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5 OCTOBER 2025: 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 3

BISHOP MCALEENAN'S MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2025

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our duty is to care for those who seek refuge in our country.* Bishop Paul McAleenan

Every year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is celebrated on **the last Sunday of September** but this year, to coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants, the day will be celebrated over the weekend of **4 and 5 October**. This year, we mark the 111th celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees with the theme **'Migrants: Missionaries of Hope'**. It is a powerful reminder that those who flee their homes do not leave their dignity behind.

Jesus's teachings emphasised welcoming and providing for strangers and the needy, a principle he demonstrated by identifying with them and linking their treatment to eternal salvation. This can be seen in **Matthew 25:31-40**, where he states that welcoming **"strangers"** is equivalent to welcoming Him, and failing to do so is failing to welcome Him.

Welcoming the Stranger: Jesus teaches that those who show compassion by providing food, drink, clothing, and welcoming the stranger will be judged kindly. **Identifying with the Vulnerable:** Jesus connects his presence with the marginalised, stating that the way people treat the least among them—including strangers—is how they treat Him. **The Parable of the Good Samaritan:** This parable highlights that the true "neighbour" is not limited by nationality or religion, but is anyone in need, even a Samaritan (who was considered an outsider by many Israelites). **Jesus's Own Experience:** Jesus and his family were refugees when they fled to Egypt to escape King Herod's decree to kill the male infants in Bethlehem. **A Pillar of His Ministry:** Hospitality to outsiders, or "the stranger," was a core principle in both Jesus's teachings and the broader biblical tradition.

Our Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, **Bishop Paul McAleenan**, offers this message for the day.

FULL MESSAGE

This year, 2025, **the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be celebrated on the 4 and 5 October. In Rome, in this year of Jubilee, Pope Leo will preside over two days of celebrations and festivities.

Closer to home in England and Wales, parishes and schools will also mark the event. It is a day for acknowledging the presence of migrants and refugees in our communities, celebrating their contribution and becoming more aware of the difficulties they encounter.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is not a new event – it has been marked in the Catholic Church since 1914 – an indication that the movement of people from their homeland is not a recent phenomenon. **Throughout history, people have migrated in search for a better life for themselves and their families. However, the number of displaced people is growing due to war, persecution, poverty and the climate emergency which is robbing many people of the opportunity to build a sustainable life in their place of origin.**

Everyone loves their country, including those who are forced to leave their homeland. As we move through the streets of our towns and cities today, we see a proliferation of flags and insignia flying from lamp posts. For many, these represent love of country and patriotism. Yet, unfortunately, such displays are also often associated with sentiments opposed to immigration and migrants.

Love of country is honourable and so is love of neighbour. In speeches, demonstrations and rallies, which have taken place in recent months and weeks, those two virtues – love of country and love of neighbour – have not come together.

"Who is my neighbour?", Jesus was asked. In answer, Jesus gave the **Parable of the Good Samaritan** – my neighbour is anyone in need.

Our Christian response

What should our Christian response be to those who are finding their ways to our shores? Those who have made their way here have done so in desperation – motivated by their desperate plight. That desperation is combined with a longing for a better life. Anyone who has encountered refugees and migrants can confirm that 'hope' is present too.

Pope Leo speaks of these travellers as "witnesses of hope". He speaks of how their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith. Faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them strength to defy death on the migration routes – many of which are perilously unsafe.

Our duty to care for those who seek refuge

Hostility and prejudice towards migrants and refugees, whatever its source – whether it is spoken or indicated in another way – must not make us lose hope or harden our hearts. It is our obligation to try and understand why migrants appear among us; our duty is to care for those who seek refuge in our country.

In the current reality of heightened tensions and angry language, I wish to thank all who support migrants and refugees and advocate their cause and dignity.

We express our gratitude to those in parishes, schools and communities, to educators, teachers, priests, deacons and the lay faithful who, in these difficult times, continue to insist on the need to welcome the stranger, even in the face of opposition. Your good work and deeds are seen, heard and appreciated. May you never lose hope.

May Mary, Solace of Migrants pray for you and for all who travel in hope of a better life.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

Pope Francis

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 5 OCTOBER 2025 – YEAR C 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday	4	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	5	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Jubilee of Migrants</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	6	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Bruno</i>
Tuesday	7	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Wednesday	8	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	9	10am	St Joseph's	<i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</i>
Friday	10	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Paulinus</i>
Saturday	11	10am	St Peter's	<i>St John XXIII</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.*

LATELY DEAD: Jean Butterfield, Shirley Watson; **ANNIV'S:** John Gregory Tymon, Lina Ford, Ellen McGovern, Rachel Southorn, Patrick Stephens, Alice Smith, Des Freeman; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Saturday Vigil** St Edward's **65**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **124**; St Peter's **200**; Polish **50** (est); **Total 439**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£675**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£265**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£126**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,836**; **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.293; £10 No.141. £1 for 2 numbers.**



INSTRUCTION FOR ADULT CONVERTS (RCIA) has resumed on **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 each week.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY fell on **Fri 3 Oct**. Please submit your donations ASAP. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or use this QR code to go to a virtual envelope. You can also call 0303 303 3030 or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate. Some spare envelopes at the back of church if you missed it. Try to Gift Aid



MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL This weekend **4/5 October** we welcome **Fr Emmanuel Ebeh**, Missio Appeals Coordinator, to give a **Red Box Appeal**. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses next weekend for the **Missio World Mission Sunday**.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY October is traditionally the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls this **7 October**. Try to pray at least a decade at home with your family.

ROSARY ON THE COAST 8pm Tuesday 7th October (Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary). Tune into the parish **You tube channel** to pray the rosary on line led from St Peters church. See link at the top of the page

LEGION OF MARY VISITS Members of the Legion of Mary willing to visit you in your home with the Lady of Fatima statue to pray the Rosary with you. Get in touch if you would like this.

A PLENARY INDULGENCE may be gained **during October** by those reciting **5 decades of the Rosary** in church, as a family at him, as a religious community or as a pious fraternity, or whenever several persons have gathered together for a good purpose, and in other circumstances a *partial indulgence*.

HEALING MASS 11.45 Tue 14 Oct at Bar Convent Chapel, York with Fr Dominique Minskip and Canon Michael Loughlin

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

NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES will be available at back of church throughout October and November.

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, "*For I was hungry you gave me to eat*" (Matthew 25).

ST JOSEPH'S GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER raised **£536** to help fund the cost of the refurbished and updated toilet facilities in the church porch. Thanks to all who donated or helped in any way.

SECOND COLLECTION last weekend for the Missionary Sisters appeal came to **£860**. On the behalf of the Missionary Sisters, **thank you** for your generosity.

SUNDAY SMILE: *A smile is cheaper than electricity and gives a brighter light.*