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19 OCTOBER 2025: 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 1

99TH WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday began in 1926. It was added as a Feast by Pope Pius XI. The Papal Message was written by the late Pope Francis early in the year. A summary of his message is below. More recently, **Pope Leo XIV** issued a video message **calling on every Catholic parish to take part in World Mission Sunday**. World Mission Sunday is held every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October. This year it will take place **on 19 October** with the theme of **“Missionaries of Hope among the peoples.”** On World Mission Sunday the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours. Pope Leo said *“When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.”*

MESSAGE OF THE LATE POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 99TH WORLD MISSION DAY 2025 (SUMMARY)

Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples: The theme Pope Francis chose for this year’s World Mission Day in this Jubilee Year 2025, is a theme of hope: **“Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples”** (cf. *Spes Non Confundit* 1). This theme reminds all baptised Christians of **our vocation to follow Christ and become messengers of hope in a world overshadowed by despair** (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 9–55). Rooted in the resurrection, we are born anew **“to a living hope”** (1 Peter 1:3–4), and invited to rekindle missionary zeal through the Spirit.

In the Footsteps of Christ, Our Hope: We keep our gaze on Christ, who is the centre of history, **“the same yesterday and today and forever”** (Hebrews 13:8). In the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus declared that the fulfilment of Scripture was fulfilled in the **“today”** of his presence (Luke 4:16–21). He thus revealed that He is the One sent by the Father with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and to inaugurate **“the year of the Lord’s favour”** for all humanity (cf. Lk 4:16–21).

In this mystic **“today”**, which will last until the end of the world, Christ is the fullness of salvation for all, and in a particular way for those whose only hope is God. His earthly ministry - **“doing good and healing all”** from evil and the Evil One (Acts 10:38). He restored hope to the afflicted. Even in suffering, Jesus trusted the Father’s plan, a future **“full of hope”** (Jeremiah 29:11), becoming the divine Missionary of hope. This mission continues through his disciples, sent to all peoples. Christ still draws near to the poor and suffering, offering **“the balm of consolation and the wine of hope.”** The Church, though imperfect, perseveres in this mission, impelled by Christ’s love and united with his compassion. She is called to be **“a missionary Church that walks with her Lord through the streets of the world”** (Synod Homily, 27 Oct 2024).

Christians as Bearers and Builders of Hope: Christians are called to share the Good News by engaging with the real-life struggles of others. As *Gaudium et Spes* affirms, **“the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time... are the joys and hopes... of the followers of Christ”** (GS 1). Missionaries’ ad gentes exemplify this call, responding to Christ’s command to **“make disciples of all nations”** (Matthew 28:18–20).

Living God’s Style: Closeness and Compassion: The most **“developed”** areas of the world, show serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, **“proximity”** is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity.

The Jubilee invites us to embody God’s **“style”**—closeness, compassion, and tenderness (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 127–128). Through personal relationships, we communicate the love of Christ’s heart, **“the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel”** (*Dilexit Nos*, 32). Drawing from this source, we share the hope we’ve received (1 Peter 1:21), offering others the same comfort God has given us (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).

Renewing the Mission of Hope: In today’s world, Christ’s disciples are urgently called to become **“artisans” of hope, restoring joy and meaning to a distracted and weary humanity**. This renewal begins with Easter spirituality, especially through the Eucharist and the Easter Triduum, which celebrate our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection—our entry into the eternal springtime of history. As **“springtime people,”** we proclaim that death and hatred are not the final word (cf. *Catechesis*, 23 Aug 2017).

From the paschal mysteries and sacraments, we draw strength from the Holy Spirit to evangelize with zeal and patience. **“Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope”** and equips us for the mission he entrusts to us (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275). This hope is both a divine gift and a Christian responsibility (Hope is a Light in the Night, 2024, 7).

Missionaries of hope are rooted in prayer. As Cardinal Van Thuan affirmed, **“the person who hopes is a person who prays,”** sustained even in suffering by prayer and the Eucharist (cf. *The Road of Hope*, 963). Prayer is the Church’s primary missionary activity and **“the first strength of hope”** (*Catechesis*, 20 May 2020).

Renewing this mission begins with prayer grounded in Scripture, especially the Psalms—composed by the Holy Spirit—which teach us to hope in adversity and long for God’s praise among all peoples (cf. Ps 41:12; 67:4). Prayer ignites the spark of hope within us, inspiring concrete acts of love and service. Evangelization is a communal journey, like hope itself (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 14). It continues beyond Baptism, requiring ongoing formation and accompaniment. Missionary activity is central to the Church’s life (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 15), supported by synodality and the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The full message can be read on the Vatican website at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20250125-giornata-missionaria.html>

Printed copies are available by request for those unable to access it online.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 19 OCTOBER 2025 – YEAR C 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME			
Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough			
Saturday	18	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil
Sunday	19	9.30am	St Joseph's
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)
		11.30am	St Peter's
Monday	20	10am	St Joseph's
Tuesday	21	5.30pm	St Edward's <i>St John of Bridlington</i>
Wednesday	22	11.30am	St Peter's <i>St John Paul II</i>
Thursday	23	10am	St Joseph's <i>St John of Capistrano</i>
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's
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, Jeannett Oliver, Mary Thannithadathil. ANNIV'S: Danielle Davey, Eliza Dofitas, Brian Murphy, Ron O'Brien, Danielle Davey, Dr Tony Chico, Pepito Toralba, Raymond Douglas Smith; ATTENDANCE: Saturday Vigil St Edward's 79; Sunday: St Joseph's 163; St Peter's 244; Polish 50 (est); Total 536; OFFERINGS: Loose plate: £709; Gift Aid Envelopes: £233; Av. Standing Orders: £740 (av.); Contactless £165; Polish: £30; Total £1,877; 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.myдона.com/st-peters-church-scarborough OR use the QR code. 300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No.150; £10 No.97			

FUNERAL SERVICE (*not Mass*) of Jeannett (Netta) Oliver (née Morris): 12 noon Tues 21 October at St Peter's Church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend 18/19 October. There are some special envelopes at back of church for those who are able to gift aid their donation. **EMPTY your APF Boxes but don't bring the box only the money & the amount and your name & hand in money at church.** We will include this in the total
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.

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

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. Reserve a place as there is limited room in the Parish centre.

HARVEST SUNDAY, we will mark it next 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.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HEATING UPDATE Herschel Elektriko Services Ltd, Warrington sent 2 options: **OPTION 1** to fit 8 Infra-Red Halo Heaters from the Ceiling £82,634 (including VAT). **OPTION 2** to fit 24 Infra-Red Wall Panel Heaters £18,861(including VAT). We will go with Option 2 subject to, Diocesan approval.

ST MARK'S CHURCH, GREEN LANE have been approached by us with a request to hold Sunday 9am Mass (*not 9.30am*) in their church or hall (their Service is 10.30am each Sunday). We are awaiting a response. **More info to follow.**

DILEXI TE - POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *Dilexi Te* means "I Have Loved You" (from Rev 3:9). It sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more. *Dilexi te* builds on the teaching of Pope Francis' final encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, highlighting the "close connection" between the love of God and love for the poor. Read online at www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html (printed copies available by request for those without online access).

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH? Vantage North Humber Teacher Training (*trading name for St Mary's College, Hull*) is recruiting to fill primary and secondary teacher training places for 2026-2027. Vantage works with St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust as well as other local schools. Go to www.vnhtt.org/how-to-apply to find out more and apply. There is also information on the website about paid summer internships for undergraduates and graduates.

SECOND COLLECTION last weekend for PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) came to £448. Thank you.

SUNDAY SMILE: A boy on the balcony was popping people with his pea shooter – he told the priest, "You keep preaching and I'll keep them awake"