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WEEK COMMENCING 11 JULY 2021– YEAR B	<i>Divine Office: Week 3</i>
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	SEA SUNDAY

The Day of the Lord

The global Coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on the life of the Church. Many churches remained closed throughout, and virtual Mass became the new norm. Those which were able to reopen were restricted in both capacity and liturgical and devotional practices, while social groups and meetings ground to a full stop. The pandemic has severely affected our personal lives too, in untold ways, and has left many still weary and anxious about returning to the enclosed spaces of our churches. As we emerge from the pandemic, it is clear there are still challenges to be faced in bringing our communities back together in the practice of our Faith.

Some, over the last 16 months, used to the convenience of virtual Mass, may have become complacent. Some will have reassessed their pattern of life, either consciously or subconsciously, and the practice of faith within the community of the Church may have become less of a priority. It is not unusual for people to fall out of the habit of going to church. Some may even find themselves asking, “What’s the point?” Some may feel that it is enough to lead a good and upright life to be a Christian. But Jesus did not call the righteous, but sinners (Matthew 9:13). We go to church precisely because we know we are sinners and in need of God’s grace. What makes a good ‘Christian’ is not our success in leading wholesome lives – our self-reliance - but the humble realisation that we cannot live without regular doses of God’s love and His grace to strengthen and guide us in our lives.

In any generation, the Church never worships by itself, but with the whole company of God’s holy ones, living and departed, angels and saints. But our attitude to worship may cause problems too. While we can feel uplifted, sometimes we leave feeling dispirited. One might hear oneself thinking “That did nothing for me”. If an act of worship disappoints, we may well have the wrong expectations. We need to remind ourselves that worship is primarily our gift to God – our means of loving and glorifying God - and of giving thanks for His great gift of love to us. We become capable of accepting God’s overwhelming love when we offer our expectations, our hopes, our disappointments – all that we are – to God.

The wisdom of centuries has taught us that our Mass and prayers must be regular. Though it is an unfashionable notion, this includes a sense of obligation and self-discipline. Love is an act of self-giving. For most of us, this will mean praying every day and attending Mass at least once a week. Through prayer, we listen to God and we talk to Him. It helps us to order our lives to loving and serving Him and one other. At Mass we celebrate Christ’s sacrifice and receive His Body and Blood, as mandated by Him, and the grace conferred through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

During lockdown, virtual Mass has been a useful tool, and remains useful to the housebound and the vulnerable, but they are no substitute for gathering at church to celebrate the Mass. The Church was established by Christ to gather His people – it is the mystical union of the faithful, bound together by their participation in God’s Spirit through the living Christ. But the Church is also the means through which Christ’s Sacraments are dispensed – the sign and instrument of grace to its members. The Sacraments are Christ’s free gift to us to guide, strengthen and heal us and make us more like Him. **We need to come to church to receive God’s grace through His Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence.**

So now is the time to think about the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take their place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as “a weekly gift from God to his people”, and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.

In the time to come we can do no better than to rekindle in our hearts, foster and encourage, a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a gift so deeply appreciated in these times of lockdown. We need to begin by fostering this in ourselves. For the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.

The invitation to Sunday Mass resonates all the more deeply when we consider, as Pope St John Paul II reminds us in the Encyclical Letter *Dies Domini*, that the Sabbath rest is nothing if not a call to remember the gift of God’s Creation. The Eucharist is indeed a celebration of the created world, called into life by the Eternal Word, for the bread and wine of the earth becomes the Body and Blood of Christ who is that same Lord of all life. The Christ to whom we come so close in the Eucharist must be the foundation of our strivings, not least in the urgent task we face of caring for creation and our environment.

Pope St John Paul II spoke of our amazement at the gift of the Mass and the abiding Presence of our Blessed Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. Herein lies our treasure, enriching our relationship with Jesus and bringing together every aspect of our life and mission. This is such an important focus in the coming months.

(Paragraphs 6-9 taken from The Day of the Lord, Reflection by the Bishops of England & Wales)

Saturday Vigil	10	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	11	9.30am	St Joseph's	St Benedict (Day of Special Prayer for Europe)
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Sea Sunday
Monday	12	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	13	12 noon	St Edward's	St Henry
Wednesday	14	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Camillus de Lellis
Thursday	15	10am	St Joseph's	St Bonaventure
Friday	16	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
		12 noon	St Joseph's	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

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: Link available on our website

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 Tom Cathcart, Linda Duggan **†ANNIVS:** Jim Davey, Rose Povey, Bridget Barker, James Gubbins

MASSES RECEIVED FROM see printed copy • **MASS ATTENDANCE:** Vigil St Peter's; **58 Sun** St Joseph's **124;** Polish **68;**

St Peter's **102; Total 352** • **OFFERINGS** Loose plate **£643;** Gift Aid envelopes **£329;** Polish **£30;** Average Standing orders **£648;**

Total £1,650 • **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.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10 July. The 2nd Cohort is next **Saturday 17 July at 12 noon** at St Joseph's. Seats are pre-allocated to candidates & families (10 guests per family).

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

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. 16 names so far, including some adults.

REQUIEM MASS OF FR ANDREW SMITH O.PRAEM will be held at **11am Friday 16 July** at St George's Church, Eastfield. Principal celebrant, Fr Gubbins. Unfortunately, there will be no room for parishioners at the funeral, but all are welcome at the burial at Muston Church of England cemetery at 12.30pm approx. **Mass at St Peter's on that day will be at 9.30am.**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR 1ST COMMUNION CHILDREN & CATECHISTS 6.30pm Monday 19 July at St Joseph's, followed by party and Magic show with Magic Mike. Parents to provide food for shared table and serve refreshments

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY for Pat Ogden of Avenue Victoria at St Edward's Hall **Tuesday 20 July after midday Mass.** Could people bring something for a light shared buffet. Pat considers us as her church family. She is one of our regular Readers there.

SUMMER CONCERT at St Augustine's School **Tuesday 20 July** at St Joseph's time tbc.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS for **Year 11 students** at St Joseph's Church, **10am Tuesday 20 July.**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL end of year Mass for all the school **10am Thursday 22 July** at St Joseph's.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL end of year Masses **Friday 23 July 9.30am and 10.30am** in the school for students only (2 Masses as the Assembly Hall cannot accommodate everyone at once). *Parish Mass that day will be at 12 noon.*

LIVESTREAM MASS is temporarily fixed and we await some new replacement parts later this week possibly Friday.

SEA SUNDAY Sunday 11 July. 2nd collection for the Apostleship of the Sea who care for the spiritual & material needs of seafarers.

PRO-LIFE NEWS Some good news for a change - Pro-abortion MP Diana Johnson's extreme abortion amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill was not voted on by MPs. This means that New Clause 55, which would have completely decriminalised abortion up to birth, will not be included in the Bill. Please keep praying for an end to NHS funded home DIY abortions up to 10 weeks.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 16 JULY Mount Carmel was the dwelling place of the prophet **Elijah**, and where the prophets of Baal were defeated and Elijah's prayer for salvation of the Israelites from famine was answered. The rains that came were signalled by a small cloud rising from the sea (1 Kings 18:44). Elijah saw the cloud as a symbol of the **Virgin prophesied by Isaiah** (Is. 7:14). The hermits living on Mount Carmel followed Elijah's example in praying for the advent of the much-awaited Virgin, mother of the Messiah. The origins of the Carmelite Order can be traced back to Elijah and his hermit disciples. During the Crusades, **St Simon Stock** joined hermits on Mount Carmel during a pilgrimage. Simon Stock was elected the 6th superior-general of the Carmelites in Aylesford, England. But the order had difficulty gaining acceptance, which prompted them to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin. On **Sunday 16 July 1251 (date of the Feast Day)**, as Simon Stock knelt in prayer, Our Lady appeared to him, holding the Child Jesus in one arm and the Brown Scapular in the other, and uttered "*This shall be the privilege for you and for all the Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall be saved*". And in 1252, the order received official protection from Pope Innocent IV. The **Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Brown Scapular)** is one of the most popular Roman Catholic devotions. It carries the Sabbatine Privilege - the Blessed Virgin appeared to Pope John XXII and gave him a message for all who wear the Brown Scapular: "*I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday (Sabbath) after their death and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free, so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting.*" To obtain the benefits of this Privilege, one must: 1) wear the Brown Scapular 2) observe chastity according to one's state in life 3) Pray the Rosary. To receive the spiritual blessings, it is necessary to be formally enrolled in the Brown Scapular.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Apparently you can't safely use the words "beef stew" as your computer password. Experts say it is not stroganoff.*