



SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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

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12 OCTOBER 2025: 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 4

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR – FEAST DAY MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

St Edward (c.1005-66) was King of England in 1042 and famed for his life of prayer, chaste marriage and love of the poor. He built St Peter's Abbey in Westminster, where he and most of England's monarchs are buried (Westminster Abbey, or the *Collegiate Church of St Peter, Westminster* to give it its correct title). The shrine of St Edward the Confessor is behind the high altar. Pilgrims have travelled to the shrine since the 11th century.

Edward was born in Islip, Oxfordshire, a small village with a tiny population, living in simple wooden homes, growing their own food and making their own clothes. The village was on the edge of Bernwood Forest, a place of royal hunting. Edward was born in a royal hunting lodge, son of the Anglo-Saxon King Ethelred the Unready and Emma of Normandy. It was a peaceful and tranquil start to the life of a young prince but, just after he was born, there was a major Viking invasion dangerously close to Edward's family. His father, King Ethelred, was involved in the battles and many were killed. Anxious to keep her sons safe, his mother sent Edward and his brother, Alfred, to stay with their uncle, Duke Richard, in Normandy. Edward was to spend over 25 years in France, and was influenced by the culture around him. In April 1016, Edward's father died, and Edward's half-brother, Edmund Ironside, succeeded him to the English throne. Battles still raged with the Vikings and, just a few months after coming to the throne, Edmund was killed by King Canute, leader of Vikings across Scandinavia, who became king of England for almost 20 years, and died in 1035.

Edward had been in exile for a quarter of a century when the Anglo-Saxon nobility invited him back to England. He was popular with the English people. According to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (a handwritten record of his times), "All the people chose Edward as King in London". He was crowned in 1043, not in London, as most monarchs were, but in the cathedral in Winchester, royal seat of the West Saxons. England had been divided into 5 kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Wessex and Kent, and in the 10th century the Wessex monarchy took over the other kingdoms, creating England. King Edward's reign was one of peace and prosperity for the people and he was a devout and faithful Catholic.

While in exile in France, he vowed that if he gained the throne of England he would pilgrimage to Rome, give thanks to God and pay homage to the Pope. However, knowing that there were powerful who may stir up trouble or even seize the crown, he wrote to the Pope requesting release from his pledge of pilgrimage. The Pope granted the request on condition that, as he would not visit and pray at the tomb of St Peter in Rome, he would build a great church in England to honour St Peter. This was the beginning of the relationship between the Crown and Westminster Abbey. The site chosen was on the banks of the river Thames opposite his palace in Westminster, a marshy piece of land called Thorney Island, well outside the City of London as it was then. He built the Abbey in the architectural style he was familiar with in France. The huge Abbey would have been an amazing sight, visible from far away. The Abbey is depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry, a huge embroidery of 70 metres long depicting the build-up to the Norman Conquest of England (a section of the tapestry showing St Edward himself is displayed in St Edward's Church, Scarborough). The site was already home to a group of Benedictine monks who had been there since AD 960. Edward was deeply influenced by the monks and like them, he was dedicated to serving God and caring for the poor and sick.

Just a few days after the consecration of his great Abbey in December 1065, Edward became ill and died in January 1066 and was buried in his Abbey. His death and funeral were recorded by Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx. King Edward had a huge reputation of compassion and generosity towards the poor and needy and, after his death, many pilgrimaged to his grave, especially those who were sick or blind. Stories spread of the healing powers of his resting place, as well as other legends, which drew more pilgrims. In 1154 when Henry II came to the throne, he promoted the cult of Edward and visits increased even more. Osbert de Clare, prior of Westminster Abbey at the time, travelled to Rome to petition Pope Alexander III, who declared Edward a saint in 1161. He was called *Confessor* because of his devout confession of the Christian Faith. He was patron saint of England until 1348, when he was replaced by St George.



St Edward the Confessor from the stained-glass window in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 12 OCTOBER 2025 – YEAR C 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough				
Saturday	11	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	12	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Prisons week begins</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	13	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>
Tuesday	14	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>St Callistus I</i>
Wednesday	15	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>
Thursday	16	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Hedwig / St Margaret Alacoque</i>
Friday	17	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Saturday	18	10am	St Peter's	<i>ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST</i>
MASS IN 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 OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays 9.45am				
RECENT DEAD Eddie O Keefe, Jeanette (Netta) Oliver, Pepito Toralba. ANNIV'S: Lina Ford, Greg Carr, Pauline Brown, John Baker, Victor Gacek, Phillip Wald; MASS SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION: Lina Ford (St Peter's); ATTENDANCE: Saturday Vigil St Edward's 81 (est); Sunday: St Joseph's 125; St Peter's 243; Polish 50 (est); Total 499; OFFERINGS: Loose plate: £610; Gift Aid Envelopes: £448; Av. Standing Orders: £740 (av.); Contactless £45; Polish: £30; Total £1,913; 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: £100 No.153				



PRISONERS SUNDAY is this 12 October. Prisoners Sunday began in 1975 as a day to remember all prisoners/staff & families. There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** at all Masses for the work of PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) who are members of Caritas Social Action Network. Pact provides caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community.

MONDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S will be celebrated by Fr Thomas and Fr Martin (Muston) while Fr Kieran is away.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST EDWARD'S CHURCH South Cliff (1913/1969) this Monday 13 October. There is an annual National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor, Westminster Abbey. Also, on **Saturday 18 October** at the Abbey from 9am to 4pm, where you can walk a pilgrimage path through the Abbey, tracing his life and legacy.

INSTRUCTION FOR ADULT CONVERTS (RCIA) continues Saturdays at 11.30am to 12.30pm in St Peter's Rectory for anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic. We cover a different **subject/theme** each week.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY - YOU ARE CHALLENGED PRAY a decade at home daily with family.

A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** may be gained **during October** by those reciting **5 decades of the Rosary** in church.

LEGION OF MARY MEMBERS are willing to visit you in your home to pray the Rosary in October. Get in touch.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament at St Augustine's School 2pm on **Friday 17 October** for Year 7.

MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING at all weekend Masses Sat/Sun 18/19 October (*Feast of St Luke*).

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses next weekend for **World Mission Sunday 18/19 October**. There are some special envelopes at back of church for those who are able to gift aid their donation.

UCM MEETING 1pm Tuesday 21 October in St Joseph's Sister Rita Room. Pie and Pea lunch - £3.50p to meet the cost. Let them know your pie order. If you prefer not to have lunch, just come along to the meeting.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING LUNCH (NOT SUPPER) to celebrate the **Season of Creation and fruits of the harvest and friendship** with each other: **Wednesday 22 October** in St Peter's Parish Centre **after 11.30am Mass**. Please reserve a place as there is limited room in the Parish centre.

HARVEST SUNDAY, we will mark it on weekend of **25/26 October** with a display of harvest goods in front of altar

HOLY SOULS' ENVELOPES & lists for month of **November** available. Add names of deceased & place in the envelope with your donation. These can be handed in via the collection bags.

A **TIN A WEEK** Scarborough SVP collects for needy persons and families. Can you **spare a tin a week** for this, or some toiletries. There is a **collection box** at the back of each church. Jesus says, "*I was hungry and you gave me to eat*" (Matthew 25).

ST JOSEPH'S HEATING UPDATE. After the recent survey we are awaiting cost of replacing with Infra-Red heating.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN 31 Mile Walk through October for **Pancreatic Cancer UK** Please Sponsor him by Just giving page at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Michael1756589047125?utm_medium=FR&utm_source

SUNDAY SMILE: The most ground breaking invention in human history is the shovel!