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WEEK COMMENCING 9 MAY 2021– YEAR B
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Office: Week 2

THE HISTORY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Blessed Virgin herself **designed** the Medal of the Immaculate Conception—popularly known as the **Miraculous Medal**. No wonder, then, that it wins such extraordinary graces for those who wear it and pray for Mary's intercession and help.

The First Apparition: The story begins on the night of **18-19 July 1830**. A child (perhaps her guardian angel) awakened *Sister (now Saint) Catherine Labouré*, a novice in the community of the *Daughters of Charity in Paris*, and summoned her to the chapel. There she met with the Virgin Mary and spoke with her for several hours. During the conversation, Mary said to her, *“My child, I am going to give you a mission.”*



The Second Apparition: Mary gave her this mission in a vision during evening meditation on November 27, 1830. She saw Mary standing on what seemed to be half a globe and holding a golden globe in her hands as if offering it to heaven. On the globe was the word “France,” and our Lady explained that the globe represented the whole world, but especially France. The times were difficult in France, especially for the poor who were unemployed and often refugees from the many wars of the time. France was first to experience many of those troubles which ultimately reached other parts of the world and are even present today. Streaming from rings on Mary's fingers as she held the globe were many rays of light. Mary explained that the rays symbolize the graces she obtains for those who

ask for them. However, some of the gems on the rings were dark, and Mary explained that the rays and graces were available but did not come because no one had asked for them.

The Third Apparition and the Miraculous Medal: The vision then changed to show our Lady standing on a globe with her arms now outstretched and with the dazzling rays of light still streaming from her fingers. Framing the figure was an inscription: *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

The Meaning of the Front Side of the Miraculous Medal

Mary is **standing upon a globe**, crushing the head of a serpent beneath her foot. She stands upon the globe, as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her **feet crush the serpent** to proclaim Satan and all his followers are helpless before her (*Genesis 3:15*). The year of 1830 on the Miraculous Medal is the year the Blessed Mother gave the design of the Miraculous Medal to Saint Catherine Labouré. The reference to Mary conceived without sin supports the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary—not to be confused with the virgin birth of Jesus, and referring to Mary's sinlessness, *“full of grace”* and *“blessed among women”* (Luke 1:28) - that was proclaimed 24 years later in 1854.



The vision turned and showed the design of the reverse side of the medal. Twelve stars encircled a large “M” from which arose a cross. Below are two hearts with flames arising from them. Thorns encircle one heart and a sword pierces the other.

The Meaning of the Back Side of the Miraculous Medal

The **12 stars** can refer to the Apostles, who represent the entire Church as it surrounds Mary. They also recall the vision of Saint John, writer of the Book of Revelation (12:1), in which *“a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars.”* The **cross** can symbolize Christ and our redemption, with the bar under the cross a sign of the earth. The **“M”** stands for Mary, and the interleaving of her initial and the cross shows Mary's close involvement with Jesus and our world. In this, we see Mary's part in our salvation and her role as mother of the Church. The **two hearts** represent the love of Jesus and Mary for us. (See also Luke 2:35).



Then Mary spoke to Catherine: *“Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.”* Catherine explained the entire series of apparitions to her confessor, and she worked through him to carry out Mary's instructions. She did not reveal that she received the Medal until soon before her death **46 years** later.

With approval of the Church, **the first Medals were made in 1832** and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her Medal. The devotion spread like wildfire. Marvels of grace and health, peace and prosperity, followed in its wake. Before long people were calling it the “Miraculous” Medal. In 1836, a canonical inquiry undertaken at Paris declared the apparitions to be genuine.



There is no superstition, nothing of magic, connected with the Miraculous Medal. The Miraculous Medal is not a *“good-luck charm”*. Rather, it is a great testimony to faith and the power of trusting prayer. Its greatest miracles are those of patience, forgiveness, repentance, and faith. God uses the Medal, not as a sacrament, but as an agent, an instrument, in bringing to pass certain marvellous results. *“The weak things of this earth hath God chosen to confound the strong.”* When our Blessed Mother gave the design of the medal to Saint Catherine Labouré she said, *“Now it must be given to the whole world and to every person.”* *Free medals at the shrine at St Peters church*

BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST ~ MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Try to pray the Holy Rosary at home this month, Rosary each Wednesday after morning Mass St Peters



MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 9 MAY 2021 **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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| Saturday Vigil | 8 | 5.30pm | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | |
| Sunday | 9 | 9.30am | St Joseph's | For Mass intentions see printed copy |
| | | 9.30am | St Peter's (Polish) | |
| | | 11.30am | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | |
| Monday | 10 | | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | 11 | 12 noon | St Edward's | |
| Wednesday | 12 | 10am | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | Ss Nereus & Achilleus / St Pancras |
| Thursday | 13 | 9.30am | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | ASCENSION OF OUR LORD |
| | | 12 noon | St Edward's | |
| | | 7pm | St Joseph's | HOLY DAY |
| Friday | 14 | 10am | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE |
| Saturday | 15 | 10am | St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL |

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Edward'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/> 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 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:** Rob Chambers

† **ANNIVS:** Jane Hollywood, Jean Murphy, Louisa Johnson, Eamon O'Brien, Dennis Theobald, Theresa Fletcher, Danielle Harrison, Alfredo Pulido, Vincente Andulan

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: **Vigil** St Peter's **45**; **Sunday** St Joseph's **100**; Polish **79**; St Peter's **111**; **Total 335**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£595**; Gift Aid envelopes **£345**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,618 Thank you**

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



JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – MAY *Joseph, Model of Workers: We must not simply intend love, we must labour to fulfil love's demands. Beneficence, labouring for the good of another, in Joseph's case was direct labour for God. Working in Adam's curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.*

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION is **Thur 13 May** - normally a Holy Day of Obligation, **the obligation is still suspended during lockdown.**

ASCENSION FEAST occurs **40 days** after Easter. Christ returns to the Throne of God and hands on his mission to His 12 apostles.

PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING 7pm Tuesday 12 May in St Peter's Church. **REGISTER OF MASS ATTENDANCE** at weekend Masses are at each church for the **children to mark**, as the requirement for 1st Holy Communion.

CONVERTS Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, get in touch with Fr Gubbins. 3 enquiries so far.

NEW READERS ROTA for end of lockdown. **Would like to become a Reader** at **Sunday or weekday Mass** add your name to list at back of church - specify **weekday or weekend**. All **existing Readers** confirm your intention to continue on the same list.

9 DAYS NOVENA FOR PENTECOST **Friday 14 – Saturday 22 May** and Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2021 Opening Mass **Saturday 29 May**, closing ceremony **Thursday 3 June**. All streamed on the Diocesan Lourdes Website Facebook page

KEVIN O'CONNOR'S SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING is looking for new pupils for the dance school - boys and girls from age 5 (beginners) on **Saturdays 11am-12pm**. If interested, phone Kevin on **07961 544982**.

SCARBOROUGH PARISHES FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2020. Some copies still available at the back of church. The financial support you gave and continue to give was inspiring. Thank you for your continued generosity.

7 DAY SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATIONS for your loved ones - suggested **donation £3** (name preferred church).

MASS INTENTIONS We still have a very long list of Masses that will be said in order of date received. Please be patient.

CAFOD APPEAL FOR INDIA As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. We will have a collection across all the parishes on weekend of **Sat 15/Sun 16 May**. If you wish, you can donate direct online here: cafod.org.uk/give

MUSIC FOR THE MIND Music and Fun for people living with or without Dementia. Every 2nd Monday in the month 2pm on Middlesbrough Diocese YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrHHHOTIoR8TPdwQEC8IIPVw>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING TUESDAYS 11 May after mid-day Mass at St Edwards, **Wednesday 19 May after morning Mass** at St Peter's and **Thursday 20 May after morning Mass** at St Joseph's.

UPDATE ON ST JOSEPHS BUNGALOW CONVERSION: A site meeting took place last Wednesday with the diocesan building manager and local trades men, to review the revised plans. The projected estimated cost will be £30k as we are awaiting prices. The plan will include the separation of the bungalow & the establishment of a parish room holding 30 to 40 people. More details to follow.

ROB CHAMBERS FUNERAL will take place at **2pm on Thursday 13 May** at **St Marys Church, Cloughton**. Anyone wishing to attend must contact the family. Our sympathy and payers to the family.

HOLY SHOP open at/after Sunday Mass at St Peter's and St Joseph's Churches. Good selection of cards and 1st Communion gifts.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me, "What sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently, "fresh eggs for sale" wasn't the right answer..."*