



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

## CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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6 JULY 2025: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE Week 2

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 1960-2020

As we celebrate and give thanks for our Church of St Joseph, let us take a look at the history and structure of this impressive church that has been spiritual home to many of our Scarborough parishioners.

**History:** Land for a church at Newby was bought as early as 1930 and money collected from St Peter's parishioners for its building. War intervened and a **temporary Mass**

**centre** was built on the Green Lane site (an ex-army building) in 1949 to serve the post war housing estate, Newby, Scalby and the northern outskirts of the town. A new and elegant church, commissioned by Monsignor Lynn and Father Lovelady, was built in 1960 when the parish became independent. The building of the permanent church architect Francis Johnson of Bridlington cost around and £35,000. St Joseph's became a **Grade II Listed Building** on 16 November 2007.

**Design & Structure:** The church is of **brown handmade bricks** with **Robin Hood stone dressings and sculpture in Douling stone, and a pan-tiled roof**. The most distinctive aspect of the design is the **baroque west façade** similar to those of central Europe, but with a modern reinterpretation influenced by the minimalistic style of Enrico Del Debbio's work of the 1920s. **Architect, Johnson**, was also an admirer of PV Jensen-Klint's dramatic *Grundtvigs Church* in Copenhagen. Internally, the well-proportioned, high space is noted for its excellent acoustics.

On the **façade**, statues of **St Thomas Becket** (left) and **St Francis** (right) are set in niches in the tower walls, which are topped by obelisks. The central façade with **Calvary Cross**

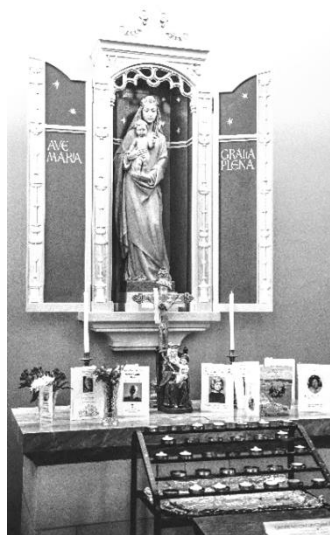
beneath a round west window, is topped with a bell-cote. Square windows found in the side towers which house the staircase are repeated in the large, three-panelled, arched nave windows in the side elevations. Inside is a long narrow nave with organ loft above the west entrance and chancel around the altar. The altar is flanked by **chapels to Our Lady and the English Martyrs**. The sanctuary niche behind reredos (ornamental screen on the wall at back of an altar) is of riven

Cumberland slate and gold quartzite set with Calvary figures by Esmond Burton. The mensa (**altar** - Latin for table) is of Derbyshire fossil marble ten feet long in one piece supported on Park Lane piers. The **Sanctuary steps** are tiled with English marbles. **Iron altar rails** incorporate **motifs of the Cross, crossed palm leaves and passion flowers, made by Wilfred Dowson**. The window panes are of handmade glass, some tinted. The contemporary **LADY CHAPEL** incorporates gates from main altar rail; the other chapel was added 1970. Contemporary pendant lights along the nave are also by Dowson, with later shades; organ, and Stations of the Cross. The former **Baptistry** is now chapel of Remembrance (1993), also by Dowson. All the fittings were designed by Johnson.

**Architect Francis Johnson** (1911-95) a prominent local architect who specialised in country houses, especially in Yorkshire, was a leading figure in the classical revival of the late 1980s. Earlier in his career, especially in the 1950s, he designed a number of churches in the Scarborough area. St Joseph's was Johnson's largest new church and one of his most original designs. **The contractor was Sinclair of Scarborough**, who worked on several of his commissions.

**Consecration:** We have in our archives a copy of the minutes of a meeting of St Joseph's held on **19 September 1979**. In this it was suggested to **Fr Hawksworth** that a fitting date for Consecration would be **19 March of 1960**, being the Feast of St Joseph. Invitations would include Monsignor Breen, Canon Lovelady, local Catholic & non-Catholic Dignitaries and the Mayor & Mayoress of Scarborough.

*Photo credits: Aiden Lamb:* Façade with statues of St Thomas Becket and St Francis and central Calvary Cross (top left); Chapel to the English Martyrs (top right); Chapel to Our Lady (bottom left); Sanctuary and Stations of the Cross (bottom right)



# MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 6 JULY 2025 – YEAR C 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SATURDAY VIGIL	5	5.30pm	St Edward's
SUNDAY	6	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)
CORPUS CHRISTI		9.30am	St Joseph's
		11.30am	St Peter's
Monday	7	10am	St Joseph's
Tuesday	8	5.30pm	St Edward's
Wednesday	9	10am	St Peter's <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong &amp; Comp's</i>
Thursday	10	10am	St Joseph's
Friday	11	10am	St Peters
Friday		12noon	St Joseph's (65 yrs of St Joseph's) ST BENEDICT
Saturday	12	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 JULY PRAYER INTENTION: *Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

LATELY DEAD Adrian Davies, Ann Mitchell, Vincent Blake; ANNIV'S: Brian O'Flynn, James Gubbins, Jim Davey, Fred Eade, Pat Hartnett; MASSES from: Furness, Tymon, Savill, Hartnett & Hunter, Wainwright, Walsh; MASS ATTENDANCE: St Edward's 82; St Joseph's 138; St Peter's 247; Polish 80 (est); Total 547; OFFERINGS: Loose plate: £686; Gift Aid Envelopes: £406; Av. Standing Orders: £740 (av.); Contactless £1,099; Polish: £30; Total £2,961; 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.myдона.com/st-peters-church-scarborough> OR use the QR code (see left). 300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No. 82; £10 No.213. £1 p/wk to join for two numbers.



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

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE is this Friday 11 July. It coincides with the Feast Day of St Benedict, who is one of six Patron Saints of Europe, recognising his profound influence on the Christianisation of Europe through the Benedictine monastic movement.

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

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

PRESENTATION EVENING at St Augustine's School: 5.30pm to 6.30pm Thurs 10 July, saluting the achievements of the students.

MADONNA HOUSE of Robin Hood's Bay celebrate their 40th anniversary of coming to our diocese with Mass 12.30pm Wed 16 July at St Stephen's Church in Robin Hood's Bay. Refreshments at Madonna House until 5.30pm, ending with Adoration and Benediction.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S MASS (BLUE SAPPHIRE JUBILEE) 12 noon Fri 11 July at St Joseph's – glass of bubbly or fruit juice to follow. Do join us as we mark the exact anniversary day

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

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.

MARKING 65 YEARS of the opening of St Joseph's Church: on Sunday 13 July after 9.30am Mass parishioners are invited 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. See front cover for a history of the church.

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.

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

SCARBOROUGH FAIR SUMMER SEASON St Peter's Parish is supporting Rachael in offering, *Emergence*, her Intuitive Art Exhibition, as part of the Scarborough Fair Summer Season at St Peter's Church, a contemplative, responsive exhibition. Leaflet giving details and dates on noticeboards at back of church. There are also some free Flyers at St Peter's with further explanation and details.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TOILET in the porch will be updated with new sink unit & hot water, new flooring, and cistern.

SECOND COLLECTION last weekend for Peter's Pence raised £265. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses next weekend for Stella Maris (formerly Apostles of the Sea). Next Sunday is Sea Sunday.

LEGION OF MARY IMPORTANT NOTICE Middlesbrough Diocesan Safeguarding Department is no longer able to process DBS checks for roles within the Legion of Mary (eg. home visits). If a member takes out Holy Communion, this is to be officially classed as a PARISH ROLE for DBS clearance (not a Legion of Mary role). For Legion of Mary home visits where Holy Communion is NOT taken - DBS clearance should be made through the Legion of Mary's own safeguarding channels.

SUNDAY SMILE Q. What did one wall say to the other wall? A. I'll meet you at the corner!