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1 FEBRUARY 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Divine Office: Week 4

31ST RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Racial Justice Sunday is this Sunday and is the day in the Church's calendar when we focus on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is: ***Whoever loves God must also love his brother*** (1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes. Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. **Racial Justice Sunday 2026** is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms. In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God. Resources for prayer, contemplation and action can be found on at www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday. There will be a **second collection** to support the Church's ongoing efforts to combat racism, promote equality, and build inclusive communities.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen

WHAT IS AN APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

by Fr Peter Taylor, Judicial Vicar and Chancellor of the Diocese of Middlesbrough

We welcome **Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, to his new role as the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese of Middlesbrough**, and we support him in our prayers and encouragement as he takes up this new ministry. **Prayer cards** are available at the back of all our churches. There will no doubt be a number of questions in relation to his new role. Here are the answers, provided by the diocese, to answer some common questions:

There are numerous **different types of Apostolic Administrator**, however in our situation an Apostolic Administrator is a priest or a bishop who has been **appointed by the Pope to govern a diocese when the Diocesan Bishop retires, resigns or dies**. This is different from a Diocesan Administrator who is chosen by the College of Consultors (Chapter of Canons) to govern the diocese on a temporary basis until a new Diocesan Bishop is chosen by the Pope. He governs the diocese for as long as the Pope wishes.

How is it different from a Diocesan Bishop? For all intents and purposes **an Apostolic Administrator is like the Diocesan Bishop**, he has all the rights and responsibilities of the Diocesan Bishop, however he exercises his office based on the mandate given to him by the Pope. Bishop Marcus does not formally have the title as the Bishop of the Middlesbrough, but he has all the rights and responsibilities the Bishop of Middlesbrough would have.

What does this mean for the Diocese? The Diocese of Middlesbrough continues to function as a separate Diocese, as it did under Bishop Terry Drainey. **This does not mean that we are immediately merged with the Diocese of Leeds**. It is like two parishes which share a priest, both remain as they were before. It does mean that Bishop Marcus will divide his time between Middlesbrough Diocese and Leeds Diocese so there may be some practical changes to allow him to minister to both dioceses.

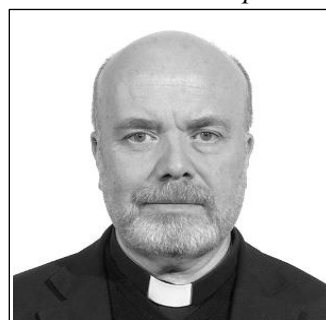
What does it mean for Bishop Terry? Bishop Terry retired last December from his role as Diocesan Bishop, with immediate effect, and becomes an **emeritus bishop** of the diocese, like Bishop John Crowley.

How should we refer to Bishop Marcus at Mass and in the Liturgy? At the points in the Mass and Divine Office where it asks for us to name our bishop use the formula **"Marcus, our Bishop"**. Likewise in intercessions at Mass alongside praying for the Holy Father and the Church we should pray for Bishop Marcus.

Will there be a Mass of Installation? No, there is no need for Bishop Marcus to be installed as he assumed his office from the moment the Holy Father appointed him. However, there will be a Mass to formally welcome Bishop Marcus to the Diocese at some point in the future.

When will we know more about how this arrangement will work? It is very early to know how a lot of things will work practically for this new situation, especially as Bishop Marcus remains Bishop of Leeds with all his responsibilities for that role, overtime things will become a lot clearer how the diocese will continue to function and what the future will hold for both the dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds.

A SHORT PROFILE OF BISHOP MARCUS STOCK (65 years) He was born 27 August 1961 in London. He studied in Rome Ordained Deacon by the late Cardinal Hume and ordained priest 1988 by Cardinal Nichols. He served as priest in some parishes the archdiocese of Birmingham. He became 10th Bishop of Leeds 2014.



Prayer for Bishop Marcus Stock

O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love; grant we pray, that Marcus, your servant, appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, my faithfully serve the people entrusted to him, and be endowed by your grace with apostolic virtues.

Grant him a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him and strengthening their communion with each other, he may build up the Church, the universal Sacrament of Salvation. May his heart be filled with compassion and wise discernment as he leads your holy people in the ways of holiness and unity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever,
Amen

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 1 FEBRUARY 2026 – YEAR A 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday	31	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	1	9am	St Mark's (not St Josephs)	RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	2	10am	St Joseph's	<i>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMASS)</i>
Tuesday	3	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>St Blaise / St Ansgar (Blessing of throats)</i>
Wednesday	4	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	5	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Agatha</i>
Friday	6	10am	St Peter's	<i>Ss Paul Miki & Companions</i>
		11.30am	St Edward's	Requiem Mass
Saturday	7	10am	St Peter's	

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **9.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.

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**

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 FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: *that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.* **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** Fridays before Mass

LATELY DEAD: Dean Walker, Sheila Swales, Kathleen Anderson, Liz Trower; **ANNIV'S:** Mel Brown, Ken Barker, Fr Daniel Breen, Caroline Davies, Bill Murray, John Walsh; **ATTENDANCE:** **Saturday Vigil** St Edward's **81**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **95 (est)**; St Peter's **191**; Polish **50 (est)**; **Total 417**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate: **£679**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£302**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£47**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,798**; **Thank you.** **ONLINE GIVING** You can use the QR code (right) or you can donate online at donate.mydona.com/scarborough-parishes, or direct from your account: Parish bank account details: Barclays Bank Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: **Diocese of Middlesbrough**. Include a **reference** - your name. If you wish to Gift Aid your offerings, please sign a **Gift Aid Form** if you haven't already done so). **300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No. 20; £10 No.104.** £1 for 2 numbers to join



REQUIEM MASS of Kathleen Anderson of Napier Crescent Seamer: **11.30am on Friday 6 February** at St Edward's Church.

ST JOSEPH'S SUNDAY MASS is held each Sunday in St Marks church at **9am** (not 9.30am) until further notice.

FEAST OF ST BRIDGET Sunday 1 February. See a St Bridget's Cross made of rushes at the front of church.

ENROLMENT MASS at St Peter's **11.30am Mass** today for all children preparing for First Confession & Holy Communion. Preparation for the children continues **Wednesdays: children in St Peter's School: 3.30pm to 4.30pm** in the school; children in non-Catholic schools: 6pm to 7pm in St Peter's Parish Centre. **31** families of children have requested to be prepared.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORDS (Candlemass) is this **Monday 2 February**. Unfortunately, Fr Kieran cannot be with us to say Mass this Monday, so there will be a service of the Word and Holy Communion only on this day.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE is this **Tuesday 3 Feb. Blessing of throats** at the **5.30pm Mass** at St Edward's & at **Wednesdays 10am Mass**.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING after morning Mass: **11am on Wednesday 4 February** in St Peter's Parish Centre.

MARRIAGE WEEK An annual celebration offering opportunity for support and promotion of marriage and family life, celebrated from **7-14 February**. The Feast of St Joseph on 19 March 2026 will be the **10th anniversary of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia – On Love in the Family**. To prepare for this anniversary, we are all invited to reflect on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and wider society. Let us give thanks for the vocation of marriage and keep in prayer all preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, recently married couples & families, & especially those whose marriages are struggling.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK Wed **11 February**, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Healing Masses **Sat 14 & Sun 15 Feb**

LENT 2026 dates for your diary: **Ash Wednesday** falls on **18 February**. CAFOD Lent family Fast day is on **27 February**. Mother's Day is on **15 March**. Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday is **2 to 4 April** with **Easter Sunday** falling on **5 April**.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS again takes place on Good Friday from **10am** in Alma Square: re-enactment of events of Good Friday and procession to Scarborough Castle for a short service. They need volunteers to take part as a **disciple or soldier, or as a steward, musician, or for moving props etc.** To take part or help, contact Anita at anitahill@live.co.uk

BEAUTY FOR ASHES Middlesbrough Charismatic Dioc Service of Communion invites you to a **Holy Spirit Day of Reconciliation and Healing** for Lent. **10.30am - 4.30pm Saturday 21 February** at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6AB. **9.30am Mass**, Praise & Worship - Talks - Reconciliation - Eucharistic Adoration - Prayer Ministry for Healing. Email cdscmiddlesbrough@gmail.com

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM led by Bishop Marcus Stock: **Sat 26 Sept.** Coach pickups are from Middlesbrough Cathedral at **5am** and York Train Station and **6am**. Coach departs Walsingham at **5pm**. Cost per pilgrim **£40**. Packed lunch recommended. For further info or to book a place contact the Bishop's Secretary, Callum Walker, at bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk

PRAYER CARD/bookmark for **Bishop Marcus**, our new Diocesan Apostolic Administrator/Bishop. Do take one and keep him in prayer.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS Help needed after St Peter's 11.30am Mass – new volunteers needed as others are stepping down.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC) second collection last weekend raised **£373**. Thank you.

ST MARKS CHURCH Come and Sing Day with Rev Mike Leigh, **10am to 3pm Saturday 14 Feb** at St Mark's Church (opposite St Joseph's). No singing experience necessary. £15 pp on the door, bring own lunch. Drinks provided. See our Facebook page.

MARY'S MEALS OLD & FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION We will collect coins over the next few weekends – **8, 15 and 22 February**. Then we will get in touch with them and they will organise for it to be collected. Put your change/notes in a bag or envelope separate to your collection money and place in the collection basket at any of the above weekend.

SUNDAYSMILE Grandad: "Go hide, your teacher is at the front door as you skipped school today". **Child:** "You hide, I told him you died!"