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HOLY HOUR SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2026 FOR DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have invited Catholics across the country to unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour for the dignity of human life, to be held on **Sunday 19 April at 4:30pm**. Parishes and communities are encouraged to join spiritually with the bishops at that time or **another suitable time**, offering a visible and prayerful witness to the sanctity of life. **In Scarborough this will be held at 2.30pm at St Peter's Church**. The prayer intention is **for the dignity of human life to be respected both at home and abroad**. The initiative comes **as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate proposed legislation on assisted suicide**.

In a recent Lenten message, **Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues**, reaffirmed the Church's opposition to the Terminally Ill (Adults) **End of Life Bill**. He called on the faithful to pray particularly for those nearing the end of their lives, for their carers and for all parliamentarians engaged in this important debate.

Archbishop Sherrington has echoed this call, encouraging parishes to **participate in the Holy Hour as a sign of unity with the wider Church in England and Wales**. This shared moment of prayer offers an opportunity to commend the gift of life to the Lord and to seek His guidance for society at a critical time.

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. He asked for a **special prayerful focus on those who are suffering near the end of their lives and those who care for them**.

Statement of Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues

Lent is a time when we ponder human fragility, suffering and death. We do so in a spirit of hope, looking towards the triumph of Easter and the promise of eternal life. Through fasting, we unite in the suffering of others. Through almsgiving, we support those in need. We also respond by turning our minds to prayer.

This year, I especially ask your prayers for those who are suffering near the end of their lives and for those who care for them.

We are facing the threat of a profound change in our culture which would happen if assisted suicide were to be legalised. I urge you to pray for parliamentarians who continue to consider this matter.

This bill is wrong in principle as assisted suicide is the direct taking of life. In practice, the bill is a threat to truly compassionate care at the end of life. In its current form, it would require Christian hospices and care homes to co-operate with the act of assisted suicide. The conscience clauses are also woefully inadequate. Moreover, as many voices have articulated in the debate, and as has been seen in other countries, assisted suicide will put the lives of the vulnerable at risk. This Lent, we can support Parliamentarians through our prayers. In doing so, we remember the courage and service shown by our English Saint, St Thomas More. Let us ask for his intercession, and that of Our Lady.

Resources to support the Holy Hour, including suggested readings and prayers, are available via the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/>.

The following prayers can be prayed at home.

PRAYER OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Bringing to the Lord the shared aspect of death and suffering

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Amen

INTERCESSIONS

We pray that we will keep our minds and hearts open to the beautiful truth that the dignity of human life will be respected by all people from its natural beginning until its natural end.

We pray for those who are nearing the end of their lives, that as they prepare to make the journey to the eternal life prepared for us, they may know the tender love and mercy of God our heavenly Father.

We pray for those who are receiving palliative care, that they may trust in God's love even in the hardest moments, knowing that the Lord bears their suffering with them.

We pray for politicians and those in authority, that they may have the courage to embrace and uphold a culture of life, and always work for the common good of all.

We pray for doctors, nurses, carers and those who are home visitors, that they may be blessed in their work, and that they may have the necessary resources to carry out their vocation with love and compassion.

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

Saturday	18	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	19	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</i>
		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 Anselm of Canterbury</i>
Wednesday	22	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	23	10am	St Joseph's	<i>ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's	<i>ST MARK, EVANGELIST</i>

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 & St Joseph's Sundays weekly; **PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: APRIL** for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. **DIVINE MERCY** Fridays before Mass. **LEGION OF MARY** Saturdays 11am **STATIONS & SACRED HEART DEVOTION** alternating Fridays after Mass.

LATELY DEAD: Mary (grandmother), Kevin Cassidy, Diane McDermot; **ANNIV'S:** Rob Chambers, Kevin Heslop, Liz McSorley, Frances Cranston, Pope Francis; **ATTENDANCE: Vigil:** St Edward's **81**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **158**; St Peter's **234**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate: **£704**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£358**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,832. 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.70; £10 No.2.**



HOLY HOUR FOR DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE The Bishops of England and Wales have arranged a Holy Hour to take place across the country at **4:30pm TODAY Sun 19 April**. We will hold a Holy Our for this intention at **2.30pm** at St Peter's.

FATHER GUBBINS will be on holiday from **Fri 24 April** for 1 week+. Fr Emmanuel & Fr Kieran covering Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS 11.30am next Sunday 26th with Children's Choir leading singing

BLESSED EASTER WATER FROM THE EASTER VIGIL available at all churches. **Bless** yourself at Holy Communion time, & your home and car as a pledge of God's protection and a reminder of baptism. Holy water bottles in Holy Shops.

UCM next meeting 1pm on Tuesday 21 April at St Peter's Parish Centre. This will be our AGM, so please do your best to attend. Any candidates for Officer roles please put your names forward. **New To You Sale.**

MEETING FOR ALL CATECHISTS & CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS 11am Wed 22 April in St Peter's Parish Centre. There is a Catechist **on line training** course beginning in May which we need encourage & to talk about.

63RD VOCATIONS SUNDAY is **26 April**. Theme: *The interior discovery of God's gift: the beautiful Shepherd.*

CAKE SALE after St Peter's 11.30am Mass next **Sunday 26 April** at St Peter's Church, by students from St Augustine's, to help towards their pilgrimage to Lourdes in May. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Bring before Mass.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 6.30pm on Wednesday 6 May in St Peter's Parish Centre.

RUBY JUBILEE OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Middlesbrough. The Cathedral celebrates its **40th** anniversary on **Fri 15 May**. Mass of Thanksgiving **7pm**, presided over by Bishop Marcus, Apostolic Administrator of Middlesbrough Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes to be taken at all Masses in your parishes on the weekend of **2/3 May**. Moneys raised will help offset the unexpected price increase and ensure that those who have committed themselves to the pilgrimage are not asked to bear further costs.

FUNDRAISER for St Joseph's Church heating is being planned. The latest proposed cost will be around **£56,000**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY May Procession 11am on Sunday 10 May beginning past St Marys Church. May Queen to be chosen (names pulled from a hat). If you would like your child to be May Queen, submit name to Cleo Robles, Mary Blurton or any member of the Legion of Mary.

CORPUS CHRIST PROCESSION 11am Sunday 10 June beginning up past St Mary's Church.

THE GREEN SCAPULAR DEVOTION to be promoted and offered to parishioners at each of our churches during the month of May (Our Lady's Month). This devotion was officially approved by then Pope Pius IX (1863 & 1870). This simple sacramental is a reminder of the importance of **faith, prayer, and trust** in Marys maternal intercession.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES Please collect **your box** from back of church if you have not already done so.

MASS INTENTIONS Offerings for a Mass paid via contactless device—it is **ESSENTIAL** to give a **handwritten note of the Intention**. We will **not** know this information & your Mass may not be said. Mark it as **'paid by contactless'**.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Good, better, best. Never let it rest until your good is better and your better, best.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS In line with the recommendation from the **Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (ICCSA)** report, **ALL** existing and new volunteers must now undertake safeguarding training as part of their role in the parish every 3 years. For those who **DO NOT** require a DBS clearance: this involves reading a 2-sided A4 sheet (LMS Training Module 1) **Please collect a training sheet from the sacristy, read it in full and sign the form**