

### FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Trinity Sunday, officially known as the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*, is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. The liturgical colour is white. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It has its roots in early Christian tradition, though the Solemnity wasn't universally established as a feast until the 14th century. The Arian Controversy (325 AD) challenged the doctrine of the Trinity, particularly the relationship between God the Father and Jesus Christ. In response, Pope Gregory IX introduced prayers, hymns, and a preface of the Trinity to be sung on the Sunday after Pentecost. In 1334, Pope John XXII formally established Trinity Sunday as a universal feast for the entire Church which later became a Solemnity. Trinity Sunday is unique among major Christian festivals in that it celebrates a church doctrine rather than a historical event.

This **image of the Trinity** was originally painted by **Andrei Rublev**, a monk and iconographer of the 'golden age' of Russian iconography in the **15th century**. The **Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity** is **central to the Christian Faith and life**. The nature of the **Trinitarian Godhead - one God in three Persons** - has been revealed to us by the Father. It is difficult to comprehend, and indeed we will never fully understand the profound Mysteries of God in this earthly life, but contemplating Rublev's image of the Trinity can help us to enter into this Mystery.

This image is based on the **Old Testament** story of the **Hospitality of Abraham**, in which the "Lord appeared to Abraham" in the form of 3 men (Genesis 18). Abraham was eager to offer hospitality to the travellers and was rewarded with the promise of a child in their old age and Sarah's barrenness. During the conversation the three men become singular, but are again three when they continue their journey. This text is seen as a foreshadowing of the Revelation of the Trinity.

The image is arranged in a **noticeable circle**. The circle used to express the nature of God: it has only one 'side' and has no beginning and end, expressing **unity & eternity**. The circle is the most perfect (concise & efficient) geographical shape. Divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter and you will always get the same answer, whatever the size of the circle - Pi ( $\pi$ ) - which has an infinite number of decimal places. The central point of a circle is a 'nothing' from which the form of the circle appears - the whole comes from nothing, a geometrical expression of the Creator. The figures are arranged in a triangle, symbolic shape of the Holy Trinity - one shape with three corners or sides. It is the most stable of physical shapes.



**Icons** are painted for a divine purpose. They depict heavenly events and people and offer us a **window into the heavenly realm**. The **inverse perspective** typical in icons (visible here in the foot-stools) places the viewer in the vanishing point, a technique designed to draw the viewer into the image and into participation in the event depicted. The **gold** background expresses the **radiant glory of God**.

### 1 GODHEAD: 3 PERSONS

The figures are very alike in appearance. Each has wings, a halo and wears an item of blue clothing (colour of the heavens) expressing their **Unity (One-ness) & Divinity**.

The different coloured clothing of each of the three figures, and the objects behind each one of them, indicate they have **3 distinct identities**. The figures are arranged from left to right in the order of the doxology: **Father, Son & Holy Spirit**.

**FATHER (left):** His *iridescent robe* invokes an air of mystery & transcendence. The house behind alludes to the Temple/dwelling place of God ("In my house there are many rooms" John 14:2). The *posture & gaze* of the other two figures & the objects behind them all incline towards the Father, acknowledging Him as their Source and Origin.

**SON (centre):** *red/brown* undergarment and blue over garment indicates His dual, human & divine nature. He wears a priestly stole. He blesses the cup, an allusion to the Eucharist. What's more, the outline of the other two figures forms the shape of a chalice, in which the central figure sits - an allusion to Christ's true presence in the Eucharist and offering of His blood for our salvation. Behind Him is the tree of His Sacrifice.

**HOLY SPIRIT (right):** wears *green*, the colour of Life. Behind a rock alludes to the rock struck by Moses, from which flowed water.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 15 JUNE 2025 – YEAR C** **TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR C**

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

<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Edward's</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's (Polish)</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>MOST HOLY</b>
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>TRINITY</b>
Monday	16	10am	St Joseph's	St Richard of Chichester
Tuesday	17	5.30pm	St Edward's	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	
		<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>
Thursday	19	10am	St Joseph's	St Romauld
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>St Alban</b>
Saturday	21	10am	St Peter's	St Aloysius Gonzaga
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>St Joseph's (First Holy Communion)</b>	

**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, Cath Bigby; **ANNIV'S:** Steve Smith, Edmond Gubbins, Joe Staunton, Doreen Southorn, James McEvey, John Ellard, Anne Potter, Bill Cranston, Aleyamma Joseph; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** St Edward's **71**; St Joseph's **205**; St Peter's **213**; Polish **80** (est); Total **569**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£733**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£327**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£51**; Polish: **£30**; Total **£1,881**; **ONLINE GIVING** Parish bank account: Barclays Bank Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference.** Sign up to Gift Aid your offerings if you can. OR donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough> OR use the **QR** code (see left). **300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No. 42; £10 No.149.** £1 p/wk to join for 2 numbers.



**REQUIEM MASS** of Catherine Bielby of Red Scar Lane: **12.30pm Wed 18 June** at St Joseph's Church (**Reception** of body 4.30pm Tue 17)

**REQUIEM MASS** of Margaret Nolan of Scalby Road: **10am on Friday 20 June** at St Peter's Church.

**DAY FOR LIFE** is this **Sunday 15 June**. is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Theme: ***Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering***, inspired by *Romans 5:5-6*. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** at all churches this weekend for **The Day for Life Fund** which provides financial assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. Please donate if you can.

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN** 6 Altar Servers will be enrolled at St Joseph's **9.30am Mass 15 June** (today). Congratulations.

**FATHER'S DAY** is this **Sunday 15 June**. We give thanks for all fathers and grandfathers as they continue to care for their families.

**NATIONAL ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO YORK** 2pm on **Wed 18 June** meet at South Door, York Minster - with **Archbishop of York** and our own **Bishop Draine** who will **walk together** from the shrine of St Margaret Clitheroe to the Minster. Then there is a service celebrating our **common baptism** at 3.30pm, followed by refreshments. Email [Kinga.Kosterska@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:Kinga.Kosterska@cbcew.org.uk) with expected group numbers.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** celebrated at St Joseph's Church at **12 noon on Saturday 21 June** (2nd cohort).

**CONGRATS** to all **46** Confirmation candidates from Wednesday and the **25** First Holy Communion children from Saturday morning.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** for the **Feast of Corpus Christi 22 June** staggered between **all 3 of our churches** on **Friday 20 & Saturday 21 June** leading to the feast: **Friday 20 June 8.30am to 9.30am** and **12 noon to 7pm** at St Peter's; **Saturday 21 June 11am to 5pm** and St Peter's **AND 4pm to 5pm** at St Edward's .... *O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine...*

**LOURDES WATER** available at St Peter's, brought back by one of our parishioners from Lourdes.

**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 CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF ST JOSEPHS CHURCH** **6.30 for 7pm Friday 1 August** at North Cliff Golf Club. **£25pp** payable when placing order. **Pick up a menu** from back of church. Groups wishing to sit together, note on your order (max 8 per table). **Add name to the list to help indicate approximate numbers.** No commitment at this time. 15 names so far

**GRAND EASTER RAFFLE** Some prizes still to be collected. **Lists of winners** on noticeboards at each church. Congrats

**THANK YOU** to the person who donated **£50 to our St Peter's Restoration fund**, who chose to stay anonymous.

**MISSING KEY** Fr Gubbins loaned out his key to St Joseph's but has not received it back. Whoever has this, please return it.

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Question* What do you call a priest on a moped? *Answer.* Rev.

**FIGHT ATTEMPTS TO DECRIMINALISE ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** The latest attempts by MPs to introduce extreme amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill would decriminalise abortion – removing all legal protection from ALL unborn babies up to birth. It would also mean that there would be no way to bring to justice an abusive partner who causes the death of an unborn baby. The dates for the debates have now been confirmed: the Report stage (Day 1) will be on **Tue 17 June** and Day 2 will be on **Wed 18 June**. **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP**, asking him/her to oppose and vote against new clauses 1 and 20 to the Crime and Policing Bill. SPUC website gives you *an easy way to do this* with a form of words at: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation>