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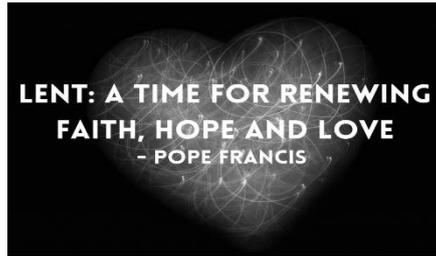
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WEEK COMMENCING 21 FEBRUARY 2021– YEAR B  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021



For Lent 2021, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to “renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.” In it, he focuses on the three theological virtues of **FAITH, HOPE & LOVE**. He roots his reflection in the Paschal Mystery: “This Lenten journey... is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Jesus.” Our Lenten spiritual journey of conversion through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, he tells us, “enable and express our conversion” and “make it possible for

us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.”

**FAITH - Living the Truth revealed in Christ:** The Holy Father explains that this means, first of all, **opening our hearts to God’s word**. Through fasting, “experienced as a form of self-denial,” we are able “to rediscover God’s gift and recognize that, created in His image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in Him.” By helping us recognize our own poverty, fasting also helps us to love both God and neighbour; “In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor... In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love... is a movement outward that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).” Lent, Pope Francis tells us “is a time for believing... for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to ‘make His dwelling’ in us.”

**HOPE, as ‘living water’ that helps us on the journey:** Pope Francis connects the virtue of hope to the ‘living water’ that Jesus promises the Samaritan woman at the Well. She misunderstands Him to mean the physical water the woman is expecting, but Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit who is given through the Paschal Mystery – “a hope that will not disappoint.” The Pope tells us that “Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy.” Hope may seem challenging, especially in uncertain times, but “Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God.” Hope, the Pope says, “is given to us as inspiration and interior light” through “recollection and silent prayer.” The experience of hope in Lent, he says, “Hoping with Him and because of Him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness... it means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave His life on the Cross and was raised by God on the third day.” He urges us to speak “words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind...”

**LOVE** “Love rejoices in seeing others grow.” says Pope Francis “Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart. It brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion”. He emphasises the need for “social love” in building up “a civilization of love.” Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. Charity is multiplied when given with love, as we see not only in the Scriptures, but in our own lives, too, when we give alms “with joy and simplicity.” The Pope explains that “To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic.” He invites us to “speak words of reassurance, and to help others to realise that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

**A journey of conversion** After reminding us that “every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping, and loving,” Pope Francis concludes by saying: “The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.”

Read the full Message at: [www.press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/publico/2021/02/12/210212a.html](http://www.press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/publico/2021/02/12/210212a.html)

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**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 21 FEBRUARY 2021** **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

|                       |    |                |                          |                                      |
|-----------------------|----|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday Vigil</b> | 20 | <b>5.30pm</b>  | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) |                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>         | 21 | <b>9.30am</b>  | St Joseph's              | For Mass Intentions see printed copy |
|                       |    | <b>9.30am</b>  | St Peter's (Polish)      |                                      |
|                       |    | <b>11.30am</b> | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) |                                      |
| Monday                | 22 | <b>7pm</b>     | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | CHAIR OF ST PETER                    |
| Tuesday               | 23 | <b>12 noon</b> | St Edward's              | St Polycarp                          |
| Wednesday             | 24 | <b>10am</b>    | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) |                                      |
| Thursday              | 25 | <b>10am</b>    | St Joseph's              |                                      |
| Friday                | 26 | <b>10am</b>    | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | LENT FAST DAY                        |
| Saturday              | 27 | <b>10am</b>    | 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

**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*

**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:** Fr Frank Daley, Bishop Brunner John Pennock, Ella Connor, Paul James Davis, Christopher J Goodall, Sonia Swales

**†RECENTLY DEAD:** Barry Dinsdale, Sheila Coupeland

**MASSES RECEIVED FROM:** see printed copy

**MASS ATTENDANCE last weekend** St Peter's Vigil **32**; St Joseph's 9.30am **73**; Polish **50**; St Peter's 11.30am **62**; **Total 217**; **Ash Wednesday:** St Joseph's **70**; St Edward's **33**; St Peter's **46**; **Total 149**.

**OFFERINGS (2 wks)** Loose plate **£494**; Gift Aid envelopes **£442**; Polish **£30**; Av. Standing orders **£1,228**; **Total £2,194**.

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

 **QUOTES FOR YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** *"Since we all must die; we should cherish a special devotion to St Joseph that he may obtain for us a happy death."* St Alphonsus Liguori

**JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES: FEBRUARY** *Joseph, Most Chaste*

**PASTORAL LETTER** from Bishop Draine for Lent 2021 to be read at all Masses this weekend throughout the diocese.

**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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Fri 26 Feb:** envelopes 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 highlights **Abdella (aged 8)**, who 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](http://walkcafod.org.uk)**

**HOME RETREATS FROM AMPLEFORTH ABBEY Friday 26 to Sunday 28 February:** Stability: Letting what you love shape your life with Fr Kevin Hayden OSB. It's on YouTube.

**LENTEN RETREAT: FINDING HOPE IN SCRIPTURES** via Zoom from The God Who Speaks: **Monday** evenings during Lent, starting on **22 February** for 6 weeks. Go to <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/lent-at-home/finding-hope-in-scripture/>

**SOME SYMBOLS OF LENT** **Colour purple:** associated with mourning, it anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion. It is also the colour of royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty; **Ashes:** the previous year's burnt palms from Palm Sunday symbolise the dust from which God made us, and express mourning, mortality and penance. Liturgical use of ashes originated in Old Testament times when people pleaded for forgiveness, fasting and wearing sack cloth and ashes (Job repented this way); **Fasting, almsgiving & prayer:** the 3 pillars of Lent – biblical and prayerful practices, helping us place Christ at the centre of our lives, instead of ourselves – through **prayer** we admit we need help, and draw closer to God so that we may hear His voice, **Fasting** is a means of penance and atonement, it helps us connect with the suffering of the poor, and it helps free us from our passions so the soul may more freely contemplate our Lord; **Alms giving** helps us look outward instead of inward, and become more Christ-like. We give to God when we give to others: *"when you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."* (Matthew 25:40); **The Cross:** symbol of Christ's love for us through His sacrificial suffering and death; **Stations of the Cross:** a prayerful way to journey with Christ to Calvary.

**HOLY SHOP** Feel free to pop back into church after the end of Mass on Sundays if you need to visit the shops at St Peter's & St Joseph's.

**SOME RECENT EXPENSES** Repairs to St Peter's Rectory roof **£5,307**; Fire alarm service at all churches **£248**; Maintenance contract for tenanted flat in Ramsdale Court, South Cliff **£658**; Gas service and check at St Peter's **£481**.

**CLARIFICATION** Last week's newsletter carried a notice about the change of government policy last year on organ donation consent from opt-in to opt-out. The intention was to make people aware, and to encourage an informed decision and to register it – not to discourage people from donating, which remains a noble and generous decision, as is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC2296). Nor was it intended to question the work of our medical professionals, who work tirelessly, with the best intentions of their patients in mind.

**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.

**JOB VACANCIES FOR PARISHIONERS.** Cleaners wanted for housekeeping in holiday cottages. **Call 07437 207489**

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *I finished a jigsaw the other day. It took me 3 months. I was quite pleased with myself as it said on the box, "3 to 5 years".*