



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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28 APRIL 2024: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B:

Divine Office: Week 1



May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making holiday plans. It is also the Month of Mary. Yet, although many Catholics know that May is dedicated to **The Mother of God**, it may be a bit of a puzzle as to why May was chosen for this special honour.

WHY IS MAY THE MONTH OF MARY?

Some have pointed to the fact that, in classic western culture (both Greek and Roman), **May was recognized as the season of the beginning of new life. The Ancient Greeks dedicated May to goddess Artemis associated with fecundity.** Roman culture linked the month of May to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms, holding ludi florales (floral games) at the very end of April as preparation for entering into the month of May.

The ancient tradition of connecting May with new life and fecundity, led to a realization that May is very much the month of motherhood - Mother's Day is celebrated during May in the United States and in many other cultures. This connection between motherhood and May led Christians eventually to adopt May as Mary Month. May is the Month of our Lady precisely as the Mother of God.

The practice of dedicating the month of May to our Lady was popularized especially by the Rosary Encyclicals of Leo XIII. Beginning in 1883 and concluding in 1889, the Pontiff wrote twelve encyclicals and five apostolic letters on the Rosary.

In its present form, the May devotion to Our Lady **originated at Rome** where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and from there to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. This practice is the oldest instance of a devotion extending over an entire month.

HOW IS MARY HONOURED?

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It is common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special **May altar** with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to **crown the statue of Mary** during May, often following a **procession**. Mary is crowned **Queen of May**. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtues in our own lives.

But **May altars and crownings** aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. If you haven't already, you are encouraged to **erect a special corner in your home** for Mary: it can be a statue or picture. **Then crown Mary**. This can be an actual or spiritual crown; a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony: the meaning is far more important than the action. We do this because Mary is our spiritual Mother, and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.



*Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

Image: central pane of window above Our Lady's Altar, St Peter's Church, Scarborough

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 28 APRIL 2024 – YEAR B

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday	27	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	28	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	29	10am	St Joseph's	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (Day of Prayer for Europe)
Tuesday	30	5.30pm	St Edward's	St Pius V (Day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse)
Wednesday	1	10am	St Peter's	St Joseph the Worker (Day of prayer for human work)
Thursday	2	10am	St Joseph's	St Athanasius
Friday	3	10am	St Peter's	SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES
Saturday	4	10am	St Peter's	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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**

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
POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER INTENTION: *that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

RECENTLY DEAD: Matthew Cammish, Doris O Leary, Cath Coleman, Noel McGahey, Fr Martin Chambers (Glasgow), Stan Hardwick
ANNIV'S: Shame Sweis, George Watson, Olive White, Judith Dealtry, David Barker, John Carolan, Christine Carr, Lisa Bailey

MASS ATTENDANCE: **Vigil:** St Edward's **101**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **165**; St Peter's **198**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 519**

OFFERINGS: Loose Plate **£653**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£325**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£80**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,848.**

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** if Gift Aiding your donation (do sign up if have not already). **OR** donate online.



300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: **£25 No. 111**; **£10 No.279.** Congratulations! Spaces available: **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: PARENTS MEETING 6.30pm Tuesday 7 May in St Peter's Church. **RETREAT DAY Thur 6 June** at St George's, Eastfield. Children not attending St Peter's to arrive at St Peter's School at **9.15am**. Coach leaves **9.30am**, and departs from St George's **2.30pm**. **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT of First Holy Communion** will be **Saturday 8 June** at St Joseph's and **Saturday 15 June** at St Peter's, both at **12 noon**.

CHILDRENS CHOIR to lead us at **11.30am** Mass this Sunday. Rehearsal **10.30am** in Parish Centre (parents must accompany children).

MAY MONTH OF MARY We invite parish communities of different nationalities to create a **grotto, shrine or display** of our Lady from their own country for the **window ledges of St Peter's Church** (eg. Our Lady of Walsingham, Knock, Czestochowa, Lourdes, Fatima)

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION 10.30am next Sunday 5 May, starting **near St Mary's Church Castle Road** processing down Castle Road to St Peter's Church with the **Crowing of Our Lady** as **'Queen of the May'**. A simplified May Procession in the other 2 churches.

3 MAY QUEENS NEEDED. Children's names from **the 3 churches** to put in hat. Parents give your child's name to Fr Gubbins.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meet termtime **9am -10.30am Mondays** at school. Newcomer's welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FUND RAISER: 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Thursday 9 May at the home of a parishioner (contact the parish office for info). **£2** entry covers coffee and biscuits. **Raffle, cakes, scarves, & jewellery stalls.** If sunny, bring a garden chair. Donations of cakes raffle prizes gratefully accepted. More info from Margaret Wells on 07548 996107. *All proceeds to Cancer Research UK.*

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of Deacon Steven James Leightell at 12 noon on Saturday 13 July at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. All welcome to attend. We keep Deacon Steven in our thoughts and prayer as he prepares for this most sacred of ministries.

ST PETER'S READERS All readers, please check the **draft rota** on the **notice board** in the church porch and let Andrew know of any problems

CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL 2024 Ongoing war has forced millions to flee their homes. People are running out of food; water & medicine & many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. **A voluntary retiring collection next weekend.**

VOLUNTEER FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED for our Catholic Schools (St Cuthberts Academy of Schools) of St Peter, St George and St Augustine. Training provided. See notice boards. If you are interested, speak to Fr Gubbins.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY VC ACADEMY (PART OF ST CUTHBERTS ACADEMY) has been graded a **'GOOD'** school following **Ofsted's inspection in March 2024.** This grade not only signals the dedication of pupils and staff, but also underlines the support from the parents, carers and Governors in fostering a vibrant learning environment. Heartfelt congratulations to all staff and pupils.

MASS INTENTIONS Please **do not pay online direct from your bank, or via the contactless machine**, as it is difficult to trace your transaction.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL YEAR 11 LEAVERS MASS 12.30pm Thursday 2 May school Assembly Hall (parents welcome).

ABORTION ACT 1967 27 April marked the 56th anniversary of when the Abortion Act came into effect.

SMILE: *I phoned my wife & said 'I've got something to tell you, but it's hard to say'. "What?" she said nervously. I said 'Ken Dodd's Dad's Dog's dead'*

SCARBOROUGH PARISHES BUS PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX, NORTH FRANCE Possibly **Easter Week Monday 21 to Friday 25 April 2025** (but still to be determined). **Easter Sunday will be 20 April. 2025 marks the Centenary of the canonisation of St Thérèse (The Little Flower).** **ITINERARY:** outward via Dover, Calais, & Paris (overnight stay in a hotel & tour of Paris), en route visits: shrines of St Vincent De Paul & St Catherine Laboure (*Miraculous Medal*), then 3 days in Lisieux. Staying in Hermitage (hopefully). **Returning** via Bayeux and War Cemetery near Omaha Beach. **£500pp** (approx) sharing (single supplement around £30). **If interested, add name to list.** *No Obligations at this stage.* We will call a meeting in a few weeks. Pilgrimage Organisers would be **Tangney Tours.**