

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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21 JULY 2024 – 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 4

### POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR 4TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Theme *"Do not cast me off in my old age"* (cf. Ps 71:9)

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on **Sunday 25 July 2021**. It is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus**. The closest **Sunday is 28 July – next weekend**, but as the Feast Day occurs during the coming week, on **Friday 26 July**, it is timely to take a look at the Pope's Message on grandparents, who hold a special role in passing on their faith to the next generation. In his Message, the Pope reassures us that *"God never abandons His children, never."* He referred to the elderly as *'the firm foundation'* on which *'new'* stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5). Here is a summary of the main points. The full Message can be read online on the Vatican website at [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html) (printed copies by request from the office).

**Fear of loneliness:** Both the *"certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain,"* can be found in the Bible, Pope Francis writes. And these words *"reflect an utterly evident reality."* *"All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents."* Pope Francis acknowledges. *"There are many reasons for this loneliness,"* he continues, *"in many places, above all in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate."* He describes the situation of the elderly left in their war-torn countries as *"the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme."*

The Pope decries the beliefs of some cultures where the elderly *"are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young"* and thus are blamed for blows of fate affecting the young. *"This accusation that the elderly 'rob the young of their future' is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies."*

**A conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly:** "The **Psalm** cited above, speaks to a conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly," the Pope writes. *"Abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the infinite dignity of each person, 'beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter'."* The Holy Father laments that *"nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people."* "The passage from *'us'* to *'me'* is one of the most evident signs of our times," he writes. *"Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today's social landscape,"*

**Following in Ruth's footsteps:** The Holy Father cites the story of **Naomi from the Book of Ruth**. Naomi, who had grown old, urged her two daughters to leave her and return to their native towns and their homes. Naomi sees herself as a burden and considers it better to step aside. One of her daughters does as the mother suggests. The other, Ruth, *"does not leave Naomi's side and, to her surprise, tells her: 'Do not press me to leave you' (Ruth 1:16),"* the Holy Father writes. *"Ruth is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought."*

**The Holy Father's Message concludes** with an appeal: *"In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say 'I will not abandon you', and to set out on a different path."* He ends his Message by conveying his blessing and prayers, *"to all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you."*

**Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA):** This is an excellent resource for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The main mission of the CGA is *"To help Grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life"*. They do this by providing advice and information to help Grandparents pass on the faith, organising pilgrimages for grandparents, events, prayer appeals, adopt-a-prayer-child, and.... to **establish a World Grandparents Day!** The CGA was founded by 74-year-old grandmother of ten, Catherine Wiley, and she was instrumental in bringing this last mission to fruition. Through the CGA she first proposed that the Church institute a day for grandparents in 2012 in her address at the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. Then in 2017, the CGA formally asked Pope Francis to set aside a day in the Church's calendar that would recognise the contribution grandparents make to families, society and the faith. The request was made at the annual National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, attended by over 5,000 grandparents, and had the blessing of the CGA's patron, Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam. The first a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly established Pope Francis took place on **Sunday 25 July 2021**. Take a look at their website at: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

**Suggested activities:** How can we mark this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in our parish and homes? Here are a few ideas: Light a candle at church or home for grandparents; send a spiritual bouquet to a grandparent or elderly person, letting them know they are prayed for; say a Novena or the Rosary for their intentions; start a prayer chain to pray regularly for their intentions; post a prayer on St Peter's School prayer intention wall (see link overleaf); call on an elderly relative or neighbour for a friendly chat or to help with shopping.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 21 JULY 2024 – YEAR B**

**16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

Saturday	20	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday		9.30am	St Joseph's	
	21	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	22	10am	St Joseph's	ST MARY MAGDALENE
Tuesday	23	5.30pm	St Edward's	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN (Day of Special Prayer for Europe)
Wednesday	24	10am	St Peter's	St Sharbel Makhluף
Thursday	25	10am	St Joseph's	ST JAMES, APOSTLE
Friday	26	10am	St Peter's	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady
Saturday	27	10am	St Peter's	

**MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE** celebrated monthly **10.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.

**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  
**ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRAYER WALL** <https://padlet.com/ajwilson14/our-prayer-intentions-wall-zbws1e06ezgdq165>

**POPE FRANCIS' JULY PRAYER INTENTION:** *that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.*

**RECENTLY DIED:** Sheena Acton (York), Caroline Whelan; **ANNIVERSARIES:** Breda O'Brien, Peggy Knowles;

**MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil:** St Edward's **82**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **146**; St Peter's **164**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 447**

**OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£599**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£268**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£85**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,742.**

**Thank you! ONLINE GIVING** Parish Bank: Barclays, 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.93; £10 No.1.** Congratulations! Spaces available: **£1 p/wk** for 2 numbers.



**GROUPS IN OUR 3 CHURCHES:** *Divine Mercy Devotions (9.45am Fridays at St Peter's in church);* *Rosary Devotions (before Mass Wednesdays at St Peter's in church)* **RCIA Instruction for Adult Converts (11.30am Saturdays, St Peter's Parish Centre);** *Rosary Prayer Group (11am Thurs, St Joseph's Sr Rita Room until Sept);* *Mothers Prayers (1.30pm Mondays, St Peter's Parish Centre);* *Legion of Mary (11am Saturdays, St Peter's Parish Centre);* *Alive Group (2pm Tuesdays, St Edward's Hall fortnightly);* *Parents & Toddlers (10am Mondays, St Peter's School);* *Union of Catholic Mothers (1pm 3rd Tuesday monthly alternating: St Peter's & St Joseph's parish rooms)* **Craft Group** St Peter's 1st Tues of the month 1.45pm St Peter's Parish Centre) **Children's Choir**

**4TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY** is next **Sunday 28 July**, closest Feast Day of St Joachim & St Anne, parents of Our Lady and Jesus' grandparents (Feast Day **Friday 26 July**). Theme **Do not cast me off in my old age** (from Ps 71).

**ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT GRACE** to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption is on **Sunday 13 August:** Rosary **2.30pm**, Mass **3pm**. More info to follow. Consider car sharing if you wish to attend. **NOTE** the Feast of the Assumption actually falls on Thursday **15 August** and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**PARISH FUNDRAISER** for Breast Cancer Now **2pm-4pm Sat 17 August** in St Joseph's Sr Rita Room: refreshments, cake & pink Prosecco.

**MINISTERS INSPIRATIONAL STUDY DAY Saturday 19 October**, registration **9.20am**, ends **3pm** approx after Mass. Lunch & all refreshments included. All Ministers of Word & Holy Communion try to go. Add names to list, stating your ministry.

**SCARBOROUGH PILGRIMAGE TO ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX 2025** Mon **28 April** to Fri **2 May**. 30 names. 10 places left. Deposit **£50 required.** *Cash or cheque (payable to St Peter's Church), and put envelope with your name on the outside and marked Lisieux Pilgrimage & Telephone Number.* Est cost **£500 pp** half board sharing. Single rooms (if available) will cost more.

**NEW LECTIONARY** for Readings at Mass comes in **November in 3 volume** sets. Thank you to all who have made donations so far in memory of a loved one towards the cost of these. Anyone else who wish to do so get in touch. **A LIST** will be added inside the covers

**OUR SCHOOLS** are now on holiday until early September. Yippie!! *'We're all going on a summer holiday just for a week or two.'*

**NEW NURSERY PROVISION AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL** beginning in September, **term time only.** Morning sessions **8.45am to 11.45am.** Afternoon sessions **12.15pm to 3.15pm.** Contact the school on 01723 372720 for more information or go on the website.

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRAYER INTENTIONS WALL:** Do make use of St Peter's School **online Prayer Padlet** (virtual pinboard). Send the children your prayer intentions by going to <https://padlet.com/ajwilson14/our-prayer-intentions-wall-zbws1e06ezgdq165> Click the blue 'ADD' button and add intention. The administrator will then approve it into the wall (you may not be able to see it until it is approved).

**A NEW OUTSIDE STATUE OF ST JOSEPH** has been bought from Walsingham, which is to be mounted near the Sr Rita Room.

**ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE,** York new Annual Programme for **Sept 2024 to July 2025** is now on their website. Go to <https://www.stbedes.org.uk/whats-on/> A hard copy can be printed for those without internet access. St Bede's Pastoral Centre was originally established by the Benedictines in 1987. Since 1994 it has been sustained as a charitable work of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ). The CJ have taken their own knowledge and practice of the Spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola and the courageous example of the life of their foundress Mary Ward and added these to the Benedictine ethos of Christian hospitality.

**SEA SUNDAY £384** was raised last weekend for **Stella Maris** who provide spiritual & material help to seafarers across the world. Thank you.

**MARY'S MEALS CHARITY** wrote to thank our parishes for the (spontaneous) collection of **£267**, and for our hospitality.

**VISITORS BOOK AT ST PETER'S CHURCH** Recently we have had visitors from Switzerland, Texas, Sheffield, Durham, Hull, Doncaster and Milan. Many tourists on their way to the Castle drop in, as the church is **OPEN** most days from 8.30am till around 7pm.

**CAR PARKS** Please be considerate when parking at St Joseph's. **Use empty spaces first** before parking in the middle. **Don't block entrances.**

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *My boss is threatening to fire the person with the worst posture. I have a hunch it might be me.*