



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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WEEK COMMENCING 25 APRIL 2021– YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

58TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

DIVINE OFFICE Week 4

The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE OF PAUL GRIFFIN

The bishop has announced that he will ordain Paul Griffin to the permanent diaconate on Saturday 3 July 2021. We've never had a permanent deacon in Scarborough, so we asked Paul a few questions.

What is a permanent deacon?

There were deacons in the early church, most famously **St Stephen** and **St Lawrence**. They mostly looked after the church's property and cared for the community's poor and vulnerable. There was a strong symbolic link between a bishop and his deacons, which is still the case now. By the **fifth century** it had declined as a separate ministry and became an order that men were ordained to about a year before they became priests. That's still the case, and they're called transitional deacons, but in the **1960s** the Second Vatican Council revived the permanent diaconate, which they opened to both single and married men.

When did you feel the vocation for this ministry, and what preparation did you receive?

I had thought about it in a quiet way for a long time, but in 2015 Fr Albert gave me a little nudge at just the right moment, and things grew from there. I've had **four years of training**, including interviews, a selection panel, regular weekends in York and at Hinsley Hall in Leeds, retreats and an online course with Loyola University in Chicago. There have been plenty of essays, but also lots of discussion and thought and prayers. Fr Albert, Fr William and Fr Eddie have all been very supportive.

What does a permanent deacon do?

That tends to depend on the deacon and what the bishop wants him to do. The diaconate has a **three-part role of liturgy, charity and proclaiming the word of God**, so deacons work in parishes, act as catechists and youth workers, some have roles across a whole diocese and some are in specific jobs like education, chaplaincy or social work. There are also plenty of deacons who have jobs that are nothing to do with the church. The bishop has already said my main role as a deacon will be to continue to be headteacher at St Augustine's, which is exactly the sort of role that the church had in mind when the diaconate was revived. There will obviously be other things for me to do in the parish, but I need to be able to balance family and work commitments, so it isn't like the full-time ministry a priest has.

What can and can't a deacon do?

That's the question I'm most often asked! Deacons can conduct Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, as well as other services like Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They **can't** hear Confessions, anoint the sick or say Mass. However, the deacon does have his own role in the Mass, which includes reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, preparing the gifts before the Consecration, declaring the Sign of Peace and distributing Holy Communion. He also says the final words of the Mass. Deacons sometimes preach the homily.

What does a deacon wear?

For church services a deacon wears an **Alb**, which is a long white garment, and a **Stole**, which goes across one shoulder rather than round the neck like a priest's, and for Mass, a dalmatic, which is a bit like a priest's chasuble (outer vestment) but is sewn up at the sides and has sleeves. Outside of church deacons wear clerical dress, but not all the time.

How does your family feel about all this, and what are you looking forward to most?

There are some aspects that will take a bit of getting used to, but Katherine my wife and the children have been amazingly supportive all the way through this long process, and I'm really grateful to them for that. I'm hopeful that my parents and other members of our family will be able to be here for the ordination. Scarborough is the first parish of all the many I've lived in since I left home at 18 where I have really felt at home. People in all three churches have been incredibly welcoming and kind since we first moved here in 2014, and so many people have supported me with kind words and prayers through my training, so I'm really looking forward to being able to serve the parish that has accepted me as one of its own.

When and where will you be ordained?

At noon on Saturday 3 July at St Joseph's. I'm hoping that restrictions will have lifted enough for lots of parishioners to be there, but even if numbers need to be limited, I hope that people will keep me in their prayers as I start this wonderful but slightly scary new role.

What should we call you after you're ordained?

Paul.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 25 APRIL 2021 **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday Vigil	24	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	25	9.30am	St Joseph's	See printed copy for Mass intentions
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	26		NO MASS	
Tuesday	27	12 noon	St Edward's	
Wednesday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) St Peter Chanel / St Louis Grignon de Montfort	
Thursday	29	10am	St Joseph's St Catherine of Sienna / DSP for Europe	
Friday	30	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	1	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) St Joseph the Worker / DSP for human work	

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month at St Peters Church for the moment

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am to 11am at St Peter's; **Sundays 9am - 9.20am** at St Joseph's, and by request **ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes** before each *weekday* Mass in each church

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

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

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's Church is open daily (*gate is unlocked, follow sign on wall*) Take a **free** miraculous medal.

POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: *for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

† **RECENTLY DEAD:** Angela Downey (Co Down) † **ANNIVS:** Bishop Lacey, Anthony Cooper

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: **Vigil** St Peter's **45**; **Sunday** St Joseph's **51**; **Indian** **49** Polish **88**; St Peter's **85**; **Total 318**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£393**; Gift Aid envelopes **£290**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,361**

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

 **JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES - APRIL** *Joseph, Lover of Poverty: Joseph could count on nothing in this world to be his stay. Neither his trade nor property were employed in his first years as father of the Divine child. He had to abandon all that was his and provide for them in whatever way was possible as they were on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to Egypt, and finally to Nazareth.*

ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE of Mr Paul Griffin: at 12 noon on Sat. 3 July at St Joseph's by Bishop Draineay. Feature article on front page of this newsletter on the role of a married Permanent Deacon.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm will return to St Edward's Church after lockdown lifts.

FUNERAL POSTPONEMENT of Mrs Phyllis O'Brien to 10am on Friday 7 May at St Joseph's Church.

1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Children in Catholic School Fridays 1.30-2.30pm in St Peters School.

Children in non-Catholic schools Thursday 6.30-7.30pm in St Peters Parish Centre. **1st Confession: 4-5pm Sat 3 July; 1st Holy Communion: 12 noon Sat 10 July & Sat 17 July.** 33 children registered. A big turnout of parents was evident at the meeting Tuesday 13th.

BAPTISMS can now resume, but **only 15 allowed** to attend. Normally we have a preparation course, but this has been suspended for the time being. Anyone with a child for baptism, get in touch. Baptisms take place on a **Saturday 11.30am or Sunday 1pm** at St Peters.

CONVERTS Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, get in touch with Fr Gubbins. 2 enquiries so far.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING to be arranged in coming weeks.

ROTA FOR READERS In preparation for the end of lockdown, we will create new Readers Rotas for each church. **If you would like to become a reader at Sunday or weekday Mass** add your name to the list at back of church, specifying **weekday or weekend** and **which Mass**. **All existing readers** confirm your intention to continue as a reader by adding your name to the same list also. If you have been a reader and wish to step down, contact Liz White (St Peter's), Deb Clapham (St Joseph's) Jenny Eyre (St Edward's).

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 6.30pm on Wed 28 April in St Peter's Parish Centre.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER was initiated by Pope Pius XII on 1 May 1955 (*May Day*) as a day to recognise all workers, especially amongst socialist and communist countries. Pope Pius XII wanted to elevate the *dignity of work* beyond the secular idea of it. As 2021 is the Jubilee year of St Joseph & one of our churches is dedicated to St Joseph this feast has special significance for us.

SOME DIOCESAN STATISTICS in our Middlesbrough Diocese, **for Vocations Sunday:** **53** active priests; **14** married Permanent Deacons; **16** retired clergy; **1** Seminarian (priests-in-training) and some discerning at the moment.

MIDDLESBROUGH LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 2021 will start with opening Mass on **Sat 29 May**, continuing until the closing ceremony on **Thurs 3 June**. A **9-Day Pentecost Novena (14-22 May)** is to be celebrated, and is endorsed by Pope Francis to encourage evangelisation. A pre-pilgrimage virtual walk to Lourdes will begin **Fri 14 May**, to coincide with the Novena. All will be streamed on the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and Hospitalité Facebook page.

HOLY SHOP open after Sunday Mass at St Peter's and St Joseph's Churches. Great selection.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Names now being taken to add to the book - £10 donation. *Give Date of Birth and Date of Death.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATIONS (7 DAYS) for your loved ones - suggested **donation £3** (name your preferred church). It will burn near the tabernacle throughout the week.

SUNDAY SMILE: *At any given moment, the urge to sing, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" is just a whim away, a whim away, a whim away.*

Prayer for Vocations Sunday 2021

God our Father, you call each of us to follow Jesus, your Son, on the path he has marked out for us - the way of charity, service and fulfilment.

May the homes and parishes of the Diocese of Middlesbrough be blessed with ever-renewed dedication to the work of building up your kingdom here on earth.

May those whom you call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life faithfully give themselves to the service of your Church.

Prompted and strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may I respond generously to the call to follow you each day and live out my vocation, to give you glory, for the good of those around me and for my own happiness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.