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WEEK COMMENCING 27 JUNE 2021– YEAR B
13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Divine Office: Week 1

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE FEAST DAY of Our Lady of Perpetual help would have fallen this **Sunday 27 June**. However, the only Marian (or saints) Feast Days to be celebrated on a Sunday are Holy Days of Obligation, as the celebration of Our Lord's Day takes precedence. Our diocese of Middlesbrough, and the diocese of Leeds and Hallam and many other dioceses around the world, are blessed to be under the patronage of our heavenly mother as 'Our Lady of Perpetual Help'. This icon shows her Divine Son in her arms and it is a constant reminder to us that we too are held secure in her arms even in times of trial.

IMAGE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary which emphasises her unfailing eagerness to pray for the welfare of human beings, especially those who seek her intercession. The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is one of the most well known and loved images of the Blessed Virgin. It originates from a Byzantine icon, already then considered ancient, which was enshrined in the Keras Kardiotissas Monastery, near Keras, Crete. According to the tradition of the monastery, the icon was painted by St Lazarus Zographos, and was known as the **Panagia Kardiotissa** (from Greek, **pan (all), hágios (Holy), kardia (heart)**), due to the depiction of the Holy Mother of God holding the Christ-child close to her heart.

BACKGROUND: Tradition holds that, when the island of Crete was threatened by Turks, the icon was taken (possibly stolen) by a merchant, who took it with him to Rome. Shortly after, he became ill and asked a friend to take the icon to one of the churches for veneration. After his death, his friend, who had instead hung onto the image for several years, received instructions from the Blessed mother in a dream, as did his little daughter. The Blessed Mother expressed the desire for the image to be venerated in "the Church between the Basilicas of St Mary Major and St John Lateran" in Rome. The little church situated here was the Church of St Matthew. Pilgrims flocked to the church for the next 300 years, and many graces were bestowed upon the faithful.

In 1798, the Church was destroyed by Napoleon's troops. The Augustinian monks, caretakers of the church, transferred the icon to the Church of St Mary in Posterula, Rome, where it remained for forty years, neglected and forgotten. Following the rediscovery of the forgotten image, Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image by Papal Edict to the Redemptorists, who had just built the Church of St Alfonso di Liguori on the site of the former Church of St Matthew. Thus, the venerated icon of the Catholic Church was returned to the location described by the Virgin Mary. As a boy, Pius IX had prayed before the image in the Church of St Matthew. He ordered the public display and veneration of the image. In 1867, Pope Pius IX granted the image its Canonical Coronation along with its present title. As the image was carried in a solemn procession through the streets, a young child was cured, the first of many recorded miracles attributed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon still hangs today above the altar in the Redemptorist Church of St Alfonso di Liguori, where the official Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help text is prayed weekly.

ICONOGRAPHY: In the Eastern Orthodox Church iconography, the image is known as the "Virgin Theotokos of the Passion" due to the instruments of the Passion of Jesus Christ present on the image. In this image, Jesus is shown contemplating his Passion. His gaze is fixed on the Archangel Gabriel to the top right, who holds the cross and nails. **Top left** is the Archangel Michael, holding the spear, the crown of thorns, and the wine-soaked sponge. The **face of Our Lady** appears full of sorrow, yet supremely dignified in her contemplation of the sufferings of her Son. The way **Jesus holds his mother's hand** shows the distress he feels, and how Mary comforts him. **Jesus' sandal** falling from his foot shows the haste with which he has run to Mary in fear. **The loose sandal** also represents Christ's divine nature, untied from the bounds of earth. The sandal that remains secure is symbolic of His human nature. **The archangels**, at the same time holding instruments of Christ's torture, appear to present them as gifts or trophies. The **gold background** as always, reminds us of the glory of God, who brought about the salvation of mankind through Christ's birth, death and resurrection. It also reminds us of the glory of Christ, whose Passion was a triumph over death and sin.

The star painted on Mary's veil, centred on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother. Mary is not looking at Jesus, but rather to us. While holding Jesus' hands to comfort him, Mary also holds Him out to us, as in another well-known portrayal of Mary in iconography, the *Hodegetria (The One Who Shows the Way)*. She presents Jesus as he is, fully God but also fully man. In this way, Our Lady of Perpetual Help is also an icon expressing the Truth of the Incarnation.



Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: St Peter's Church, Scarborough

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 27 JUNE 2021 **13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday Vigil	26	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	27	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	28		NO MASS	St Irenaeus
Tuesday	29	9.30am	St Peter's	SS PETER & PAUL
		12 noon	St Edward's	Holy Day without the Obligation
		7pm	St Joseph's	
Wednesday	30	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	1st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Thursday	1	10am	St Joseph's	St Oliver Plunket
Friday	2	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	3	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE
		12 noon	St Joseph's	ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE OF PAUL GRIFFIN

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

CONFESSIONS Saturdays **10.30-11am** at St Peter's; **Sundays 9-9.20am** and **Mondays 9.30-9.50am** at St Joseph's. Or 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 button on home page

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code Links are available on our website & in church porches

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE at St Peter's is open (gate is unlocked). Take a **free** medal.

POPE FRANCIS MONTH OF JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: *We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.*

†RECENTLY DEAD Wilfred Sylvestre **†ANNIVS:** Louisa Johnson **MASSSES RECEIVED from** see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **47**; Sun St Joseph's **73**; Indian **54**; Polish **74**; St Peter's **104**; **Total 352**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£380**; Gift Aid envelopes **£480**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,538**

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



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – JULY: Joseph Most Faithful. *Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.*

FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL is **this Tuesday** and is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, though the **obligation is still suspended**. This Feast Day honours the **martyrdom** of these two great saints of the early Church. There is evidence of a tradition of celebrating solemnities of both Saints on the same day as early as **258AD**. St Peter was first among Apostles, and the one designated by Jesus to lead the early Church (Matthew 16:18). St Paul, though not one of the Twelve, was an Apostle converted and commissioned by Jesus on the road to Damascus (see Acts 9:1-31, 22:1-22; 26:9-24). St Paul was Apostle to the Gentiles, and made missionary journeys, founding churches in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Europe. His letters to these early churches form part of the New Testament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Register at each church for **children to mark** their attendance at weekend Mass, as is the requirement.

FIRST CONFESSION 4-5pm on Sat 3 July at St Peter's Church. 2 priests available. Letter sent to parents assigning them times of arrival.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES Sat 10 July at St Peter's & Sat 17 July at St Joseph's both at **12 noon**.

PIETY (HOLY) SHOPS are open at Mass times. Great selection of First Holy Communion gifts and cards/ rosaries/prayer books.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING 7pm Wednesday 14 July at St Peters Church. Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament contact Fr Gubbins or come along to the meeting. 14 names so far including some adults.

ORDINATION OF PAUL GRIFFIN to the Permanent Married Diaconate at **12 noon on Saturday 3 July** at St Joseph's Church. Booking is essential – instructions on the website and Facebook, or go to www.prayin.io and enter code **hgw-qfb-vbv**

PLEA FOR FOOD FOR FINGER BUFFET which will be **held after the Ordination Mass on 3 July at St Peter's School** for the Bishop, clergy and Paul's family. Contact the parish office if you can help.

POSTGATE RALLY & MASS 4 July at Ugthorpe: hymns **2.30pm**, Mass **3pm**, celebrated by Bishop Terry. You are asked to sit socially distanced in groups of no more than 6, family or support bubbles. Names registered on arrival. Bring own refreshments and wet weather gear - there will be no provision for indoor Mass if it rains. **No bus** this year from Scarborough

ST PETER'S OLD SCHOOL LEASE with Scarborough Borough Council **ends Sept 2022**. Fr Gubbins invites comments from parishioners on what we should do with the property on Auborough Street: **1)** sell it; **2)** ask if they are willing to extend the lease; **3)** sell as a development site for housing or flats, with or without provision for a Parish Hall; **4)** any other suggestions. Replies before the end of June (by email preferably). Currently, we receive £12,500 per annum.

DEATH BY APPOINTMENT ONLINE SEMINAR: A Rational Guide to the Assisted Suicide Debate is a virtual event supported by the *Bishops' Conference's Department of Social Justice* - **7:30-9pm Monday 12 July**. The Assisted Suicide debate has again been pushed centre stage with Baroness Meacher's Assisted Dying Bill introduced into the House of Lords. Baroness Finlay and Robert Preston will discuss the debate and there will be a question and answer at the end. **Baroness Finlay** is a cross-bench member of the House of Lords and one of Europe's leading palliative care consultants. **Robert Preston** is a former civil servant and parliamentary official and Founding Director of Living and Dying Well. Introduced by Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Catholic Bishop for Life Issues, and joined by and the National Board of Catholic Women. To find out how to register, go to the bishops' Conference web page: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/death-by-appointment-a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/> and follow the link.

SUNDAY SMILE: Q. *What did the sailor say on his 80th birthday?* **A.** *Aye Matey*

LOCKDOWN UPDATES: The end of lockdown was delayed by a further 4 weeks till July 19th. There will be no change to the restrictions and capacities currently in place. Singing and group meetings remain suspended.