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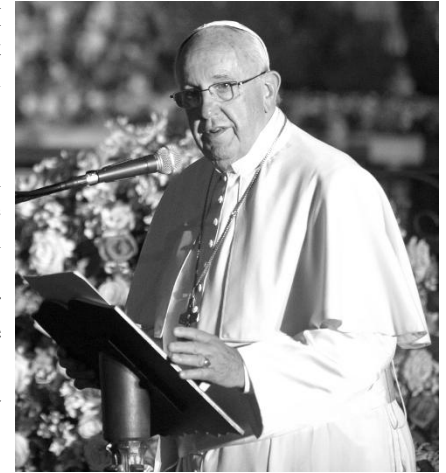
1 JUNE 2025: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE Week 3

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

World Communications Day is usually celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost. Pope Paul VI established the Day in 1967 in the wake of the Second Vatican Council as an annual celebration that encourages reflecting on the opportunities and challenges that the media offer and how the Church can better communicate the Gospel message.

THE LATE POPE FRANCIS wrote his **message for World Communications Day** in January 2025. His chosen theme, *share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts* (see 1Peter 3:15-16), calls on people to communication that creates the condition for dialogue. The theme description notes that the prevailing standard seems to be that of competition, opposition and domination, as can be seen in television talk shows to verbal wars on social media. The topic aims to bring attention to the fact that in today's world, "too often communication is violent, aimed at striking and not at establishing the conditions for dialogue." His message tells us that this calls for a shift in communication from aggressive, competitive exchanges to a more peaceful, hopeful, and compassionate approach. He emphasises the need to "disarm" communication and cleanse it of aggression, urging communicators to be witnesses and promoters of a culture of care, building bridges and breaking down barriers. The message encourages sharing stories steeped in hope and working together to write the history of our future.



For Christians, the message tells us; "hope is a person, and He is Christ." And this hope is tied to community, since "when we speak of Christian hope, we cannot disregard a community that lives the message of Jesus in such a credible way as to give a glimpse of the hope that it brings, and is capable of communicating the hope of Christ with deeds and words even today."

Pope Francis' message can be read in full at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20250124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html> Copies can be printed by request for those who are unable to access it online and would like to read it.

- **Focus on Hope:** The core of the message is the importance of sharing hope, particularly in a world often characterized by fear and conflict.
- **Disarming Communication:** Pope Francis highlights the need to move away from aggressive communication styles, which often prioritize competition and dominance.
- **Building Bridges:** The message encourages communicators to build bridges and break down barriers, fostering understanding and unity.
- **Culture of Care:** The Pope urges a shift towards a culture of care, where communication is used to promote well-being and build relationships.
- **Sharing Stories of Hope:** The message encourages the telling of stories that inspire hope and offer a vision of a better future.
- **Working Together:** Pope Francis emphasises the importance of working together to create a more hopeful and peaceful world.

POPE LEO XIV held an audience with media professionals who were in Rome to report on the death of Pope Francis and conclave, to discuss communications from a Church perspective. The following are a summary of some of his words:

Fostering peace: The newly-elected Pope began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented. He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that "does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it." "The way we communicate is of fundamental importance," he said. "We must say 'no' to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war."



Solidarity with persecuted journalists: Pope Leo went on to reaffirm the Church's solidarity with journalists who are imprisoned for reporting the truth, and he called for their release. He said their suffering reminds the world of the importance of the freedom of expression and the press, adding that "only informed individuals can make free choices."

Service to the truth: Pope Leo XIV then thanked reporters for their service to the truth, especially their work to present the Church in the "beauty of Christ's love" during the recent *interregnum* period. He commended their work to put aside stereotypes and clichés, in order to share with the world "the essence of who we are". Our times, he continued, present many issues that are difficult to recount and navigate, noting that they call each of us to overcome mediocrity.

Facing the challenges of our times: "The Church must face the challenges posed by the times," he said. "In the same way, communication and journalism do not exist outside of time and history. St Augustine reminds of this when he said, 'Let us live well, and the times will be good. We are the times.'" Pope Leo XIV said the modern world can leave us lost in a "confusion of loveless languages that are often ideological or partisan." The media, he said, must take up the challenge to lead the world out of such a "Tower of Babel," through the words we use and the style we adopt. "Communication is not only the transmission of information," he said, "but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion."

AI demands responsibility and discernment: Pointing to the spread of artificial intelligence, the Pope said AI's "immense potential" requires "responsibility and discernment in order to ensure that it can be used for the good of all, so that it can benefit all of humanity."

In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV repeated **Pope Francis' Message** for the 2025 World Day of Social Communication: "Let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred," he said. "Let us disarm words, and we will help disarm the world."

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

SATURDAY VIGIL	31	5.30pm	St Edward's	
SUNDAY	1	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	WORLD
		9.30am	St Joseph's	COMMUNICATIONS
		11.30am	St Peter's	SUNDAY
Monday	2	10am	St Joseph's	Ss Marcellinus & Peter
Tuesday	3	5.30pm	St Edward's	St Charles Lwanga & Comp
Wednesday	4	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	5	10am	St Joseph's	St Boniface
Friday	6	10am	St Peter's	St Norbert
Saturday	7	10am	St Peter's	

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 9.30 - 10am 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 JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: *That the world might grow in compassion: that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.*

LATELY DEAD: Margaret Nolan; ANNIV'S: Maureen White, Philomena Doody, Edmond O'Brien; MASSES from: O'Brien;

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Edward's 65 (est); St Joseph's 132; St Peter's 181; Polish 80 (est); Total 458; OFFERINGS:

Loose plate: £672; Gift Aid Envelopes: £230; Av. Standing Orders: £740 (av.); Contactless £45; Polish: £30; Total  £1,717; ONLINE GIVING Parish bank account: Barclays Bank Account No: 50003417, Sort Code: 20-56-90,

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CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.130; £10 No.151. £1 p/wk for 2 numbers to join.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT DAY 10am to 2.30pm this Wed 4 June at St George's Church Hall, Moor Lane, Eastfield for all 42 children & catechists. Bus departs 9.30am from St Peter's School. Departs St George's 2.30pm to be back in time for the end of the school day. Bring packed lunch and drink. Some children will be dropped off there by car

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHERSAL & CONFESSIONS for children in non-Catholic schools, 6pm Thurs 5 June in St Peter's Church. For the children attending St Peter's School, rehearsals are at 3.30pm on Wednesday 11 June at St Joseph's Church.

CONFIRMATION MEETING & REHEARSAL Thur 5 June at St Joseph's Church (meeting 7pm, rehearsal 7.30pm). Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Paulinus Church, Guisborough 7pm Tues 10 June and at St Joseph's Church, Scarborough with Bishop Terry 7pm Wed 11 June, joined by Bridlington candidates. Any candidates get in touch.

ANY ADULT WHO HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED Meeting in St Peter's Parish Centre 11.30am Saturday 7 June.

FEAST OF ST NORBERT is this Thursday 6 June. St Norbert (c.1080-1134) was requested by Pope Calixtus II in 1119 to found a religious order in the Diocese of Laon, France. Thus, he founded the Praemonstratensian Order of Canons Regular (O.Praem) on Christmas Day 1121 in valley named Prémontré. He chose for his Order to follow the Rule of St Augustine and adapted some of the customs of the Cistercians. Foundations in Yorkshire in 1152 were lost in the English Reformation. Norbert was canonised by Pope Gregory XIII in the year 1582. The two priests, Fr Martin Gosling and Fr Thomas Swaffer, who regularly cover for Fr Gubbins when he is away, are from the smallest Norbertine community at Muston, near Filey, where they have been for twelve years.

LISIEUX PILGRIMS REUNION 1pm Sat 7 June in St Peter's Parish Centre. Short films on St Thérèse and the miraculous medal. Bring your photos to share over a cuppa and chat. Some photos of the Pilgrimage are up on the Parish website and Facebook Page.

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE will be drawn on Sunday 8 June in St Peter's Parish Centre after 11.30am Mass. Tickets £5/bk. Prizes: 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £25 & many more. Cash donations and good quality prizes would be greatly welcomed.

ECUMENICAL PENTECOST SERVICE OF PRAISE 6pm Sunday 8 June at St Luke's Church, Stepney Drive YO12 5DP.

CONFIRMATION & MASS OF THANKSGIVING for 65 years of St Joseph's: 7pm Wed 11 June with Bishop Terry (joint celebration)

DAY FOR LIFE is on Sunday 15 June. You are encouraging to pray the Novena for Life. One can be found on the Bishops Conference website at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/>. This started on 23 May so that it finishes on 31 May, Feast of the Visitation, but it can begin at any point up to 9 days before 15 June.

51ST ANNUAL POSTGATE RALLY in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Priest of the Moors: 6 July at St Hedda, Egton Bridge. Hymns 2:30pm, Mass 3pm, celebrated by Mgr Gerard Robinson VG. Preacher, Canon David Grant. Own transport. Take lunch.

PARISH DINNER 65 years of St Joseph's: 6.30 for 7pm Fri 1 August at North Cliff Golf Club. £25pp payable when placing order. Pick up a menu from back of church. People/groups wishing to sit together, note on your order (8 max per table).

RAINBOW CENTRE URGENT APPEAL They are in urgent need of adult sleeping bags. You can donate these directly to the Rainbow Centre on Castle Road. They are open 9am to 2pm weekdays only. If you can't get to the centre and wish to help, they have put sleeping bags into their Amazon Wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/e9MfARv>. Please share this if you can.

SECOND COLLECTION for Vocations Sunday totalled £285. Thank you.

MANHATTEN SINGERS CONCERT & RAFFLE revised total £555.50. Therefore, each charity will receive £277.75

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY this Sunday 1 June. There will be a Second Collection at all churches this weekend.

SUNDAY SMILE: Always remember you are unique – just like everyone else!