



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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WEEK COMMENCING 5 SEPTEMBER 2021– YEAR B
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Divine Office: Week 3

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY 8 SEPTEMBER

This image of the **Nativity of Our Lady** by Spanish artist *Bartolomé Esteban Murillo* (1617-1682) was painted for the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Seville Cathedral. It now hangs in the Louvre, Paris. The image clearly illustrates the holiness of Mary's state at birth, being free from original sin from the moment of her conception. To the **left** of the image Mary's mother, **St Anne**, rests after giving birth with her husband, **St Joachim** by her side, while a midwife tends to the newly born **Mary in the centre of the image**, and Andalusian peasant helpers and angelic beings look on in wonder.



Nativity of Our Lady by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1661)

The Blessed Virgin Mary occupied a unique role in the history of salvation. It was through her generous "**fiat**" (*Be it done to me according to thy Word*), that God's plan of salvation was fulfilled, and His Son, Our Lord Jesus, was made flesh and came into the world. Mary was prepared for this mission, the highest ever extolled by God upon one of his creatures, through her Immaculate Conception, and it is for this reason, heaven and earth rejoice at the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sacred Scripture does **not** give an account of Mary's birth. However, the early second century **Protoevangelium of James** records that St Joachim (believed to be a wealthy member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel) and St Anne were grieved by their barrenness and prayed to God for a child. Their prayers were granted, but with the promise that the child would commence God's plan of salvation. The Protoevangelium of James is not canonical but provides a source for the development of Christian piety. Today's Feast possibly **originated in Syria or Palestine** in the beginning of the **6th century**. After the Council of Ephesus in **AD431**, devotion to the Mother of God was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. A September birth was probably chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September. The date of 8th helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December.

Celebrating the birthday of Our Mother: Display and image of Our Lady in your home and **light a candle**. Give her a gift of **some flowers** and some words of love and affection. Join the Legion of Mary at St Peter's Grotto at for their 100th Anniversary Mass on **Wednesday 8 September at 10am**, followed by the Rosary. Let us be close to her and call upon her help and ask her to pray for us, that we may be united with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us thank God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and as our mother, and thank Our Lady for her selfless, generous love and self-giving in carrying out God's Will, thereby cooperating in the redemption of the human race.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGION OF MARY (1921 –2021)

The object of the Legion of Mary is "*the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.*" This **Tuesday** is a special time of joy, celebration and thanksgiving for the Legion, as they celebrate 100 years since its founding on **7 September 1921 in Dublin**. Today, its active and auxiliary members total over **10 million members worldwide**, making it the largest apostolic organisation of lay people in the Catholic Church.

Mission: Membership is open to all faithful Catholics. **Its mission** is to serve God under the banner of Mary by the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy. The Legion aims to "*bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus*". Its key activity is Evangelisation, especially the conversion of souls to Christ and His Church. Contact is established with souls everywhere where the opportunity arises. Members are also called to see and serve Christ in the sick and marginalised through works of service for the needy.

History: The Legion of Mary was founded by Servant of God, **Frank Duff (1889-1980)** on 7 September 1921 at Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin. As a Society of St Vincent De Paul member, Frank had been very active in helping the poor and destitute of Dublin. He set up Catholic soup kitchens and petitioned against Protestant ones which gave food and free accommodation in return for not attending the Catholic Church. He was profoundly inspired by the teachings of St Louis de Montfort's in his book *True Devotion to Mary*. It was this which led him to found the Legion of Mary. **His aim** was to help lay Catholics fulfil their baptismal promises in an organised structure, supported by fraternity and prayer. He laid down the system in the Legion's Handbook in 1928. The Legion began by visiting women with cancer in hospitals, and the most destitute, in particularly Dublin's prostitutes. The movement soon spread around the world and gained official recognition by the Holy See in 2014.



Saturday Vigil	4	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	5	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	6	10am	St Joseph's Mass	
Tuesday	7	7pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	8	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Thursday	9	10am	St Joseph's	St Peter Claver
Friday	10	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	11	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: Norman Oldman **†ANNIVS:** Mary Inglis, Charles Wyatt, Bridget Barker (b'day), Helen Buckingham, Laura Wainwright, Maureen Harrison **†SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION** St Peters: Deceased members of the Stankiste family

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **48**; Sunday St Joseph's **121**; Polish Mass **67**; St Peter's **93**; **Total 329**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£414**; Gift Aid env's **£308**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,400**

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*

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS to our Mass this weekend.

PASTORAL LETTER to be read out at all Masses this weekend on the Synod of Bishops (Synod = journey together).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS will take place **Sunday 19 September 11.30am** Mass at St Peter's Church, for all candidates & Sponsors (**Confirmation Mass Thursday 4 November 7pm at St Josephs**). **Some preparation will take place in school as well as in the parish.** Adults' meeting **Friday 17 Sept 6.30pm** in Parish Centre. Over 30+ have signed up.

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

PRAY & PLAY GROUP resumes at St Edward's Hall **Sat 11 Sept 10.30am to 12noon: for children aged 0-9.** With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and themed activities. New families welcome. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

LEGION OF MARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS Wednesday 8 September 10am Mass led by Legion of Mary members. St Peter's Church has an active Legion of Mary group since 2013 and they (normally) meet every Saturday in the Parish Centre.

ZOOM DIOCESAN VIRTUAL INSPIRATIONAL DAY for Eucharistic Ministers/ Readers, Catechists, Stewards & all involved in, or interested in being involved in the parish. **10am to 12 noon Sat 11 September** via Zoom. Title: **Let us Dream. To register:** contact heidi.cummins@rcdmidd.org.uk before **1 September**. **Sign the list** at back of church, as Fr Gubbins would like to know who is attending from our parishes of Scarborough.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY resumes **Sunday 19 Sept**. More helpers are needed. Contact Fr Gubbins. All helpers need to be cleared for DBS. Any new or existing helpers **NOT** yet cleared, please contact the parish office.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE at St Columba's at **11am on Saturday 11 September**. Theme – *Thanking key workers and remembering our loved ones*. Organised by Churches Together in Scarborough. Email them if you wish to attend as they need numbers: scolumbascarborough@gmail.com

EDUCATION SUNDAY is next Sunday 12 September. We are asked to pray for Schools/ Colleges and all who serve in Education.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TO THE HOUSEBOUND – **fill in the REGISTER** in the Sacristy with *name of housebound, date Communion was taken and your signature*. This helps us keep track of who has been visited and frequency.

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES begin again this week across the country. God's blessing on the new academic year.

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.

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
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). For more info, speak to Louis Sylvester or Bob Stankiste.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Prayer of a man who fell into the Guinness vat on a tour of the Dublin brewery: "O Lord give me a mouth for such a glorious occasion"*.

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