

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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24 NOVEMBER 2024 – YEAR B: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Divine Office: Week 2

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated each year on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. The Feast is less than 100 years old and despite its Catholic origins, it is celebrated by many Protestants too. It was instated 1925 by Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quas Primas (In the First)* in times when Christians were increasingly doubting Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. He had connected this waning of faith to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe, and the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships in Europe, who often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning: when the Feast was needed most.

Pope Pius XI hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects:

1. that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32)
2. that leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31)
3. that the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the Feast, reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

These days, individualism is embraced to such an extreme, that the only authority is the individual self. In such an atmosphere, the idea of Christ as ruler is invariably rejected. Many balk too at the idea of earthly kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive (which indeed some have been). Many even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ, believing them to have oppressive connotations. But this misses the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, He connected His role as king to humble service, and commanded His followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, His kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, His teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose loving-kindness endures forever. Christ is the king that gives us true freedom - freedom in Him. Thus, we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship. The well-known hymn verse (HAIL REDEEMER) says it best. KING OF LOVE ON CALVARY.

The largest Statue in the world of Jesus as Christ the King - *Chrystusa Króla* is in Świebodzin, Western Poland.

Image above: Jan Van Eyck (1390-1441): *King of Kings: Central Panel, Ghent Altarpiece (1426-1427)* Housed at Saint Bavo Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium (This image is in the Public Domain)

#### POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR 39TH YOUTH SUNDAY ~ HOPE CONQUERS ALL ANXIETY AND WEARINESS

The Message of Pope Francis to young people for the 39th World Youth Day (summarised below) celebrated in dioceses round the world this Sunday 24 November, is entirely focused on the Jubilee and the theme of "Hope that does not disappoint".

"Last year we began travelling along the path of hope towards the Great Jubilee by reflecting on St Paul's expression 'Rejoicing in hope' (Rom 12:12). To prepare for the Jubilee pilgrimage of 2025, this year we are drawing inspiration from the prophet Isaiah, who says: 'Those who hope in the Lord [...] walk and do not grow weary' (Is 40:31)".

"Today, we live in times marked by dramatic situations that generate despair and prevent us from looking to the future with serenity: the tragedy of war, social injustices, inequalities, hunger and the exploitation of human beings and the natural environment... Often the ones who pay the highest price are young people. You sense the uncertainty of the future and are not sure about where your dreams will lead. For this reason, dear young people, I would like the message of hope to reach you. Today too, the Lord is opening a highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope."

Each person's life is a "pilgrimage", the Holy Father emphasises, "a journey that pushes us beyond ourselves, a journey in search of happiness. The Christian life in particular is a pilgrimage towards God, our salvation, and the fullness of all that is good." But the journey also includes tiredness, fatigue, and sometimes the boredom that comes with repetitiveness [which] produces a certain despondency, as we find ourselves running from one thing to another in an empty 'activism' that makes us fill our days with a thousand things and, in spite of this, feel that we never manage to do enough and never quite measure up. This kind of tiredness is like a wet cement in which we stand; eventually it hardens, weighs us down, paralyzes us and prevents us from moving forward."

When faced with the risk of apathy, or the tiredness of the 'spiritual desert', the Pope suggests an antidote to young people. "The solution to tiredness, oddly enough, is not to stand still and rest. It is to set out and become pilgrims of hope. This is my invitation to you: walk in hope! Hope overcomes all weariness, every crisis, and every worry. It gives us a powerful incentive to press forward, for it is a gift received from God himself. The Lord fills our life with meaning, sheds light on our path and shows us its ultimate direction and goal."

The Holy Father's wish is to meet the young people in Rome in 2025. "I encourage you to approach this experience with three fundamental attitudes. First, thanksgiving, with hearts open to praise God for his many gifts, especially the gift of life. Then, a spirit of seeking, as an expression of our heart's unquenchable thirst to encounter the Lord. And finally, penance, which helps us to look within, to acknowledge the wrong paths and decisions we have sometimes taken."

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY ~ WE WILL BE FOLLOWING LITURGICAL CYCLE C

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 24 NOVEMBER 2024 – YEAR B**

**CHRIST THE KING**

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

Saturday	23	5.30pm	St Edward's	People of the parish
Sunday	24	9.30am	St Joseph's	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING</b> November Dead
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> Private intention
		11.30am	St Peter's	Rita & Tommy De Placido (anniv)
Monday	25	10am	St Joseph's	Greg John Tymon (RD)
Tuesday	26	5.30pm	St Edward's	<b>WORD &amp; HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Wednesday	27	10am	St Peter's	<b>WORD &amp; HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Thursday	28	10am	St Joseph's	<b>WORD &amp; HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Friday	29	12 noon	St Peter's	<i>Requiem Mass of Anne McGrory</i>
		7pm	St Peter's (Memorial Mass for all who died in past 12 months)	November Dead
Saturday	30	10am	St Peter's	November Dead

**MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE** celebrated monthly **9.30am** 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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Children only)** St Peter's **1st Sunday monthly**; St Joseph's **Sundays, weekly**

**HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** *We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Cliff Furness, Anne McGrory, Michael Gubbins; **ANNIVS:** Molly Wilkins, Rita & Tommy De Placido, Jeff Moat, Fr Bernard Hawksworth; **MASSES:** Grundy; **SANCTUARY LAMP** Pip & Ernie Stankiste (St P); **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Vigil:** St Edward's **70** (est); **Sunday:** St Joseph's **151**; St Peter's **167**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 443**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£602**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£300**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£35**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,727**. **Thank you! STANDING ORDER/ONLINE GIVING** Parish Bank: Barclays, Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference** if Gift Aiding your donation (please sign a parish declaration) **OR** donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough>; **300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.108; £10 No.54.**



**YOUTH SUNDAY** is this **Sunday 24 November**, Feast of Christ the King, 2024 theme *Hope conquers all anxiety and weariness*. See front cover summary. What can we do for the Youth of our parish? Some parishes have a Youth Club. Others have Youth Forum. If you have any ideas, let Father Gubbins know. Keep this in prayer. We will call a meeting in January for those interested ministering to our youth.

A **SECOND COLLECTION** will be held at all weekend Masses on **24 November** for Youth Sunday.

**JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025** Theme: *Pilgrims of Hope*. Every **25 years** the church celebrates a Jubilee Year. The Holy Door in Rome will be solemnly opened by Pope Francis on the First Sunday of Advent (1 Dec) to begin the Holy Year.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE & MASS 7pm on Friday 29 Nov** at St Peter's for parishioners who died in the last year. Each family has been invited to attend. Families will be invited to light a candle. At the end there will be opportunity to light a candle for our other lost loved ones.

**FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** Submit names for those in **non-Catholic** schools 6 so far **ADVENT** begins next **Sun 1 December**, which marks the beginning of the **new Liturgical Year C** with readings from the new Lectionary.

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3-5pm Wed 4 Dec:** refreshments, tombola, cakes, Grand Raffle 1st prize £100

**COFFEE MORNING & RAFFLE** for the Irish Dance School. **10am to 12 noon Sat 7 Dec** at St Edward's Hall.

**GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** Cash prizes: 1st prize £100; 2nd prize £25; 3rd prize £10. More info to follow.

**NEW YEAR 2025 PARISHES DINNER** at North Cliff Golf Club **7.30pm Friday 31 January**. **£25** per head. More info to follow.

**PRAYERFUL READING FOR ADVENT** *Advent Extra* and *Walk With Me* booklets now available. Please donate 50p.

**72ND DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 24 to 30 May 2025** led by Bishop Terence Drainey. For more information, email [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk) or phone **0808 1890468** or go to <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/>

**ST AUGUSTINE'S LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 24 to 30 May 2025** in conjunction with the Diocesan Pilgrimage for **years 9 & 10 students**. Names now being taken of those interested in going as part of the Youth Team, to assist the Supported Pilgrims from our Diocese. If any student is interested, please contact St Augustine's School lay chaplain at school on 01723 363280.

**LISIEUX PILGRIMAGE** Deposits have now been forwarded on, and are no longer refundable. Keep watching the newsletter for updates.

**HOLY SHOPS** Christmas cards/ Baptism cards/Rosaries etc. and the New Translation of the Sunday Missal is now in stock.

**2025 CALENDARS** provided *free of charge* by Missio. Includes Catholic Church Calendar dates. Some available at back of church.

**POPPY COLLECTION** at our Churches totalled **£244** (St Peters £185, St Joseph's £34 St Edwards £25). The local British Legion Poppy appeal Organiser wishes thank those of you who donated.

**ST JOSEPH'S PROCLAIMERS (READERS) ROTA 2025** Current Readers please contact us with your name to confirm whether you wish to remain on the rota in 2025. Note: *If you are absent when it is your turn, please remember to find a replacement*. With this in mind, it would be helpful if Readers could share their phone numbers. If you are willing, please also let Deb know. **A WhatsApp group will be set up**. Note, we will never share phone numbers without your explicit permission, nor display publicly. New readers welcome.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 65 YEARS CELEBRATION** Volunteers needed to create the booklet. 2 names so far. Submit your photos.

**NEW LECTIONARIES** The names of those of the deceased are to be placed inside the front cover. Thank you for your donations towards the cost of the new Lectionaries of £1,800.

**RECENT EXPENSES** Outside lights at St Joseph's have been replaced with new £545 and in St Peter's outside display unit £187, St Peter's Sacristy heater has been fitted with a new combustion fan £1,285.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** Leaflets at back of church for those who have not written to our **MP Alison Humes**. All you need to do is sign and add a stamp. Or do it in a click online at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Resources/Write-to-your-MP> THE BILL is due to have its Second Reading in the House of Commons on **Friday 29 November**. One last chance before the vote in Parliament to lobby our MP!!

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Definition of retirement: "from tension to pension"*