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WEEK COMMENCING 30 MAY 2021– YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 1

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

This image of the Trinity was originally painted by Andrei Rublev, a monk and iconographer of the 'golden age' of Russian iconography in the 15th century. The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is central to the Christian Faith and life. The nature of the Trinitarian Godhead - one God in three Persons - has been revealed to us by the Father. It is difficult to comprehend, and indeed we will never fully understand the profound Mysteries of God in this earthly life, but contemplating Rublev's image of the Trinity can help us to enter into this Mystery.

This image is based on the Old Testament story of the Hospitality of Abraham, in which the "Lord appeared to Abraham" in the form of 3 men (Genesis 18). Abraham was eager to offer hospitality to the travellers and was rewarded with the promise of a child in their old age and Sarah's barrenness. During the conversation the three men become singular, but are again three when they continue their journey. This text is seen as a foreshadowing of the Revelation of the Trinity.

The image is arranged in a noticeable circle. The circle used to express the nature of God: it has only one 'side' and has no beginning and end, expressing unity & eternity. The circle is the most perfect (concise & efficient) geographical shape. Divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter and you will always get the same answer, whatever the size of the circle - Pi (π) - which has an infinite number of decimal places. The central point of a circle is a 'nothing' from which the form of the circle appears - the whole comes from nothing, a geometrical expression of the Creator. The figures are arranged in a triangle, symbolic shape of the Holy Trinity - one shape with three corners or sides. It is the most stable of physical shapes.



1 GODHEAD: 3 PERSONS
The figures are very alike in appearance. Each has wings, a halo and wears an item of blue clothing (colour of the heavens) expressing their Unity (One-ness) & Divinity. The different coloured clothing of each of the three figures, and the objects behind each one of them, indicate they have 3 distinct identities. The figures are arranged from left to right in the order of the doxology: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

FATHER (left): His iridescent robe invokes an air of mystery & transcendence. The house behind alludes to the Temple/dwelling place of God ("In my house there are many rooms" John 14:2). The posture & gaze of the other two figures & the objects behind them all incline towards the Father, acknowledging Him as their Source and Origin.

SON (centre): red/brown undergarment and blue over garment indicates His dual, human & divine nature. He wears a priestly stole. He blesses the cup, an allusion to the Eucharist. What's more, the outline of the other two figures forms the shape of a chalice, in which the central figure sits - an allusion to Christ's true presence in the Eucharist and offering of His blood for our salvation. Behind Him is the tree of His Sacrifice.

HOLY SPIRIT (right): wears green, the colour of Life. Behind a rock alludes to the rock struck by Moses, from which flowed water.

Icons are painted for a divine purpose. They depict heavenly events and people and offer us a window into the heavenly realm. The inverse perspective typical in icons (visible here in the foot-stools) places the viewer in the vanishing point, a technique designed to draw the viewer into the image and into participation in the event depicted. The gold background expresses the radiant glory of God.

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There will be a Chorpus Christi procession in Church before each Mass

Saturday Vigil	29	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	30	9.30am	St Joseph's	FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY For Mass intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	31		NO MASS	VISITATION OF OUR LADY
Tuesday	1	12 noon	St Edward's	St Justin
Wednesday	2	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Ss Marcellinus & Peter
Thursday	3	10am	St Joseph's	St Charles Lwanga & Comp
Friday	4	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	5	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Boniface

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Peter's Church

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/> 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: **Sun weekly** - 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 FRANCIS MONTH OF MAY PRAYER INTENTION: *that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

† **RECENTLY DEAD:** Kathleen Haughney, Lisa Hall (aged 55)

† **ANNIVS:** Peter Derry, Bernard Critchley, Annie Alonzi, Maureen White, Walter O Leary, Father Joe McDonagh

MASSES RECEIVED see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **55**; Sun St Joseph's **114**; Polish **95**; St Peter's **102**; **Total 366**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£495**; Gift Aid envelopes **£373**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,546**

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

THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY this **Monday 31 May** brings the month of Mary to a close. This joyful Feast was first celebrated by the Franciscans in **1263** and was extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban VI, in **1389**. It commemorates Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, as described in the Gospel for the Feast Day. That meeting was an occasion for a great outpouring of Grace and of prophetic utterance: Elizabeth welcomes her young cousin as the Mother of the Lord, the yet unborn John leaps for joy in her womb, and Mary sings her canticle of thanksgiving.

NATIONAL ROSARY RELAY RALLY for Faith, Life & Peace across the Dioceses of England, Mary's Dowry: This Sunday 30 May from 9am to 9pm every diocese will participate. Bishop Draine will lead for Middlesbrough Diocese **7-8pm**. Join him in prayer on the *Diocese of Middlesbrough YouTube channel*. For times in other dioceses, see www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/05/25/national-rosary-relay-rally-for-faith-life-peace/

MAY PROCESSION at all Masses this weekend during Masses (Feast of the Visitation Mon 31 May). The children will process around the church & place flowers for the Crowning of our Lady (*Queen of the May*) on the Sanctuary. **St Peter's School May Procession** took place in school on Friday. You can view it by visiting the school website and click on the link.

WELCOME TO THE LOURDES GROUP from Middlesbrough who join us this **Wednesday June 2nd for 10am Mass**. Our Mass will be livestreamed throughout the Diocese and beyond as the diocese is on virtual pilgrimage this week in Lourdes.

VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021 is this week. Closing ceremony **Thu 3 June**, streamed on Diocesan Lourdes Facebook page

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTER at each church for **children to mark** their attendance at weekend Mass, as is the requirement. **PARENTS MEETING** Tue 8 June 7pm. **1ST COMMUNION DATES** Sat 10 & Sat 17 July **12 noon at St Peter's church**. 35 children.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 3 names so far. **Year 9+ are eligible**. A Letter to parents was sent out from St Augustine's on Friday. Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament contact Fr Gubbins. Date is to be decided - possibly in September/October.

MEETING FOR FINANCE & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS **Wednesday 2 June at 6.30pm** in St Peter's Church. All members please do try to attend. Bring your papers that were e-mailed to you.

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING at St Josephs: **1pm on Sat. 5 June** at St Joseph's Church.

SPECIAL MINISTERS willing to continue to Minister at Mass and/ to the housebound – add you name to the list at back of church (even if you were at the meeting as we will use this list to draw up rotas). **HOUSEBOUND/CARE HOME LIST** is being updated.

ROTAS FOR SERVING SUNDAY COFFEE/TEA after Mass on Sundays. Assuming we come out of Lockdown on 21 June we will need to draw up a new list to create Rotas. List available at back of church.

NEARLY NEW PIETY STALL at back of St Peter's (*prayer books/cards, crucifixes, holy water bottles etc*) - donations to Rainbow Centre.

SUNDAY SMILE: Q. What do you call a priest who sleep-walks? **A.** A roaming catholic (Roman Catholic)

CHANGES TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

CAPACITIES: Weddings - 30 people; **Baptisms** – 30; **Funerals** in line with capacity of church (St Peter's 120, St Joseph's 80, St Edward's 30). **ENTERING CHURCH** Continue to sanitise, maintain safe distancing and wear a mask (unless exempt). **SAFE DISTANCING** Now 1 metre with masks (2 metres if exempt from mask). **READERS** Limited handling of the lectionary, but no need for gloves or sanitisation. **SIGN OF PEACE** remains suspended. **HOLY COMMUNION** will continue under 1 kind and the minister will continue to wear a face covering. Communion in the hand will continue, and it will still be distributed at the end of Mass at weekends. **HOLY WATER** stoups remain unfilled. **CONCELEBRATION** of priests are now allowed.

PARISH MEETING HALLS/ROOMS If restrictions are lifted fully on 21 June, as planned by the government, meetings will again be able to take place. However, **ALL GROUPS**, including refreshments after Mass/cleaning, will need to contact the parish office with **times/venues**, as the diary is currently empty and does not have your original booking details. We need to be sure to avoid clashes.