



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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WEEK COMMENCING 12 SEPTEMBER 2021– YEAR B
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Divine Office: Week 4

FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS - TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.*



The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross is also known as *Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Cross Mass, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas*. It commemorates the finding of the Holy Cross by St Helena, the dedication of churches built by Constantine, and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem.

Discovery of the Cross: Tradition holds that, in around AD326, **St Helena**, the Roman Emperor Constantine's mother and convert to Christianity, pilgrimaged to the Holy Land to locate where the important events in the life of Jesus occurred, and to

preserve any remaining Christian relics, particularly the Cross on which Jesus was crucified. Assisted by the Bishop of Caesarea, Eusebius (early church historian) and Bishop of Jerusalem, St Macarius, she discovered the spot and found the True Cross. Macarius initiated excavations to ascertain the location of Calvary and of the Holy Sepulchre. During the excavations, the wood of the Cross was found and Macarius determined it to be authentic. **The crosses of the Two Thieves were also recovered.** The **Emperor Constantine** built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre over the two holiest sites in the whole of Christianity - the Rock of Golgotha and the Tomb of Christ.

In the **7th century** the Cross had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in AD 629. The lessons from the Breviary tell us that Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders, clothed in rich garments with ornaments of precious stones. But at the entrance to Mt Calvary a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross." The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey.

Feast Day and Veneration: The True Cross was a most valuable treasure of the Church and became highly-venerated in the Feast honouring the Elevation of the Holy Cross. It was celebrated on 3 May in the old Roman calendar (date of its discovery), and on 14 September in Jerusalem and on the new Roman calendar (the date the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated). The Second Council of Nicaea of AD787, drew the distinction between **veneration** of the cross and **worship** or *latria* - the latter of which, "according to the teaching of the faith, belongs to the Divine nature alone." Therefore, when we venerate the cross, the honour paid to the object, relic or image passes to the prototype - the person whom it represents.

Meaning of the Triumph of the Cross: When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus, when He was lifted up on the Cross. The celebration of this Feast Day is therefore a triumphant one. The cross of triumph is usually pictured as a globe with the cross on top, symbolic of the triumph of our Saviour over the sin of the world, and world conquest of His Gospel through the means of a grace (**cross and orb** - see right). Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ, we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.



Sign of the Cross: At **Baptism**, we are sealed with the **Sign of the Cross**, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. We make the **Sign of the Cross** before and **after prayer**, on **entering the church** at the start of Mass, and many other times, in order to fix our minds and hearts to God and keep close to Him. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realise that when we make the Sign of the Cross, we give our entire self to God, mind, soul, heart, body, will.

Suggested Things to Do: Make sure that crucifixes are **displayed prominently** throughout your home. Point out the crucifix in every room even to the smallest ones, and explain its meaning. Encourage your children to make reparation for sin and teach them a short prayer such as "Through the sign of the Cross deliver us from sin, O God!". Study different symbols and types of crosses, history and/or significance (ideas here: www.planetgast.net/symbols/crosses/crosses.html). Have an art project with your children, creating crosses using different media, including paper, or decorate some cakes with a cross. Pray the prayer to Christ Crucified or Stations of the Cross. Tradition holds that sweet basil grew over the hill where St Helena found the Holy Cross, so in Greece the faithful are given sprigs of basil by the priest.

PRAYER O God, who willed that Your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known His mystery on earth, may merit the grace of His redemption in heaven. For You placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered through Christ. O cross, You are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. We adore you Christ and we praise you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Saturday Vigil	11	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	12	9.30am	St Joseph's	Education Sunday For Mass intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	13	10am	St Joseph's Mass	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>
Tuesday	14	7pm	St Edward's	<i>THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS</i>
Wednesday	15	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Thursday	16	10am	St Joseph's	<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
Friday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>
Saturday	18	10am	St Peter's Mass (LIVE STREAM)	

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. **ROSARY** each Wednesday after Mass.

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

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER: *We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

† **RECENTLY DIED:** Sr Fidelma Hogan, Cathy Meekin, Vincent Berridge, Mathai Aduparayil (India), Fr Eugene McAffrey OCD, Stella Ray † **ANNIVS:** Maureen Porter, Eileen Shakespeare, Angelo Schembri, Vivienne Carr, Joseph Kurian, Barbara Richardson, 9/11 USA victims † **SANCTUARY LAMP St Peters:** Rita Johnson (dec'd)

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **55**; Sunday St Joseph's **92**; Polish Mass **51**; St Peter's **118**; **Total 316**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£493**; Gift Aid env's **£480**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,651**

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



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES - September: *Joseph Most Prudent: Prudence is the mother of virtues which depends upon the practical wisdom gained by experience matched with an agile mind to make decisions in the here and now. Each time Joseph knew the will of God he acted decisively, swiftly, and accurately. He acted neither rashly nor timidly, but prudently*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - ENROLMENT MASS 11.30am Mass next **Sunday 19 September** at St Peter's Church, for **all candidates, parents, Sponsors and catechists** – with information meeting in the church after this Mass (all candidates, parents, sponsors and catechists please stay for this). **Sessions for the young candidates** take place at **St George's, Eastfield Thursday evenings 7-8pm on 23 & 30 Sept & 7 & 14 Oct.** **Adult candidates'** meeting **6.30pm on Friday 17 September** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Over 30+ have signed up in total. (Confirmation Mass with Bishop Terence Draney will be Thursday 4 November 7pm at St Joseph's).

CONVERTS (RCIA) TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH Anyone wishing to become a Catholic or interested get in touch with Fr Gubbins.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is this Sunday 12 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is *'A word in season'*, taken from Isaiah 50:4. Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to thank God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. Let us pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. Let us pray too for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers, who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – and for students in higher education and vocational training.

UCM MEETINGS resumes at St Peters Parish Centre at **1.30pm on Tuesday 21 September**. The **AGM** is at St Aelred's Church, York on **25 September**. Mass **12 noon**, lunch 1pm, AGM 2pm.

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE A talk will be given at **6.30-7.30pm on Friday 24 September** in St Peter's Parish Centre. We need numbers for capacity. Add your name to the list at back of church if you wish to attend.

ST JOSEPH'S & ST PETERS CHILDREN'S LITURGY resumes **Sunday 2nd** (1st Sunday of month). More helpers needed. Contact the parish office if you can help. **All** helpers need to be DBS cleared. Contact the office if you need one.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS are needed for St Peter's and St Joseph's to serve at weekend Mass – boys or girls who have received their First Holy Communion. Speak to Fr Gubbins. Training will be provided.

PARISH GROUPS **All groups resuming use** at any of our halls/meeting rooms – please make sure your booking is in the **Parish diary** (we no longer have your original bookings from before lockdown). Where clashes occur, priority will be given to those who have booked.

300 CLUB to resume at the end of September. **Add your name LIST at back** of each church to join or renew membership - **£1** per week (cheques payable to St Peter's). **Prizes:** first Sunday of month - one prize of **£100**. All other Sundays, two prizes of **£25 & £10** (though prizes may need to be smaller, depending on number of people registering).

AFGHAN REGUGEES retiring collection raised £1,237 for the Rainbow Centre's ongoing aid to the Refugees in Scarborough.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION at St Columba's church Dean Road **2-7 October daily from 2-5pm**. Members of the British Shroud of Turin Society will be on hand to answer questions. Once in a lifetime opportunity to view a replica of the actual shroud.

SPONSORED CYCLE Janet Button is doing a **100-mile sponsored cycle ride** for Alzheimer's Research this **Sunday 12 Sept** (to Castle Howard and back). Anyone wanting to sponsor her can add their name to the sponsor form (one at back of each church) or online by visiting: <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janet-button-alcycle>:

NEWSLETTER Copies available to pick up outside St Peter's, St Joseph's, and St Edward's, in a waterproof box. Take a copy to a friend

SUNDAY SMILE *Glass coffins... will they be popular? Remains to be seen...!*