

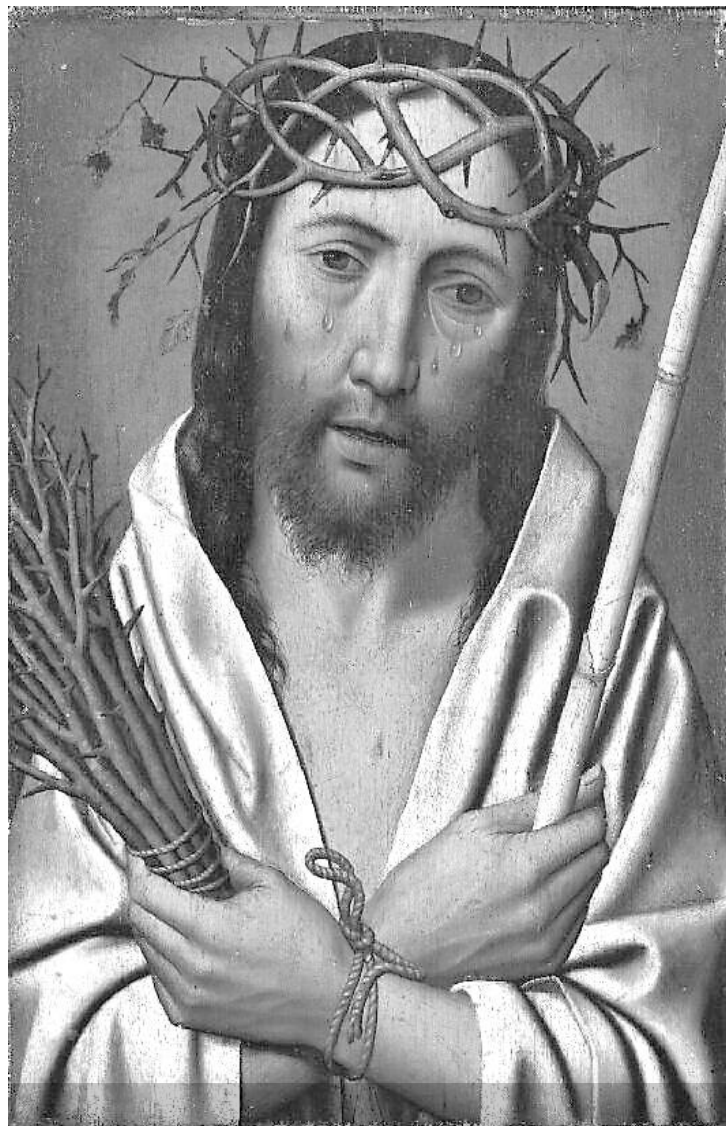
CHRIST AS THE MAN OF SORROWS

This **image of Christ** was painted during the **1520s** by **Jan Mostaert (c.1475-1553)** or by one of his Circle, based on a composition by him. It currently hangs in **the National Gallery, London**. It depicts Christ as the **Man of Sorrows**. Mostaert was a Dutch Renaissance painter who is known mainly for his religious subjects and portraits. He was employed by the Governess of the Netherlands in Brussels and Malines. This painting is closely related to the representation of Christ in *Christ crowned with Thorns*, one of the wings of the Oultremont Triptych in the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, which is attributed to Jan Mostaert. When painting this image, the artist may have been influenced by the spiritual movement in the Netherlands, known as *Devotio Moderna (Modern Devotion)*, which sought to make the faith more accessible to the laity and encourage greater spiritual and emotional engagement with the Person of Christ.

In this image of Christ, He is portrayed as the **Man of Sorrows of Isaiah**: *“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not” (Isaiah 53:3)*. The image portrays Christ bearing the **Crown of Thorns**: *“They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head.” (Matthew 27:28f)*. **Tears** stream from His eyes, and He looks directly at us, as though silently speaking words of reproach and disappointment. His shoulders droop in a posture of sadness and resignation. He looks heartbreakingly forlorn. **The scale** of the painting is **small**, which gives the impression of intimacy with the viewer.

Jesus is depicted against a **red background**, wrapped in a **white cloth or garment**. The white cloth symbolises the **burial shroud**, and the **colour red**, in images of the crucified Christ, symbolises **His blood** that He shed for us. His **hands are folded across His chest**. This posture is recognisable as one in which the dead are placed, when they are laid to rest. It is also a **posture of reverence**. Centuries ago, **Christians would pray with their arms folded across their chest**. It is also the posture adopted by Eastern Christians and pre-Vatican II Catholics when presenting themselves for Holy Communion. In the Catholic Church this posture has changed and is **now a way for a person to communicate that they wish to have a blessing rather than to receive Holy Communion**. However, it is still a sign of reverence as one approaches Christ in the Eucharist.

In Christ's **right hand** (right of image) Christ holds the **reed sceptre (staff)** which they thrust into His hand as they mocked Him: *“Hail, King of the Jews”*. Jesus' hands are bound, and in His **left hand** (left of image) he holds the **birch** with which he was **flogged**. Flogging was the usual prelude to crucifixion under Roman law. After releasing Barabbas, Pilot *“had Jesus flogged and handed Him over to be crucified”*.



PRAYER TO OUR LORD, MAN OF SORROWS

Lord Jesus, how I thank you for being a man of sorrows. Thank you for becoming human, for experiencing life as we experience it, though you were without sin. Thank you for knowing what physical pain feels like, what loss feels like, what rejection feels like. I find it easy to turn to you in my pain because I know that you understand. Thank you, my Saviour, for choosing the Way of the Cross, the way of great sorrows. You took the sin that was mine, experiencing the separation from the Father that belonged to me. How I praise you, my Lord, for being not just a man of sorrows in general, but the man of my sorrows. Today I pray for those in my life who are in the midst of sorrows. Relieve their suffering, dear Lord. May they know your presence and find hope and comfort in you. Amen.

Next Sunday 24 March is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy week.

Masses and Services for Holy Week are longer than usual so make provision for this in your timetable.

Let's make Holy Week a 'mini-Lent' by trying to come along to church devotions.

Also REMEMBER that CLOCKS GO FORWARD 31 March.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 17 MARCH 2024 – YEAR B **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT***Masses held at St Peter's Church are also live streamed through the website*

Saturday	16	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	17	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>ST PATRICK PATRON OF IRELAND</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	18	10am	St Joseph's & (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
Tuesday	19	12 noon	St Joseph's	<i>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY</i>
		5.30pm	St Edward's & (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Wednesday	20	11.30am	St Peter's & (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Thursday	21	10am	St Joseph's & (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Friday	22	10am	St Peter's & (<i>Stations of Cross</i>)	
Saturday	23	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>

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.***ANNIV'S:** Brenda Weir, Norah Walsh, Bernadette Wyatt, Theresa St Quinton, Annamma Kurian, Mandy Ledden; **MASSSES:** Barker x2, Wyatt;**MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Sat Vigil:** St Edward's **80** (est); **Sun:** St Joseph's **129**; St Peter's **206**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 470****OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£625** Gift Aid Envelopes: **£309**; Av. Standing Orders: **£760** (av.); Contactless **£87**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,811.****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.**RETIRED PRIESTS' WELFARE FUND** Collection last weekend raised £ to help support our 25 retired priests. Thank you.**CAFOD FAST DAY AND HUNGER LUNCH** raised **£499** for the work of CAFOD overseas Aid Agency. Thank you.**COLLECTIONS** throughout 2023 from refreshments for **St Catherine's Hospice £1,098 & the Rainbow Centre £1,187**, total **£2,285****300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER:** **£25** No.105; **£10** No.33. 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 Year of Prayer: 'We Dare to Say': 2-4pm** St Edwards Hall: Exploring the words of the **Our Father**. 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**EASTER CHOIR** Join the **Easter Choir** which will be singing at St Joseph's Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and St Peter's Holy Saturday. Last 2 rehearsals **7.30pm** **Tues 19 & 7pm** **Mon 25 March** at St Saviour's Church. Help us make our Holy Week glorious.**CHRISM MASS 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.**PALM SUND** is next **Sunday 24 March** and marks the beginning of Holy Week. **Mass & Service times leaflet** is available **this** weekend. Fr Frank Gallagher (retired) & Fr Michael (Madonna House) will help cover Services in our 3 churches over the Holy Week/Easter period.**FEAST OF ST PATRICK** is this **Sunday 17 March**. Wishing all our parishioners a happy and holy Feast Day.**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** **this** **Wed 20 March 3.15-4.15pm** in St Peter's School and **6-7pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre for children in non-Catholic schools (resumes after Easter 10 April).**FIRST CONFESSION FOR 43 CHILDREN** **Thursday 21 March: 5.30pm** 1st Cohort; **6.15pm** 2nd cohort. In St Peter's Church.**ADULT CONVERTS (RCIA)** 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 AT YMCA 7.15pm -10pm** **Fri 22 March in Aid of St Catherine's Hospice**. Last chance to buy tickets. Do come along and watch our hugely talented parishioners and priests. **Bar** available on the night. **Adult £8, Child £2** from **YMCA** **Tel: 506750**. **REHERSALS** at YMCA **6.30-8.30pm** **Thu 21 March**. Hire of YMCA is **£60 p/hour**.**RAFFLE PRIZES** needed for Variety Concert Night. Please donate if you can.**PARISH SECRETARY** is on **annual leave**, back **Mon 25 March**. All queries to Fr Gubbins this week. Newsletter items in by Thurs please.**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are **now** available at back of church. If you can't find yours, please contact the parish office.**PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 2023** will be available the first weekend of **April**.**MESSAGE** from **Margaret Wells** Thank you to all my Parish family & friends for your cards, prayers and gifts to celebrate my birthday and for the love and support you have given me and Alfie over the past 10 months. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such caring and loving people. God bless.**THE SVP** thanks all who have made donations for the Food Bank, which is now very well stocked. The SVP are **pausing** on donations for now.**RETIRING COLLECTION** for the Holy Places of Palestine **Fri 29 March** (Good Friday) at both churches.**SUNDAY SMILE:** *I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the multi-story car park. That is wrong on so many levels.*