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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 7 AUGUST 2022

DIVINE OFFICE Week 3

St Bernadette of Lourdes
(Bernadette Soubirous)



"I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home. There I shall find my Mother in all the splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus Himself" St Bernadette

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VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE 2022

In September and October, the Relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. Visiting 51 venues across 3 nations, this very special pilgrimage will offer important opportunities for prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal (*See notices overleaf for dates in our Diocese – we hope to fill a coach to Middlesbrough*). The visit provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for people for all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. Travelling on pilgrimage enables us to enrich and renew ourselves spiritually, connecting ourselves to God by removing us from the routines of daily life. We can expect many graces from this visit, including healing, conversion and the wonderful discovery of vocation.

The importance of Relics: A Relic is a part of the physical remains of a saint after their death, or an object which has been in contact with their body. Relics are venerated to honour the holiness of God. The veneration of relics is found in many religions and is rooted in the natural human instinct to treat anything connected with those we love, who have died, with care and reverence. From earliest times the bodies of martyrs were held in special veneration. The relics of St Polycarp, for example, were described as being 'more valuable than precious stones and finer than refined gold.' In Rome, prayer services were held in the catacombs, and from the fourth century, the Eucharist was celebrated over the tombs of the martyrs. St Augustine explains this by highlighting that the bodies of saints and martyrs had enabled them to live as organs of the Holy Spirit.

There are two principal reasons for venerating relics: God shows his approval of relics by granting healing, and other graces. Relics help us to feel close to a holy person, making the communion of saints more real and fostering in us a desire for holiness. Explaining the importance of relics, **Pope Benedict XVI** said: *"By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals touched by the transcendent power of God. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst."*

Plenary Indulgence: The Relic Tour of St Bernadette offers pilgrims the opportunity to receive a number of enriching graces, including a Plenary (full) Indulgence. This is the result of the abundance of God's mercy, which He offers us and all humanity through Jesus Christ and through the Church. Receiving this Indulgence is a sign of "our turning away from sin and our conversion to God" (Pope St John Paul II) This gift is available for those who • visit the relics of St Bernadette this autumn, • have a real contrition for, and a detachment from, sin, including venial sins, • celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive Holy Communion, • pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, for example: the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory be... The indulgence can be received for ourselves or for the benefit of others, living or departed.

St Bernadette (pictured above) was **born in 1844** in a small town in France. Bernadette Soubirous was one of eight children born into a very poor family. Although initially unremarkable, Bernadette's life was to inspire generations of people to journey in faith on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Between 11 February and 16 July 1858, **Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary eighteen times** in a series of **Apparitions** that took place in cave on the outskirts of Lourdes, a place now known as the Grotto of Massabielle. In the course of these miraculous encounters, Bernadette, then **aged 14yrs** became the friend and confidante of Our Lady, the mother of Jesus. The Apparitions of Lourdes were authenticated in 1866 by the Bishop of Tarbes. In that same year, Bernadette left Lourdes to live out her religious vocation within the community of the *Sisters of Charity* of Nevers. **She died in 1879**, was proclaimed **blessed in 1925**, and a **became a saint in 1933**.

The Apparitions seen by St Bernadette took place over five months largely in silence. Despite this, over the course of time, an intimate relationship of trust, obedience, and love developed between Our Lady and Bernadette. The **first seven apparitions** mark a period of **joyful discovery**. Bernadette was always deeply happy; this was reflected during the first seven apparitions with her face radiating joy and light. **Apparitions eight to twelve were penitential**. At this point everything changed, Bernadette became sad, and sorrowful. Witnesses at the Grotto, who grew in number every day, were deeply moved and experienced a range of emotions; some were converted to the Faith, others didn't understand Bernadette's behaviour and felt confusion or disdain. The **last six apparitions looked outwards**, beginning with the missionary thirteenth apparition. During this Apparition, Mary spoke to Bernadette saying: *"Tell the priests that people should come here in procession and build a chapel here."* Chapels were later built to accommodate great numbers of pilgrims. **On 25 March 1858**, the day of the sixteenth apparition, Bernadette asked the 'Lady' her name. The Lady replied in the local dialect: *"Que soy era Immaculada Counceptiou"*, *"I am the Immaculate Conception"*. Today, the Catholic Church recognises 70 miracles as a result of the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, with people across the world journeying in prayer with Our Lady and St Bernadette, on pilgrimage to the Sanctuary.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

Saturday	6	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	7	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	8	10am	St Joseph's	St Dominic
Tuesday	9	7pm	St Edward's	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Day of Prayer for Europe)
Wednesday	10	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Lawrence
Thursday	11	10am	St Joseph's	St Clare
Friday	12	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday	13	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALIBAR RITE celebrated monthly **4pm** on **3rd Sunday** of month at St Edward's Church (Catechism at 3pm)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10.30-11am St Peter's and **5-5.20pm** St Edward's; **Sundays: 9-9.20am** 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 Wednesdays (St Peter's); **Stations of the Cross / Sacred Heart Litany:** Fridays after morning Mass at St Peter's, alternating each week; **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays before morning Mass 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 on Zoom. Contact writkimberlee@yahoo.com

AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: *We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

† **RECENTLY DECEASED** Romeo Sylvestre (Canada), Fr Ian McLean OPraem (Muston Norbertines), Padraig Molloy, Brian Wilkinson, Marjorie Critchley, Chris De Jong (Holland) † **ANNIV'S:** Bill Murray, Tony Critchley

MASS COUNT: Sat Vigil: St Edward's **54**; **Sun:** St Joseph's **144**; St Peter's **115**; Polish Mass **80** (est); Total **393**

OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£603**; Gift Aid env's **£368**; Contactless **£50**; Polish **£30**; Standing orders **£720**; Total **£1,771**

300 CLUB WINNER: £25 – No.24; £10 – No.82; Congratulations! Spaces available if you wish to join **£1** p/wk.

WELCOME to all visitors to our Scarborough Parishes this weekend or here on holiday. Join us for a cuppa after 11.30am Mass.

UCM SCAMPSTON HALL (NEAR YORK) VISIT on Wednesday 10 August. Meet at the entrance at 1pm. Payment will be taken on the day. Several cars going, if you need a lift. Entrance **£8 adult, £5 child.** Please **bring the correct change** as it has to be paid in one transaction.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PROCESSION at the end of 11.30am Mass at St Peter's **around the inside** of the church carrying an icon of Mary in the Procession. Bring bouquets of flowers to place at the Statue of Mary in honour of her greatest Feast Day.

ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE at the Shrine of Our Lady Chapel of Mount Grace, Osmotherley: Sun 14 August: 2.30pm Rosary, 3pm Mass followed by refreshments. **Bishop John Crowley** returns to preach. Car parking available & **shuttle bus** to chapel for the less mobile. This is an outside Mass. Bring suitable seating & wear appropriate clothing. *Note – there was insufficient interest for a coach.*

AGM OF THE SOUTH CLIFF CHURCHES TOGETHER 2pm Wed 17 Aug at St Andrew's Church, Ramshill Road. Main topic: *What Next? - 'The Future of South Cliff Churches Together'*. All welcome.

FAREWELL MASS AND SOCIAL GET TOGETHER for Cheryl Ann from Madonna House on **Tues 23 August** at St Edward's Church **6.30pm Mass** (note change of Mass time). Bring something for the shared table. She returns to Canada after 12yrs

INSPIRATION DAY FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & MINISTERS OF THE WORD Sat 10 Sept 9.30am to 3pm (approx) at the Spa, Scarborough. *All new and existing Ministers will be commissioned.* Try your best to attend. The day is free for ministers to attend, but please note, a cost of £30 per person will be charged to the parish. Add your name to the list at back of church. **Deadline to submit names to diocese – Fri 12 August.**

RETREAT DAYS FOR WOMEN at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York: 10 Sept, 19 Nov, 11 Feb. Email programmeadmin@stbedes.org.uk or phone 01904 464900 to book. **Free of charge.**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Sat 8 to Sun 9 October, led by Bishop Terry. Info and booking from Dawn Cummings at bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk (give room & travel requirements. Coach pick-ups from Middlesbrough and York.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC Looking ahead to this autumn's RCIA Programme, we invite any adult non-Catholic or non-Christian, or Catholic adult who has not received the Sacraments, or who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, to contact Fr Gubbins.

GOING ON HOLIDAY? Find out Mass times in your holiday area at <https://directory.cbcew.org.uk> or at <https://catholicdirectory.org>

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO SPONSORED WALK Anne Seegoolam and friends aim to raise **£5,000** for St Peter's Restoration Fund. Sponsor them at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-peters-church-camino> or by **paper sponsor form** from back of church.

CAKE STALL Sunday 14 August after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church and after 11.30am Mass at St Peter's Church to help raise funds towards the Camino Walk. Donations of cakes needed for both churches please.

CHURCH CLEANING at St Joseph's. Some extra help needed on a Tuesday morning, 9am onwards. See Pam Grundy if you can help.

AUGUST CATHOLIC VOICE now available. Pictures of interest to our parishioners inside. Collect your **free** copy.

SUNDAY SMILE: Q. Why did the chicken half cross the road? A. She wanted to lay it on the line!

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE visit Middlesbrough Cathedral **Sun 2 to Mon 3 Oct** (arrive mid-day, leave 1pm). Then to Ampleforth Abbey for an afternoon only **Mon 3 Oct** (1.30-5pm). Final stop in our diocese is Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel, Hull **Wed 5 to Thu 6 Oct** (arrive 7pm, leave 7am). Dates in other dioceses are on the official website of the tour at: <https://stbernadette.org.uk>. **Note: The organisers of this tour require individuals and groups to book in advance.** We aim to book a coach to Middlesbrough Cathedral on **Monday 3 October**, leaving **9am** from St Peter's & picking up at St Joseph's (return time tbc). Add your name to the list at back of church to book a place (**note: you must be willing to commit - coaches are expensive, and places booked with the venue cannot be freed up for someone else**). Full payment for seats will be taken the weekend 17/18 September, price tbc. **NUMBERS NEEDED ASAP TO ENSURE WE GET A RESERVATION** for our group and to order the correct sized coach.