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DIVINE OFFICE: Week 1

SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, MARGARET WARD AND ANNE LINE

These three female martyrs are among the **40 canonised** Reformation-era martyrs of England and Wales. Following the English Reformation and during the penal times under Queen Elizabeth I (1533 -1603), priests and anyone attempting to help or harbour a Roman priest was also to be arrested and executed. This **Friday 30 August is the Feast Day of three of the English martyrs of this period, Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward, and Anne Line. All three were beatified in 1929 by Pope Pius XI and canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI among the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.**

St Margaret Clitherow, née Middleton (1556–1586) was born in York and lived there all her life. Aged 15 she married a wealthy butcher and chamberlain of the city, John Clitherow, and bore him three children. The family lived at today's 10–11 The Shambles. She converted to Roman Catholicism in 1574. Although her husband belonged to the Established Church, he was supportive as his brother William was a Roman Catholic priest. He paid her fines for not attending church services. She was **first imprisoned in 1577 for failing to attend church**, followed by two more incarcerations at York Castle. Her third child, William, was born in prison. While in prison, she taught herself to read, and on her release ran a small school for her own and her neighbours' children. **Her husband, who remained a Protestant, allowed her to hide priests in the house.** She provided two chambers, one adjoining her house and, with her house under surveillance, she rented a house some distance away, where she kept priests hidden and Mass was celebrated through the thick of the persecution. **Her home became one of the most important hiding places for fugitive priests in the north of England.** She sent her older son, Henry, to the English College, relocated in Reims, to train for the priesthood. Her husband was summoned by the authorities to explain why his oldest son had gone abroad, and in March 1586 the Clitherow house was searched. A frightened boy revealed the location of the priest hole. Margaret was put on trial. To be found guilty would have meant destitution and possible torture for her children, so Margaret refused to plead, meaning that she could not be tried. **Although pregnant with her fourth child, she was executed on Lady Day, 1586 (25th March)** (which also happened to be Good Friday that year) in the **Toll Booth at Ouse Bridge**, by being crushed to death by her own door (*peine forte et dure*). This was a method of torture formerly used in the common law legal system, in which a defendant who refused to plead would be subjected to having heavier and heavier stones placed upon their chest until a plea was entered, or death resulted (a plea of either guilty or not guilty meant their heirs would inherit nothing and all property would go to the state). The two sergeants who were to carry out the execution hired four desperate beggars to do it instead. She was stripped and laid across a sharp rock the size of a man's fist. The door from her own house was put on top of her and loaded with an immense weight of rocks, so that the sharp rock underneath her would break her back. **It took around 15 minutes for her to die.** Margaret's daughter, Anne, was imprisoned for four years for refusing to attend a Church of England service, and finally became a nun at St Ursula's, Louvain. Her sons Henry and William became priests. **St Margaret Clitherow's Shrine** is in a house in York where it is cared for by the Oratory Fathers. It is not actually in Margaret Clitherow's house (now shops), but in a similar Tudor house at 35-36 The Shambles, nearby. There is a **statue of St Margaret Clitherow at St Joseph's Church Newby on the Martyrs altar** to the right of the sanctuary (see photo above). Also, a much smaller statue on one of the windows in St Peter's Church, Castle Road



St Margaret Ward (c.1550–588) was born in Congleton, Cheshire. Not much is known about her early life, except that she was of a good family. She worked as a servant of a family in London. She helped an imprisoned priest named William Watson by taking him food, and smuggling in small pieces of rope which he could weave together and escape. She arranged for two Catholic watermen to meet Watson on the Thames below the prison walls. He broke his arm and leg during his escape, but was still picked up by the watermen, who rowed him to a safe hiding place. Watson had left the rope hanging from the prison wall and it was traced back to Margaret Ward. She was arrested, charged, and tried for aiding a traitor to escape and was tortured by being hung by her wrists and beaten for eight days. But even under severe torture she refused to reveal his hiding place or to renounce her faith. She was tried at the Old Bailey and executed. John Roche (either her servant or one of the watermen) was also arrested and tried with Ward. They were offered release on condition they asked for the queen's pardon and agreed to "confirm to the established Church", but they refused and were hanged at Tyburn on 30 August 1588.

St Anne Line, née Heigham (c.1563–1601) was born in Dunmow, Essex. She is believed to have been born Alice Higham/Heigham, eldest daughter of Puritan William Higham of Jenkyn Maldon, who was son of Roger Heigham MP, a Protestant reformer under Henry VIII. At some point in the early 1580s she converted to the Catholic Church along with her brother William, and Roger Line, the man she married in 1583. Both Roger Line and William Higham were disinherited for converting to the Catholic Church, and Alice lost her dowry. She became known among Catholics as Anne, a name she may have taken at her conversion. Her husband and brother were arrested together while attending Mass, and were imprisoned and fined. Her brother was released on surety (bail), but her brother was banished and went to Flanders. He sent Anne a small allowance until his death in around 1594. Around this time, underground Jesuit priest, John Gerard opened a house of refuge for hiding priests. He put the newly widowed Anne Line in charge of it. Anne Line continued to run this house while Fr John Gerard was in prison. He was transferred to the Tower of London from which he escaped. Anne Line ceased managing the house as she had become known to too many people, and it was unsafe. She instead hired apartments in another building and continued to shelter priests, who said Mass there. One day an unusually large number of people were seen arriving. Her house was raided and she was arrested and held at Newgate Prison. She was tried at the Sessions House on Old Bailey Lane, condemned to death, and hanged at Tyburn in London in 1601. She told her accusers she was only grieved because she "could not receive a thousand more" priests to save.

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

Saturday	23	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	24	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	25	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Louis / St Joseph Calasanaz</i>
Tuesday	26	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>Bld Dominic of the Mother of God</i>
Wednesday	27	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Monica</i>
Thursday	28	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>
Friday	29	10am	St Peter's	<i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>
Saturday	30	10am	St Peter's	<i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward</i>

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **4pm** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church (Catechism at 3pm)

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**

**** LIVESTREAM MASS from St Peter's available via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough> ****

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 AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: *Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.*

LATELY DEAD: Sheila Clark (Leeds), Sue Mould, Brian Cooper; **ANNIV'S:** Ken Eddington, Brian Richardson, Richard Thompson, George Kora, Haneyah Sweis, Pauline Weech, Charlotte, Savill, Fr Dan O'Neill; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Saturday Vigil** St Edward's **79**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **147**; St Peter's **216**; Polish **80** (est); **Total 522**; **HOLY DAY ATTENDANCE:** St Edward's **83**; St Joseph's **95**; St Peter's **103**; **Total 281**. **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£781**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£257**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£87**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,895**;
ONLINE GIVING Parish bank account: Barclays Bank Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: **Diocese of Middlesbrough**. Include a **reference** - your name, if you are Gift Aiding (you will need to sign up if haven't already). **OR** donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough> **OR** use the **QR code** (see left). **300 CLUB WINNER: £25**
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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TO SCARBOROUGH and all who have joined us for weekend Masses across the 3 churches. Visitors are welcome to join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Joseph's and St Peter's Churches.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Kerala Community: **4pm on Monday 25 August** at St Joseph's Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION is on **1 September**, and is the official start of the **Season of Creation**, a time of sustained prayer and action, ending on the feast of St Francis on 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. The Pope's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be on the front of next week's newsletter.

DIOCESAN INSPIRATIONAL STUDY DAY AT THE SPA for **Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion: Sat 20 Sept** at Spa Conference Centre, Scarborough. **Starts 9.20am. Concludes 3pm** after Mass. *Deadline for names has now passed*

ANNA JOHNSTON, who will bring the First Class Relic to Scarborough of soon-to-be **Saint Carlo Acutis**, will appear on **Songs of Praise on Sunday 24 August at 1:15pm on BBC1**, when Aled Jones explores the mystery of miracles. Anna will come to St Peter's, Scarborough over the weekend of **20/21 September** and to our schools the following Monday and Tuesday.

JUBILEE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE Sat 20 Sept: Join Caritas Social Action Network in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for Holy Mass at 12 noon (Chief Celebrant: Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon) followed by light lunch, and Social Action Exhibition in the Pontifical Hall and reflections from Leaders in Catholic Social Action. For more info get in touch at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.

ST PETERS READERS (PROCLAIMERS) NEW ROTA available to collect from the back of church. A reminder **Readers** that you are **Gods mouthpiece** when you read. Project your voice. There should be a **silent pause of 20 seconds** after **1st Reading** & before **Gospel Acclamation**. Wear smart attire. Check Readings & Bidding Prayers before Mass. *St Joseph's & St Edward's Rotas posted at back of church.*

CAFOD have written to thank our parishioners for their ongoing support, and to provide an update on their response in Gaza. You can read their report on our parish Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GCSE students who received their results during the week. Now for the next chapter of your life.

ST JOSEPH'S PORCH TOILET newly renovated with fittings to assist the disabled is now open for use by parishioners.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER for St Joseph's in the Newman Room is for church use only and has a copy counter. It can print directly from a USB.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPLACEMENT HEATING UPDATE The present system of **radiators** can no longer be used due to a major leakage under the concrete floor, which also contains asbestos. The best advice given to us is to place electric powered **INFRA RED HEATERS** on the side walls of the church (cost each: **£250**, 10-yr guarantee) plus cost of 3-phase electric cable and a new fuse board. Each unit would be on a timer. The alternative is **HALO INFRA RED HEATERS** which would hang like chandeliers from the ceiling (Cost each **£1,850** plus additional installation costs yet to be calculated). It's important to state they heat up the church to a certain temperature despite the many windows. We are liaising with the Diocesan Properties Department and Historic Churches Committee as St Joseph's is a listed building. Comments, suggestions or advice is welcome. See YouTube, Infra-Red/Infra-Red Chandelier Heaters.

ST JOSEPH'S BOUNDARY FENCE We are exploring planting a hedge around the front of the car park, ie. best type of hedging to plant, which needs to be low maintenance. **Fr Gubbins seeks advice** from anyone who is knowledgeable about such things. We would employ, if necessary, someone from a Garden Centre. Once the hedge is established, the concrete posts & boundary chain would be removed.

THE YEW TREE OUTSIDE St Edwards church will be pruned shortly. We have received permission to do so as it's a Conservation area.

SUNDAY SMILE: *A guy keeps throwing yoghurt and milk at my car – how dairy!*