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7 SEPTEMBER 2025: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C **DIVINE OFFICE: Week 3**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY



Nativity of Our Lady by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1661 (a public domain image)

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady falls on **8 September**. This image of the Nativity of Our Lady by Spanish artist *Bartolomé Esteban Murillo* (1617-1682) was painted for the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Seville Cathedral. It now hangs in the Louvre, Paris. The image clearly illustrates the holiness of Mary's state at birth, being free from original sin from the moment of her conception. To the **left** of the image Mary's mother, **St Anne**, rests after giving birth with her husband, **St Joachim** by her side, while a midwife tends to the newly born **Mary in the centre of the image**, and Andalusian peasant helpers and angelic beings look on in wonder.

The Blessed Virgin Mary occupied a unique role in the history of salvation. It was through her generous "**fiat**" (yes) (*Be it done to me according to thy Word*), that God's plan of salvation was fulfilled, and His Son, Our Lord Jesus, was made flesh and came into the world. Mary was prepared for this mission, the highest ever extolled by God upon one of his creatures, through her Immaculate Conception, and it is for this reason, heaven and earth rejoice at the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sacred Scripture does **not** give an account of Mary's birth. However, the early second century **Protoevangelium of James** records that St Joachim (believed to be a wealthy member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel) and St Anne were grieved by their barrenness and prayed to God for a child. Their prayers were granted, but with the promise that the child would commence God's plan of salvation. The Protoevangelium of James is not canonical but provides a source for the development of Christian piety. Today's Feast possibly **originated in Syria or Palestine** in the beginning of **the 6th century**. After the Council of Ephesus in **AD 431**, devotion to the mother of God was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. A September birth was probably chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September. The date of 8 September helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December.

Celebrating the birthday of Our Mother: Display and image of Our Lady in your home and **light a candle**. Give her a gift of **some flowers** and some words of love and affection. **Visit the Shrine at St Peter's Grotto after Mass on the feast day** and pray the Rosary or the Prayer on the wall. Let us be close to Mary and call upon her help and ask her to pray for us, that we may be united with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us thank God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and as our mother, and thank Our Lady for her selfless, generous love and self-giving (*Behold the handmaid of the Lord*) in carrying out God's Will, thereby cooperating in the redemption of the human race.

*Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.*

(Entrance Antiphon for the Feast Day)

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 – YEAR C 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday	6	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	7	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	8	10am	St Joseph's	<i>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
Tuesday	9	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>St Peter Claver</i>
Wednesday	10	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	11	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	12	10am	St Peter's	<i>Holy Name of Mary</i>
Saturday	13	10am	St Peter's	<i>St John Chrysostom</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 SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: *Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*

ANNIV'S: Pauline Muldoon, Bridget Barker, Ken Eddington, Georgette Fox, Canon Joe Taylor; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Saturday Vigil** St Edward's **76**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **146**; St Peter's **197**; Polish **80** (est); **Total 499**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£673**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£375**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£46**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,864**; **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. **300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No.138; £10 No.99. £1 for 2 numbers**



FATHER GUBBINS is still on holiday this week. Fr Thomas and Fr Martin from Muston will continue to cover in his absence. **For hospital and sick calls** contact Fr Albert Schembri or Fr Paul Dowling who are on call during Fr Gubbins' absence. Tel: 01262 375 518.

UCM SEPTEMBER MEETING on **Tue 16 Sept** will be a visit to Bridlington Priory with Fr Albert. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Albert at 11.30am followed by a tour of the Priory. Shared lunch will be in the Parish Hall. Please bring food for the shared table. Transport is by car share, so please arrange this with fellow members. Depart Scarborough **10.30am**. Please go directly to the Priory for 11.30am Mass.

MINISTERS INSPIRATIONAL STUDY DAY AT THE SPA: Sat 20 Sept at Spa Conference Centre, Scarborough. **Starts 9.20am. Concludes 3pm** after Mass. *Deadline for names has now passed.* 28 attending from our parishes.

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS: RELICS TOUR The First-Class Relic of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis will be at St Peter's, Scarborough, from **Saturday 20 to Tuesday 23 September 2025** (note Monday and Tuesday are reserved for school groups). The programme will include Mass, Adoration, veneration of the relic, talk Q&A session. The visit is organised by ukmiracles.com in collaboration with St Peter's Church, with speaker Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis family, as featured on **BBC Songs of Praise**. All welcome to take part in this special occasion. Carlo will be canonised in Rome on **7 September**. **AN EVENT PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE AT ALL CHURCHES NEXT WEEKEND.**

INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS (RCIA) resumes on Saturday 27 September – 11.30am to 12.30pm in St Peter's Presbtery for anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic.

GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER at the home of a parishioner on **Saturday 27 September 1pm to 3pm. Admission £1** to raise funds to pay towards the cost of the updated porch toilet. Total cost of the toilet update was **£3,237**. This includes fitting a new disabled toilet, new sink unit with hot water tank, new safety flooring and a new window. Please note, the sink hot water can be very **hot**.

TOMBOLA PRIZES, BOTTLES & CAKES needed for the **Garden Party** for Saturday 27 September.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK <https://thekidsbulletin.com> – very user friendly for children at home or with Children's Liturgy Groups

SUNDAY SMILE: *Q. Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex? A. Because they were watch dogs*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These are the **correct terms for our Ministers** - not Readers and not Eucharistic Ministers or Special Ministers. The word **minister** comes from the Latin minister, meaning *servant* or *attendant*. In Catholic theology, readers are called **Ministers of the Word** because they don't just read scripture; they act as instruments through whom God's living Word is proclaimed to the assembly as a form of service and a vital part of the liturgy. This title reflects the sacred nature of the role in conveying God's message and helping nourish the faith of the community. Special ministers are called **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** because bishops, priests, and deacons are the Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (meaning it is part of their regular, ordained duties). Extraordinary ministers are laypersons who are deputed to assist the Ordinary Ministers, or are called upon when the number of communicants or other circumstances make it necessary. The term **extraordinary** highlights their **supplementary** role in facilitating the distribution of communion.