

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Feast/Solemnity of **Saints Peter and Paul** usually falls on **29 June**. The Feast honours of the **martyrdom** in Rome of the Apostles St Peter and St Paul. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date being the anniversary of either their death or the translation of their relics.



Statue of St Peter at
St Peter's Church,
Scarborough

SAINT PETER (Our Patron) was most likely a middle-aged man when Jesus called him – an **uneducated fisherman** called Simon from Bethsaida, near Lake Galilee. His brother, Andrew, introduced him to Jesus. During the three years in which the apostles lived with Jesus, Peter showed definite signs of leadership. When Jesus asked, “*Who do you say I am?*”

Peter’s reply was one of great faith; “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*”, (*Matthew 16:16*). Following Peter’s great act of faith, Jesus renamed him “Cephas, meaning Rock”, or Petros in Greek (*Matthew 16:18*), signifying the special role that he would play as head of the Church. It was Peter who objected to Jesus stating that he was on his way to Jerusalem to suffer and die. **Peter is mentioned 195 times in the New Testament.** He appears lovable, impetuous, practical, and sometimes weak under pressure. Jesus loved him dearly, even after Peter denied knowing him during the Passion. Peter became the leader in the early Church and was a man of great faith. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he was the first to preach on Pentecost. He arranged for the selection of Matthias to replace Judas. He worked the first public miracle: curing the lame man at the temple gate. He welcomed the first person who was not Jewish into the Church. People thought just his shadow passing by would cure them. **Peter was imprisoned three or four times. Finally, in Rome, he was sentenced to death by crucifixion in about AD 64.** Out of respect for his Master, Jesus, he asked the guard to **fasten him to the cross upside down**. He was buried in an old Roman cemetery, probably where the basilica of St Peter is today. **Peter is called the “Prince of the Apostles.”** Two letters in the Bible are said to be his. Images of St Peter show him carrying **keys**, symbolising the “*keys of heaven*” given to him by Jesus, symbolising his role as head of the Church.



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“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.” St Peter, from the Gospel of St John 6:68–69

ST PETER



SAINT PAUL, in contrast to St Peter, received the best education. Being a strict Jew, he persecuted the Christians who were teaching strange new things. One day on the way to Damascus to hunt for Christians, Paul encountered Jesus (*Acts 9*). Paul became the greatest Christian missionary, preaching and founding churches. In the beginning, Paul had difficulty convincing the Jewish Christians that non-Jews could be baptized and did not have to follow Jewish rules. He finally won. For about **thirty years** Paul **travelled around the Roman Empire** preaching about Christ and suffering. From his many letters that are in the Bible and from the Acts of the Apostles, he seems to have been affectionate, loyal, courageous, and dedicated. He was the right man to build the bridge between Jewish religion of the Old Testament and the Christianity of the New Testament. Paul was imprisoned and finally **beheaded** outside of the walls of Rome in **AD67**. Images often show St Paul carrying a book, which represents his writings in the New Testament of the Bible. The sword is a reminder of the means of his martyrdom.

But God, being rich in faithful love, through the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved, and raised us up with Him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4–6

ST PAUL



Saint Peter & Saint Paul – both martyred for their belief in Christ.
St Peter's Church Scarborough opened in 1858.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 29 JUNE 2025 – YEAR C **SS PETER & PAUL**

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

SATURDAY VIGIL	28	5.30pm	St Edward's
SUNDAY	29	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)
CORPUS CHRISTI		9.30am	St Joseph's
		11.30am	St Peter's
Monday	30	10am	St Joseph's <i>1st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>
Tuesday	1	5.30pm	St Edward's <i>St Oliver Plunket</i>
Wednesday	2	10am	St Peter's
Thursday	3	10am	St Joseph's <i>ST THOMAS APOSTLE</i>
Friday	4	10am	St Peter's <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>
Saturday	5	10am	St Peter's <i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i>

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.*

RECENT DEAD: Thyrsa Gaynor, Fr. Pat Smith (*Redcar*); **ANNIV'S:** Valerie Carr, Jutta Marshall, Fr Andrew Smith, Fred Eade;
MASS ATTENDANCE: St Edward's **79**; St Joseph's **115**; St Peter's **199**; Polish **80** (est); Total **473**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£554**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£337**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£85**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,246**;
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**
WINNERS: £25 No. 123; £10 No.74. £1 p/wk to join.



EACH SUNDAY after **9.30am** & **11.30am** Masses there is opportunity to get together with other parishioners over a cuppa. Do join us.

INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS (RCIA) COURSE CONTINUES each **Saturday 11.30am to 12.30pm**. Newcomer's welcome. This is for anyone interested in becoming a catholic or to refresh your knowledge of the faith and way of life of Catholics

MASS OF THANKSGIVING & GOING FORTH for all 40 First Holy Communion children today **Sunday 29 June 11.30am**. Party in St Augustine's school hall with a **MAGIC SHOW**. Thanks to the school and caretaker for the venue for us.

51ST ANNUAL POSTGATE RALLY in honour of Priest of the Moors: **Sunday 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.

ST JOSEPH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH DINNER 6.30 for 7pm on Friday 1 August at North Cliff Golf Club. **£25pp** payable when placing order. Add names to the list to help indicate approximate numbers, and collect a menu order sheet from back of church. Those wishing to sit together, make a note on your order (max 8 per table). Deadline for returning menus and payments **Sunday 13 July**.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL **Fri 22 to Mon 25 August** at Ampleforth College for **16-35-year-olds** from across the UK. Exploring faith, social time, daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025

JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM It is **hoped** to take a coach from Scarborough parishes and area to the ancient shrine of Our Lady, **Sat 6/Sun 7 September** (overnight stay). But first **we need to know the level of interest!** Approximate cost **£120pp**. Add names to list at back of church (commitment needed by next weekend) We hope to **depart 6.30am or 7am**. Mass at the Shrine is usually 12 noon. The parish is willing to pay cost of the bus to keep costs down for intending pilgrims.

INSPIRATIONAL STUDY DAY for Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion: Saturday 20 September at **The Spa Conference Centre, Scarborough**. Starts **9.20am** with registration. Conclude **3pm** after Mass. All ministers try to attend. Add your name to the list. **£40 paid by the parish** - so sure you intend to go when putting your name down. **Deadline Fri 15 August**.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT ENGLAND & WALES The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team is organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of **Saints Jacinta and Francisco** to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales between **May 2025 and October 2026**. More info nearer the time.

MADONNA HOUSE of Robin Hood's Bay celebrate their **40th anniversary** of coming to our diocese. Mass **Wednesday 16 July**

UPDATE ON THE 65th ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE OF ST JOSEPHS CHURCH. After the recent meeting it was decided to have it published by the end of the year. Lots of photos and articles to scan. It is proving to be a bigger project than anticipated. We will have a **fundraiser** to help pay for the cost of printing, to take place on the **lawn** at the side of the church.

MARKING 65 YEARS OF THE OPENING OF ST JOSEPHS CHURCH. On **Sunday 13 July after 9.30am Mass** we will invite parishioners to **linger and share a cuppa and cake** (small party) on the **GREEN LAWN** by the side of St Joseph's Church. The church opened **11 July 1960**. Fr Dan Breen celebrated the first Mass. Previously, Mass was held in the hut.

QUEEN STREET CONVENT GIRLS SCHOOL REUNION 1pm Friday 11 July at the Rugby Club.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL Warmest congrats to **superstars of Year 6** on the school play performance last Weds & Thurs.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE has been fitted with a new **SIM CARD** at St Josephs church. It should now be working again.

SECOND COLLECTION (PETER'S PENCE) at all churches **this weekend 29/30 June (Alms of St Peter)**. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of **solidarity** through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor.

SOFT CUSHIONS available in each of our **3 churches** for those with bad backs. Pick up from the back and return at the end.

RETURN HYMN BOOK & MISALETTES to the back after use. Please **do not** leave on the bench for others to tidy up after you.

SUNDAY SMILE *When Irish eyes are smiling, they are usually up to something.*