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WEEK COMMENCING 14 FEBRUARY 2020 – YEAR B
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed
Day of Special Prayer for Europe



LENT – A PENITENTIAL SEASON – Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel

Lent is the 40-day season prior to Easter. It is a penitential time of prayer and fasting. The season begins **Ash Wednesday** (this **Wednesday 17 February**) and **concludes at the end of Holy Thursday**, Good Friday with the Easter Vigil concludes the season. In the Roman Catholic Church, the **40 days** of this season **do not** include the **six Sundays of Lent**. Sundays throughout the year are considered “mini-Easters” – they always celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Easter Sunday this year will be **4 April**.

The word *Lent* itself comes from *lencten*, simply referring to the Spring season – season of new life and growth. However, since the Anglo-Saxon period (9th Century) it has been a popular term for this penitential season. The Latin name for the season, *quadagesima*, is more significant, as it means *forty days* or *fortieth day*.

A Brief History of Lent: In the **first three centuries** of Christianity, preparation for the Easter feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for Easter. As of the 5th Century, some Church Fathers, such as St Leo, believed the 40 day fast to be an Apostolic tradition. However, according to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, most modern scholars reject this view. History shows a variety in both the duration and fasting guidelines in the first three centuries.

The first official reference to Lent as a period of forty days’ preparation occurs in the teachings of the **First Council of Nicaea in AD 325**, which uses the term *tessarakoste*, meaning *fortieth* in Greek. By the end of the fourth century, a Lenten period of forty days was established and accepted.

Lent and Baptism: In its early development Lent quickly became associated with the sacrament of Baptism, since Easter was the great baptismal Feast. Those who were preparing to be baptized participated in the season of Lent in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Baptism. Eventually, those who were already baptized considered it important to join these candidates preparing for baptism in their preparation for Easter. The customs and practices of Lent, as we know them today, soon took hold.

*"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."
Mark 1:15*



Let today be the day
you give up who
you've been for
who you can
become

ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY. IT IS A DAY OF FASTING & *ABSTINENCE* (NO MEAT). IT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT (ASH WEDNESDAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 14 FEBRUARY 2021 **6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday Vigil	13	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	14	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	<i>DAY OF PRAYER FOR EUROPE</i>
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED</i>
Monday	15	7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Tuesday	16	12 noon	St Edward's	
		2pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Requiem Mass of Sheila Coupland</i>
Wednesday	17	10am	St Joseph's (LIVE STREAM)	ASH WEDNESDAY
		12 noon	St Edward's	
		7pm	St Peter's	
Thursday	18	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	20	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

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

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is daily (*gate closed but unlocked - down steps, see sign on wall*)

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.*

ANNIVS Patrick Wilkins, Mary Wallace, Rosa Pasquali, Joseph Doody (b'day), Tess & Tommy McCarthy, Fr Sean O Donnell

RECENTLY DEAD: Sheila Coupland **MASSSES RECEIVED FROM:** Walsh, McLaughlin, Atkin, Stubbings, Eyre, Button, Barker

SANCTUARY LIGHT DEDICATION St Peter's - Patrick Wilkins

ATTENDANCE St Peter's Vigil 25; St Joseph's 9.30am 42; Polish 47; St Peter's 11.30am 56; **Total 170**; Av. weekday 20

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the office

 **QUOTES FOR YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** "Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth". Pope St John Paul II
YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES: FEBRUARY Joseph, Most Chaste

REQUIEM MASS for Mrs Sheila Coupland: 2pm Tues 16 Feb at St Peter's. Room for 5 more parishioners. Contact the parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Thurs at St Joseph's and Fri at St Peter's after Mass for Lent (*very short*). Stay in benches

FREE LENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME Lenten reflection booklets available at all our churches - spiritual aids to guide us through our Lenten journey. Do remember to collect a copy *if there are any left*.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON FACEBOOK 4-minute video for children and parents: **Sunday weekly** - visit our parish Facebook page.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SVP MEMBERS call your designated housebound & keep them connected to our faith community.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL last weekend raised £149 for the work of SPUC. Thank you for supporting this during difficult times. There are plenty of cards left to send off to call for an end to dangerous DIY abortions at home.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Fri 26 Feb: envelopes now available, or give online. **CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE** Walk 10,000 steps every day for 40 days this Lent and get sponsorship. The Fast Day envelope, has Abdul (*aged 8*) 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**

FEAST OF ST VALENTINE 14 Feb. Bishop & Martyr 3rd Century Roman Saint. Patron of lovers and epilepsy. Legend says he wrote a love letter to the jailer's daughter whom he fell in love with before to being executed. A relic from his forearm is in the church in the Gorbals Glasgow & another relic in the city of Dublin and another in Birmingham. In the Glasgow church it has become a popular place to propose to your fiancé.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR SCARBOROUGH 9am on Sat 13 Feb By Zoom. Access details from writkimberlee@gmail.com

REMEMBER - HANDS, FACE, SPACE Masks should be worn over both **nose and mouth**. Readers should wear a mask & protective gloves (removing mask to read). If you are ill, vulnerable or anxious, stay at home and shield.

ORGAN DONATION OPT-OUT SCHEME On 20 May 2020, when the nation was focussing on the pandemic, the government quietly removed the requirement for explicit consent for organ donation, and replaced it with an opt-out system. This means that from that date, if you **have not** registered your wishes, **consent is assumed** (except in limited circumstances). SPUC has highlighted several serious ethical issues. **While the decision to donate is essentially good, it is only so if it does not bring about harm.** Removing explicit consent undermines the ethical basis of donation, and intensifies concerns, such as removing vital organs from beating heart patients. Varying standards exists for diagnosing whether a donor is actually dead, and most donors are unaware their hearts may be beating when their organs are taken. In some parts of the world, organs from the euthanised are being used to meet growing demand and market for organs, and there is growing evidence that coercion plays a substantial role for many vulnerable people regarding so called physician-assisted death. No individual's body should be viewed as a mere instrument to be used for the good of others, or presumed to be the property of a state. This violates the dignity of each human person. **Each of us still has the choice** whether or not to donate. **WHAT YOU CAN DO:** If you **do not** wish to donate **you** can register your decision either way on the **NHS Organ Donation Register**. This is **essential**. Go to <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-your-decision/do-not-donate/> or phone their contact centre on **0300 1232323**. **It is advisable to carry a card either way.** These are only made available for those who support donation. SPUC have produced a card to carry in your wallet to make it known that you have opted-out. Do make sure you tell your family & friends of your decision.

Sunday Smile Q. What did one snowman say to the other snowman? Answer. Its ICE to meet you