



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - WEEK COMMENCING 8 MAY 2022 YEAR C						DIVINE OFFICE week 4
Vocations Sunday / Good Shepherd Sunday						

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 59TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCTIONS (EXCERPTS)

The Pope's theme this year is *Called to Build the Human Family*. In it he encourages each vocation in the Church to give the very best of themselves "in this great divine plan!"

"At the time when the cold winds of war and oppression are blowing and when we frequently encounter signs of polarisation, we as a Church have undertaken a synodal process: we sense the urgent need to journey together, cultivating the spirit of **listening, participation and sharing**. Together with all men and women of good will, **we want to help build the human family, heal its wounds and guide it to a better future**. On this **59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, I would like to reflect with you on the broader meaning of "vocation" within the context of a synodal Church, a Church that listens to God and to the world."

Called to be protagonists together of the Church's mission: *Synodality, journeying together*, is a vocation fundamental to the Church. Only against this horizon is it possible to discern and esteem the various vocations, charisms, and ministries. We know that the Church exists to evangelise, to go forth and to sow the seed of the Gospel in history. This mission can only be carried out if all areas of pastoral activity work together and, even more importantly, involve all the Lord's disciples. For "in virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization" (Evangelii Gaudium, 120). We must beware of the mentality that would separate priests and laity, and together carry forward the Christian mission as the one People of God, laity and pastors. The Church as a whole is an evangelizing community.

Called to be guardians of one another and of creation: The word "**vocation**" should not be understood restrictively, as referring simply to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman... is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God. At every moment of our lives, we are called to foster this divine spark, ...and thus contribute to the growth of a humanity inspired by love and mutual acceptance. We are called to be guardians of one another, to strengthen the bonds of harmony and sharing, and to heal the wounds of creation. In this broad sense, not only individuals have a "vocation", but peoples, communities and groups of various kinds as well.

Called to welcome God's gaze: Within this great common vocation, God addresses a particular call to each of us. He touches our lives by his love and directs them to our ultimate goal, to a fulfilment that transcends the very threshold of death. That is how God wanted to see our lives and how he sees them still... In every vocation: we are met by the gaze of God, who calls us. Vocation, like holiness, is not an extraordinary experience reserved for a few... there is a vocation for everyone, for God's gaze and call is directed to every person. In each of us, [God] sees a certain potential, at times unbeknownst to ourselves, and throughout our lives he works tirelessly so that we can place this potential at the service of the common good. The word of God, which frees us from self-absorption, is especially able to purify, enlighten and recreate us. So let us listen to that word, in order to become ever more open to the vocation that God entrusts to us! And let us learn to listen also to our brothers and sisters in the faith, for their advice and example may help disclose the plan of God, who shows us ever new paths to pursue.

Called to respond to God's gaze: God's loving and creative gaze met us in an entirely unique way in Jesus. The evangelist Mark tells us that, in speaking with the rich young man, "Jesus looking upon him, loved him" (10:21). This gaze of Jesus, full of love, rests upon each of us. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by this gaze to allow him to lead us outside of ourselves! Let us also learn to look at one another in such a way that [they] feel welcomed and discover that there is Someone who looks at them with love and invites them to develop their full potential. Our lives change when we welcome this gaze. Everything becomes a vocational dialogue between ourselves and the Lord, but also between ourselves and others. A dialogue that, experienced in depth, makes us become ever more who we are. In the **vocation to the ordained priesthood**, to be instruments of Christ's grace and mercy. In the **vocation to the consecrated life**, to be the praise of God and the prophecy of a new humanity. In the **vocation to marriage**, to be mutual gift and givers and teachers of life. In **every ecclesial vocation and ministry** that calls us to see others and the world through God's eyes, to serve goodness and to spread love with our works and words.

Called to build a fraternal world: As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic. Each is lovely in itself, but only when they are put together do they form a picture. Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe. At the same time, though, we are called to form constellations that can guide and light up the path of humanity, beginning with the places in which we live. This is the mystery of the Church: a celebration of differences, a sign and instrument of all that humanity is called to be. For this reason, the Church must become increasingly synodal: capable of walking together, united in harmonious diversity, where everyone can actively participate and where everyone has something to contribute.

When we speak of "vocation", then, it is not just about choosing this or that way of life, devoting one's life to a certain ministry or being attracted by the charism of a religious family, movement or ecclesial community. It is about making God's dream come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when he prayed to the Father "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Each vocation in the Church, and in a broader sense in society, contributes to a common objective: to celebrate among men and women that harmony of manifold gifts that can only be brought about by the Holy Spirit. Priests, consecrated men and women, lay faithful: let us journey and work together in bearing witness to the truth that one great human family united in love is no utopian vision, but the very purpose for which God created us.

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that the People of God, amid the dramatic events of history, may increasingly respond to this call. Let us implore the light of the Holy Spirit, so that all of us may find our proper place and give the very best of ourselves in this great divine plan!"

Saturday	7	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)
Sunday	8	9.30am	St Joseph's
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)
Monday	9	10am	St Joseph's
Tuesday	10	5.30pm	St Edward's <i>St John of Avila</i>
Wednesday	11	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)
Thursday	12	10am	St Joseph's <i>Ss Nereus & Achilleus / St Pancras</i>
Friday	13	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Saturday	14	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</i>

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **2pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Edward's Church

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10.30-11am St Peter's, Sundays: 9-9.20am St Joseph's, Mondays: 9.30-9.50am St Joseph's & by request

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT usually 30 minutes before weekday Masses (St Peter's), 1 hour before at St Joseph's

DEVOTIONS Rosary: before Mass Wednesday (St Peter's); **Stations of the Cross / Sacred Heart Litany:** Fridays after morning Mass at St Peter's, alternating each week; **Divine Mercy Devotions:** Fridays 2.50pm in St Peter's Church

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: Link available on our website

ECUMENICAL PRAYER for Scarborough 9am 2nd Sat, monthly at Oliver's Mount or Zoom. Contact wrotekimberlee@yahoo.com

MAY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Tommy Dunn † **ANNIVS** Anne Sylvestre, Theresa Fletcher, Olive White, David Barker; † **SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION** John Inglis (St Peter's);

MASS COUNT: *Sat Vigil:* St Peter's **65**; *Sun:* St Joseph's **125**; St Peter's **202**; Polish Mass **80** (est) Total **472**

OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£503**; Gift Aid env's **£373**; Contactless **£74**; Polish **£30**; Av. Standing orders **£672**; **Total £1,652**

300 CLUB WINNER: £100 - No.2 Congratulations! Still spaces available if you wish to join **£1 per week**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at St Peter's & St Joseph's this **Sunday** and every 1st Sunday of month. Children only.

PARISH LUNCH after 11.30am Mass on **Wednesday 11 May**. Places limited to 16. Contact Maureen Murray on 07943 905393.

ROSARY RALLY FOR MAY at St Peters **1.30pm on next Saturday 14 May**. Children's procession with crowning of Our Lady followed by Scripture Reading and Rosary, and with Benediction. See Margaret Well or any member of the UCM or Legion of Mary

UCM next meeting 1.30pm on **Tuesday 17 May** with a talk on *The Annunciation* by Andrew Carter.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT DAY **Wednesday 18 May** at St George's Church. Bus departs St Peter's School **9.30am**, arriving back around 2:15 to 2:30pm. Parents and Catechists welcome. All should bring a packed lunch.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL MAY PROCESSION **Thurs 19 May*** after 10am Mass at St Joseph's Church (*note change of time)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR next rehearsal **12.30pm Saturday 21 May** at St Peter's Church.

THANKSGIVING MASS for Dr Jean Greenan (died March 2020) **12 noon on Saturday 28 May at St Joseph's church**. If attending, please contact Janet Button for catering purposes. Mayor and Civic dignitaries have been invited.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH PICNIC Fun day: **12.30pm to 3.30pm Friday 3 June** in St Peter's School grounds

PENTECOST ECUMENICAL UNITY SERVICE **6.30pm Sun 5 June** hosted by St Peter's. Come and join our brothers & sisters in Christ. Other Churches and Christian Denominations will be invited to join us. Cuppa afterwards in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS *Saturday 11th 12noon St Josephs & 18th 12 noon & Sunday 19th June 11.30am*. St Peters

RUBY JUBILEE MASS OF PRIESTHOOD (40 years) at Middlesbrough Cathedral for Fr Gubbins, Mgr Dasey & Fr David Grant (Beverley), also, Silver Jubilee of Fr John Bane (25years) - **7pm Wednesday 22 June**. A coach to the Mass from Scarborough will be arranged. Add your name to the list. Cost will be based on numbers. Parish celebration Mass 7pm Friday 24 June at St Peter's & Ceilidh at St Mary's Hall.

CONTACTLESS GIVING Parishioners are encouraged to use the contactless giving machine in the porch instead of giving cash where possible. Brief training session on how to use it this on **Wednesday 11 May** at St Peter's after Mass, and **Thursday 12 May** at St Joseph's after Mass.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC or refreshing your faith? Get in touch with Fr Gubbins.

A THANK YOU for all the wool/craft donations for the refugee ladies' craft evening. The response was amazing. Donations still very welcome. Contact the parish office.

A THANK YOU from Madonna House: *Dear Fr. Gubbins and the faithful of the Scarborough Catholic Parishes, thank you so very much for your generous gift of monetary and food donations that you collected this past weekend. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated! Thank you so much. Fr Michael, for all of us at Madonna House.*

FUNDRAISER last Sunday raised: £107 tombola, £91 cake stall & £67 donations, **total of £265** for Madonna House. Huge thanks to all!

ST JOSEPH'S BUNGALOW will be let from the end of this month. After this there will be no access into the bungalow grounds. The garage will still be accessible via the inner door. Blue and green wheelie bins are now available at the front of the church for parish use.

SPONSORED WALK Mrs Ann Seegoolam and friends are hoping to raise £5,000 to help fund St Peter's Church building repairs by walking the Camino de Santiago (Way of Satiago) via their Just Giving crowdfunding page. They will walk the Camino France from St Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostella, a distance of 500 miles, over 40 days across the Pyrenees. If you would like to sponsor them, go to their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdf../st-peters-church-camino> (link available on our Facebook page).

SUNDAY SMILE: *There's a new restaurant opened in town named Karma. There's no menu – you get what you deserve!*