



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

## CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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**5 MAY 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B:**

*Divine Office: Week 2*

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION ~ THURSDAY 9 MAY



Sebastiano Ricci's *Ascension*, in the Basilica Santi Apostoli, Rome

The Solemnity of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' return to heaven **forty days** after His Resurrection. Thus, it falls **40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter**. In some parts of the world, as *was* the case in this country, the feast is transferred to the Sunday after the traditional date. However, the Feast Day was **transferred back** again to the Thursday in England & Wales in 2018 by popular demand.

Evidence from John Chrysostom, Egeria, Gregory of Nyssa, and Church historian Socrates, suggest that Ascension Day probably originated in the 4th century AD. However, St Augustine says the festival is apostolic. Often the feast was celebrated with a procession, symbolizing Christ's journey to the Mount of Olives. Until rather recently, **the Paschal Candle** (lighted at the Easter Vigil) was extinguished on Ascension Day. It is often celebrated as an Octave; the proper preface and Ascension collect being used until the Saturday before Pentecost.

The Ascension is an important Christian holiday that attests to the reality of Jesus Christ, God and man, returning to the Father, to return again in the future Second Coming. It is the final component of the Paschal Mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension proves Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event, whereby humanity was taken into heaven, and the 'final blow' against Satan's power, and thus the lion

(Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the Ascension.

Early Christian iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church. Indeed, the image remained little changed over the centuries. With the arrival of Baroque art, the view changed. The viewer became part of the event— part of the earthly sphere watching Christ from below as He disappears into the clouds.

The Catholic Catechism gives three important theological aspects of the Ascension:

- It marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).
- Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.
- Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

On this day, Jesus returns to the Father, but He promised that He will not leave us orphans, but will send another advocate to be with us forever: The Spirit of Truth.

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One of the oldest surviving illustrations from the 6th century Syriac Rabbula

### PRAYER FOR EXAM STUDENTS

*Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit of wisdom upon me as I sit my exams.  
Help me to remain calm, to think clearly, to remember accurately, & express myself well.*

**THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 5 MAY 2024 – YEAR B** **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

Saturday	4	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	5	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	6	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	7	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>St John of Beverley, 2nd Patron of the Diocese</i>
Wednesday	8	10am	St Peter's	
Wednesday		5.30pm	St Edward's	<b>VIGIL MASS: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>
Thursday	9	10am	St Joseph's	<b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>
		7pm	St Peter's	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>
Friday	10	10am	St Peter's	<i>St John of Avila</i>
Saturday	11	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**

**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.*

**ANNIV'S:** Theresa Cherry, Marie Costigan; **MASSES RECEIVED:** Wainwright x2, Billington

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Vigil: St Edward's **69**; Sunday: St Joseph's **128**; St Peter's **170**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 422**

**OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£586**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£318**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£0**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,694**.

**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. 194**; **£10 No.127**. 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. Coach leaves at **9.30am**, and sets off back from St George's at **2.30pm**. **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT of First Holy Communion: Sat 8 June** at St Joseph's & **Sat 15 June** at St Peter's, both at **12 noon**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at St Peter's 11.30am Mass today (and first Sunday of the month).

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

**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)

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

**ORDINATION JUBILEE** Former parish priest, **Canon John Loughlin** celebrates his **40th Anniversary** of his Ordination on **Sunday 12 May**.

**ECUMENICAL PENTECOST SERVICE 6.30pm on Sunday 19 May** at St Peter's Church. Do join in prayer with our brothers & sisters in Christ to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the public ministry of the Church.

**EASTER CHOIR** will sing **19 May** for **Pentecost** at St Joseph's **9.30am** Mass & at St Peter's for the Ecumenical Pentecost Service the same evening at **6.30pm**. Rehearsals: at St Saviour's Church **7pm** on **Tues 7 May & Fri 10 May** and **7.30pm Wed 15 May**. All welcome!

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 7pm Thur 16 May** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Members. Theme: **ENLARGE YOUR TENT**.

**UCM** next meets **1pm Tues 21 May** in St Peter's Parish Centre. It's a "*New to You*" event: clothes in "new" condition. Proceeds to *Cancer Research*.

**PARISH DAY RETREAT (If there is sufficient numbers) at Ampleforth Abbey: Thursday 30 May**. Subsidised cost **£20 pp** inc. refreshments & lunch. Car Sharing. **Names to list please**. Indicate if you need a lift. Drivers, indicate if you have any spare seats so we can accommodate everyone. We will need to give numbers to Ampleforth as soon as possible for catering. **Arrive 9.30am. Return 4.30pm**

**PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME** co-lead by Fr William Massie. **9 to 16 September**. Flying from Leeds/Stansted. 2 nights in Assisi and 5 at Palazzola, a beautiful villa overlooking Lake Albano, belonging to the English Seminary in Rome. All flights, coach journeys and meals included. Cost **£1,395 & 1,445** depending on room-sharing (limited availability). Email the agent, Anthony Coles, at [arctc@btinternet.com](mailto:arctc@btinternet.com).

**ST PETER'S READERS** New readers' rota available at the back of church. Please collect one. **NOTE** Being a reader is a commitment to both the Church and to the Lord. Those on the rota please ensure you turn up for your allocated date – or find someone else to stand in for you.

**65TH ANNIV. OF ST JOSEPH'S 2025 (Blue Sapphire)** We hope to **publish a magazine** about St Joseph's. Parishioners and groups are **invited to contribute** an article or photo of an event: **personal, parish, group or historical** (eg. *weddings, baptisms, pilgrimages Church Opening Mass, children's clubs, choir, Sr. Rita, Priests of the parish etc.*). We will copy & return personal items (put name on the back). Please ask permission of people in photos.

**CAFOD SUDAN FAMINE CRISIS APPEAL** Voluntary retiring collection at all our churches this weekend.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** is next weekend. There will be a **voluntary** collection for the *Catholic Communications Network*.

**SMILE:** *I fell asleep in church; then I heard "stand up!" and the people clapped. The priest said, "who else will give £100?"*

**SCARBOROUGH PARISHES BUS PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX, NORTH FRANCE** Can those who put their names down please **indicate by email** their preferred dates for the Pilgrimage next year. We need a consensus.