **open every day** (gate closed but unlocked - down steps. see the new sign on wall)

† **ANNIVS** Caroline Davies, Keith Rudsdale, Bill Murray (b'day), Fr Joe Brennan, Fr Leo Dennett, Fr Dan Breen, Kath Critchley, Ken Barker, Margaret Richardson, Ron Elland, Margaret Coates
 † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Audrey Izzard, Kathleen Costigan, Fr Rene Bayang, Sheila Coupland, Regalado (Philippines), Archbishop Tartaglia
MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy
ATTENDANCE St Peter's Vigil **23**; St Joseph's 9.30am **47**; Polish **49**; St Peter's 11.30am **65**; **Total 184** Av. weekday **20**
OFFERINGS Loose plate **£452**; Gift Aid envelopes **£208**; Polish **£30**; Av. Standing Orders **£614**; **Total £1,304**
PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the office

 **QUOTES FOR YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** "Whoever fails to find a Master to teach him how to pray, should choose this glorious Saint, and he will not go astray." St Teresa of Avila
MONTHLY THEMES: **JAN** Most Valiant Protector of the Church; **FEB** Joseph, Most Chaste

1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Preparation for these Sacraments is deferred until lockdown restrictions are lifted. **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS** are suspended during lockdown (except in emergency).
CANDLEMASS / FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Tuesday 2 February: Candles will be blessed at Midday Mass at St Edward's.
FEAST OF ST BLAISE Wednesday 3 February: Blessing of throats at 10am Mass at St Peter's
ASH WEDNESDAY is 17 February beginning of Lent. Time to start giving some thought to our Lenten practices.
LENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME Lenten reflection booklets available next weekend. (Easter Sunday 4 April)
WEDNESDAY WORD Sharing Sunday's Gospel with Parents & Families: an excellent resource for families, designed for even the busiest of parents, to enrich relationships with their children through a special 10 minutes together each week. Each Wednesday, a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, is suggested for families to talk about at home. It aims to be informative and enjoyable. Wednesday Word Family Time is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of families & fathers, & protector of the Church. This is the best we can do during lockdown. Do try to avail of it.
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SVP MEMBERS make occasional phone calls to your designated housebound please. It is important that they are remembered by our faith community
WHITE FLOWER APPEAL collection at all Masses **this** weekend for the work of SPUC (see front cover).
2ND HAND WASHING MACHINE needed for a needy family. If you can help, contact the parish office on 360358.
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 26 February. Envelopes available next week, or give online.
CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE. Challenge yourself to walk **10,000 steps every for 40 days** this Lent for CAFOD and get sponsorship. On the Fast Day envelope is Abdul aged 8years. He walks 10 hours every day for water. We are called to walk alongside him this Lent. **Set up a sponsorship page at walkcafod.org.uk**
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 31 January is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of American, George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity & equality by Pope Francis in his 3rd encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity)*, speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. Theme this year is **TIME TO ACT**.
MASS INTENTIONS Please note we have quite a list of Masses to be said. Please be patient if you haven't seen yours yet. Regarding requested dates, where we have multiple requests for the same date, Masses are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. We strongly suggest giving alternative dates to help avoid disappointment.
SUNDAY SMILE: *3 of the hardest things for people to say: 1) I was wrong 2) I need help 3) Worcestershire Sauce*

REMEMBER



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

MEANS ON BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH
PROTECT OTHERS AS WELL AS YOURSELF.
 Continue to cooperate with our Stewards.
 If you are **anxious or have a health condition**, do not come to church - shield at home.