

LAETARE SUNDAY

Laetare Sunday falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent. The Latin name *Laetare* means **Rejoice**. Laetare Sunday is taken from the words of the introit (entrance antiphon), *laetare Jerusalem (rejoice with Jerusalem)* from Isaiah 66:10-11.

There is a more **joyful tone** at this **halfway point** in the Lenten season. Like *Gaudete Sunday* midway through Advent, *Laetare Sunday* reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the Penitential Season, and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, as well as providing a brief relaxation from the austerity of Lent.

As with *Gaudete Sunday*, the liturgical traditions reflect this joy. Vestments worn are often **rose-coloured** (pink). According to Liturgical rules, the **organ** may be played - on other Sundays of Lent it may only be played to support the singing, and **flowers** are permitted on the altar. At this point we are halfway through the penitential season and half-way to Easter. Traditionally, the **Apostles Creed** is 'handed over' to the catechumens, the last step for those preparing for Baptism in the Church at the Great Easter Vigil.

Other names: Laetare Sunday is also called **Rose Sunday**, because of the papal blessing of the Golden Rose: a floral spray blessed by the Pope and given to a notable person or institution (*see below*), and perhaps also because of the use of rose-coloured vestments instead of violet ones. Another name is **Refection Sunday**, or **Refreshment Sunday** or **Sunday of the Five Loaves**, so named because, before the adoption of the modern, *common lectionaries*, this narrative of the miracle of the loaves and fishes was the traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday. This Sunday is also called **Mothering Sunday**, because a person would visit his *mother church*.

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Aetá- re * Jerúsa-lem : et convén-tum fá-ci-

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation." (Isaiah 66:10f)

"I rejoiced when they said to me: 'we shall go into God's House!'" (Psalm 122:1)

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

"Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offence committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1422)

Before Confession: Spend a few minutes before your confession. Pray for God's guidance and examine your conscience. Remember any sins you have committed. We are obliged to mention any mortal (serious) sins; and we are encouraged to mention other venial (smaller, less serious) sins and everyday faults (though don't be too scrupulous about the latter)

During Confession: Begin by saying: *"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."* and then say: *"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It is [state the length of time] since my last confession"*. Then say very briefly what your state of life is, to help him understand your situation, eg. at school, young, adult, single or married, working or not etc.

Now confess your sins. Finish by saying *"these are my sins"* so the priest understands you have finished. The priest then may or may not offer some advice. He will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition. Here is one authorised and commonly used example:

Act of Contrition: *O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ, and most of all because they offend Thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee again, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin. Amen.*

It is called the Sacrament of Conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the Sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

It is called the Sacrament of Confession since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this Sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" – acknowledgement and praise – of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the Sacrament of Forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent *"pardon and peace."*

It is called the Sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: *"Be reconciled to God."* He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: *"Go; first be reconciled to your brother."*

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Holy Mothers

ST ANNE
Mother of Our Lady

SAINT MONICA
Mother of St Augustine

SAINT ZÉLIE GUÉRIN MARTIN
Mother of St Thérèse of Lisieux

ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA
Patron Saint of mothers and the unborn

ST ELIZABETH ANN SEATON
1st American saint & founded US
parochial schools

*On this Mother's Day, Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
pray for all mothers, that they may live their vocation as Christian mothers
and guide their children to faith in Our Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ.*

Amen

HAPPY

Mother's Day

*The loveliest
masterpiece of the
heart of God is the
love of a mother.*

St Thérèse of
Lisieux

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 10 MARCH 2024 – YEAR B **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT***Masses held at St Peter's Church are also live streamed*

Saturday	9	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	10	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	11	10am	St Joseph's (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Tuesday	12	5.30pm	St Edward's (<i>Stations of Cross</i>) (Not a Mass)	WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday	13	12 noon	St Peter's (<i>Stations of Cross</i>) <i>Anniv. of election of Pope Francis</i>	
Thursday	14	10am	St Joseph's (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Friday	15	10am	St Peter's (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Saturday	16	10am	St Peter's	

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **4pm** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church (Catechism at 3pm)**CONFESSIONS:** Normal times **Sat: 10.30-11am** at St Peter's & **5-5.20pm** at St Edward's; **Sun: 9-9.20am** at St Joseph's; & **by request****** LIVESTREAM MASS from St Peter's available via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough> ******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 MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:** *We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.***RECENTLY DEAD** Edna Jones; **ANNIV'S:** Jean & Joe Greenan, Norah Parker, Mary O'Connor, Chris Deacon, Alf & Christine De Placido**MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Sat Vigil:** St Edward's **83**; **Sun:** St Joseph's **139**; St Peter's **207**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 428****OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£728** Gift Aid Envelopes: **£224**; Av. Standing Orders: **£760** (av.); Contactless **£109**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,851.****Thank you! ONLINE GIVING** Parish bank account: 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 (do sign up if have not already). **OR** donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough> **OR** use the **QR code** here.**300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £100 No.99.** Congratulations! Spaces available: **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers.**LENT 2024****STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent Masses. **VOLUNTEERS** (groups) invited to lead Stations of the Cross any weekday Mass.**PARISHES LENT GROUP CONTINUES TUESDAYS 2pm - 4pm** continues in **St Edwards Hall**: Theme *Year of Prayer: 'We Dare to Say'*. These are words of the **Our Father**. Weekly we will explore the various words & phrases of this prayer. All welcome.**CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER 2-3.30pm Fri 22 March** at St Peter's & St Joseph's Churches with Fr Martin & Fr Thomas from Muston**CONFESSIONS IN ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL 1.30pm to 3pm on Fri 15 March** for the upper school.**DAY OF HEALING & EVANGELISATION 11am to 4.30pm on Saturday 23 March** at St Paulinus Church, Guisborough TS14 8DN. Guest speaker **Derek Williams** from Walsingham. Free (collection taken). Lunch provided. More info from Sharon **07932 420809**.**EASTER CHOIR** Join the Easter Choir which will be singing at both St Joseph's & St Peter's during the Triduum. First rehearsal **7pm this Sunday 10 March** at **St Saviour's Church**, Gladstone Road. Come along and help make our Easter Masses glorious.**CHRISM MASS** will be held this year at **12 noon on Tuesday 26 March** in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (no catering afterwards). If you intend to go and have a spare seat in your car, please let Fr Gubbins know or consider offering a lift to someone who needs one.**HOLY WEEK** begins on **Palm Sunday 24 March**. Mass and Service times leaflet will be available next weekend. Fr Frank Gallagher (retired) and Fr Michael (Madonna House) will help cover Masses and Services in our 3 churches over the Holy Week/Easter period.**WE WARMLY WELCOME Fr Paul Dowling** from Redcar, to our Scarborough Parishes. Fr Paul is covering Masses this weekend.**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** preparation continues each **Wed 3.15-4.15pm** in St Peter's School and **6-7pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre for children in non-Catholic schools (older children **Thursdays**). **FIRST CONFESSIONS Thu 21 March: 5.30pm** 1st Cohort; **6.15pm** 2nd cohort.**ADULT CONVERTS** We pray for our 4 candidates as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church at Eastertime.**UCM NEXT MEETING Tues 19 March** (Feast of St Joseph). Holy Mass **12 noon** at St Joseph's Church, celebrated by Fr Micheal from Madonna House followed by a Lenten talk by a member of the Madonna House community. All Parishioners welcome to the Mass.**PARISH LUNCHEON Wed 20 March after 11.30am** Mass at St Peter's.**SCARBOROUGH PARISHES GOT TALENT Variety Concert: 7.15pm -10pm Fri 22 March** at the **YMCA**. Singing Priests, Irish Dancers, Children, Madonna House Singers, Pilipino Community Dance, Nigerian Dancers, Lucy, Graham, Catherine & Andrew, Sri Lankan Family (*alias Von Trapp Family*), UCM. Michael O'Brien as Compere. **Adult £8, Child £2** from **YMCA only** **Tel: 506750**.**REHERSAL for all acts at YMCA Thur 21 March 6.30-8pm.** Profit to *St Catherines Hospice*. Participants expected to buy a ticket also.**RAFFLE PRIZES** needed for Variety Concert Night. Please donate if you can.**PARISH DAY RETREAT AT AMPLEFORTH** After Easter and before Pentecost we will endeavour to arrange a Retreat Day.**SPIRITUAL LIBRARY FOR LENT** A large selection of spiritual books **free** to borrow at back of both St Peter's and St Joseph's Churches. Consider taking one to read during Lent as spiritual nourishment.**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP (SVP)** continue to ask for donations of **toiletries/nappies, tinned and dry foodstuffs** to help stock keep our food bank to our catholic schools stocked. The **box for your donations** is at the back of **each of our churches**. Thank you.**RETIRED PRIESTS' WELFARE FUND** Collection at all Masses this weekend. There are **25 retired priests** in our diocese. Do give generously to support our retired priests and show gratitude for their dedicated service to our diocesan parishes. Take a prayer bookmark.**SUNDAY SMILE:** *One day, when scientists discover the centre of the universe, may people will be disappointed to discover it is not **them!***