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19 NOVEMBER 2023 – 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 1

7TH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023

On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers. World Day of the Poor is celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time since 2017. It was established by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, issued on 20 November 2016 to celebrate the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)

Pope Francis begins his message for the World Day of the Poor by stressing that *“a great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity.”*



In his Message, the Holy Father focusses on the figure of Tobit from the Old Testament. A courageous if cantankerous man who busies himself burying the bodies of his exiled kinsfolk. On the feast of Pentecost, Tobit tells his son Tobias to go and find a person in need to share the meal with. The pope reflects:

“How meaningful it would be if, on the Day of the Poor, this concern of Tobit were also our own! If we were to invite someone to share our Sunday dinner, after sharing in the Eucharistic table, the Eucharist we celebrate would truly become a mark of communion.”

World Day of the Poor message 2023

In the Bishop's Column in the November issue of the Catholic Voice, Bishop Terrence Drainey talks about Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Poor 2023:

“On the weekend of 18/19 November we celebrate the Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor, and the theme this year is taken from the Book of Tobit. Pope Francis sends us all a message for that day. Here follows an extract from that message, but the whole message can be found on the Vatican website (vatican.va) under ‘Messages’ and then look for ‘World Day of the Poor 2023’ (or see website address at the end of this article). “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7). These are the words of Tobit to his son Tobias. Tobit embraces his son, Tobias, who is about to set out on a lengthy journey. The elderly Tobit fears he will never again see his son, and so leaves him his “spiritual testament”. Tobit had been deported to Nineveh and is now blind, and thus doubly poor. At the same time, he remains always certain of one thing, expressed by his very name: “The Lord has been my good”. As a God-fearing man and a good father, he wants to leave his son not simply material riches, but the witness of the right path to follow in life. So, he tells him: “Revere the Lord all your days, my son, and refuse to sin or to transgress his commandments. Live uprightly all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of wrongdoing” (4:5). We see immediately that what the elderly Tobit asks of his son is not simply to think of God and to call upon him in prayer. He speaks of making concrete gestures, carrying out good works and practising justice. He goes on to state this even more clearly: To all those who practice righteousness give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it.” Tobit, in his time of trial, discovers his own poverty, which enables him to recognise others who are poor. “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (4:7). In a word, whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus. May our concern for the poor always be marked by Gospel realism. Our sharing should meet the concrete needs of the other, rather than being just a means of ridding ourselves of superfluous goods. Here too, Spirit-led discernment is demanded, in order to recognise the genuine needs of our brothers and sisters and not our own personal hopes and aspirations. What the poor need is certainly our humanity, our hearts open to love. Let us never forget that “we are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them” (Evangelii Gaudium, 198). Faith teaches us that every poor person is a son or daughter of God, and that Christ is present in them. “just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). In blessed hope, Bishop Terry.”

Website address for full message of Pope Francis <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20230613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html>

Saturday	18	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	19	9.30am	St Joseph's	WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (also LIVE STREAMED)	
Monday	20	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	21	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	22	10am	St Peter's (also LIVE STREAMED)	
Thursday	23	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's (also LIVE STREAMED)	
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's (also LIVE STREAMED)	

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE monthly **4pm** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church (*Catechism after Mass*)

**** LIVESTREAM MASS from St Peter's available via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough> ****

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10.30-11am St Peter's; **5-5.20pm** St Edward's; **Sundays: 9-9.20am** St Joseph's; & **by request**

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT weekdays **9.15 - 9.55am** at St Peter's, **1 hour before Mass** at St Joseph's, **5pm** St Edward's

DEVOTIONS Rosary: 15 mins **before Monday Mass at St Joseph's** & **Wednesday Mass at St Peter's**; **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays 15 mins before Mass at St Peter's; **Stations of the Cross/Sacred Heart Litany:** Fridays after morning Mass at St Peter's, alternating weekly.

POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: *We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

WARM SPACE at St Joseph's **Mondays 11.30am to 1.30pm** (except Christmas/New Year's Day). Drop in for warm soup & roll & chat.

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Evangeline Dunn; † **ANNIV'S:** Frank Atkin, Joan Baker, Jeff Moat, Bernadette Duffy;

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat Vigil: St Edward's **67**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **122**; St Peter's **157**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 401**

APF RED MISSION BOX Money from your boxes has been forwarded to Mission. The total raised this year **£466. Thank you.**

OFFERINGS: Loose Plate: **£959**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£345**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740**; Contactless **£44**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £2,118**

ONLINE GIVING Parish bank account details: Barclays Bank Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference** - your name, if you are Gift Aiding your donation (please request to sign up if have not already). You can also donate online to the parish via <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough>

300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.70; £10 No.58. Congratulations! Spaces available if you wish to join **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers.

FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREP begins early in the New Year. Names for children in **Year 4** in **non-Catholic** schools need to get in touch to register if you wish your child to be prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS is this Sunday.

UCM MEETING (Union of Catholic Mothers) **1.30pm on Tuesday 21 November** in the **Sister Rita Room at St Joseph's** ** note venue. Glitz and Glamour with festive Bingo. Please bring along some festive treats to share ladies.

CHILDRENS CHOIR lead next Sunday's hymn singing at the 11.30am Mass. There will be a practice in Parish Centre beforehand (parents must accompany children) 10.30am. Newcomer's welcome. See Andrew Carter.

TALKS FOR ADVENT on the **Stained-Glass Windows in St Peter's Church**. An opportunity to reflect on some of the saints in the windows of St Peter's with short readings, meditations on Scripture and prayer. After morning Mass on **Wednesdays for 30 minutes**, beginning **Wednesday 29 November** – Theme for first Talk will be *St Bede and the early church in England* (window 3).

SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT **Walk with Me and Advent Extra** available. Suggested **50p donation**.

ADVENT ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE at St Edwards Church **2.30pm on Saturday 16 December**. All welcome.

HOLY SHOPS Christmas cards and Advent Calendars are now in stock in both churches, with a variety of devotional items and statues.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS are now available at Post Offices – do consider buying them and keep Christ in Christmas.

CATHOLIC VOICE FREE Middlesbrough Diocese Catholic newspaper available in all churches. Pick up your copy.

FOLLOW UP MEETING ON THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY was held in Middlesbrough Sat 11 November. It was attended by over **80 people** from across the parishes. Summary notes of the day on our Parish Website.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE PAPER a few complementary copies are available. If interested in this weekly speak to Fr Gubbins.

LAUDATE DEUM is the new Papal Letter (Apostolic Exhortation) **released on 4 Oct** (Feast of St Francis) on climate change. Full letter with explanation is available <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/laudate-deum-explained>. In it, Pope Francis suggests every little bit helps: every household can reduce pollution & consume responsibly. Those interested in setting up a Laudate Deum Group get in touch with Fr Gubbins.

LAUDATE DEUM ADVENT EVENT 10am to 12.30pm on Sat 9 Dec at the Cathedral will explore Pope Francis' latest letter within the spirit of our preparations for Christmas. To attend email adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk or phone **01642 850505 (Ext 241)**.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL Please **donate online** if you can or wish to do so at cafod.org.uk.

71ST DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 26 May to 1 June for 6 nights. Full board £845 to £895. Flight only option with Joe Walsh Tours £575. Call **01642 760105** or email lourdessecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk

NOVEMBER DEAD (HOLY SOULS) ENVELOPES Write **names on the sheet and return it with your donation in the envelope**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) Voluntary collection towards **Warm Space and needy families** at all weekend Masses this weekend **18/19 November**. SVP is re-established in our parishes. They visit housebound and run the Warm Space.

SUNDAY SMILE: *If you haven't grown up by 50 you don't have to!*

ADVENT RETREAT DAY AT AMPLEFORTH Thursday 14 December at The Benedictine Abbey of Ampleforth. **Arriving for 10am** and leaving there around **4.30pm**. 2 Talks /join the monks for Midday Prayer and lunch included. The **COST** is £33pp but the **Parish will subsidise**, so the cost will be **£20pp**. Add your name to the list. 14 names so far. (please only do so if you intend to attend). We will **car share** to keep cost down, so also state whether you will be able to offer transport. Leave Scarborough 8.45am approx.