

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The month of May continues to blossom around us, as does our month of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In particular, **Wednesday 13th is Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima**. On this date in May 1917, three young shepherds from Cova da Iria, Portugal, Lucia dos Santos (1907–2005), aged ten, and her cousins Francisco (1908–1919) and Jacinta (1910–1920) Marto, aged eight and six, were tending sheep when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light whom they described as “**a Lady more brilliant than the sun**”. The children then saw the Lady five more times on 13th of each month through to October. During these, Our Lady exhorted them to pray the Rosary for world peace, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart for the salvation of souls. In July, Our Lady instructed the children to recite ‘*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy*’ after every decade of the Rosary.

**Our Lady and the secrets of Fatima:** During the apparitions, Our Lady gave the children three secrets. During the first, they were given a vivid image of hell. They saw a “sea of fire” beneath the earth, full of demons and tormented sinners. As an adult, Lucia wrote about this, stating what she saw made her gasp in horror and go white as death. She heard the shrieks of terror and pain from the trapped souls and described the demons as animal-like and black and transparent, burning like coals.

Our Lady then prophesied that the war would soon end, referring to the First World War, but that a worse war would follow should people not repent of their sins. This is now believed to be World War Two which began 22 years later. She also asked that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, and that people partake in the “**Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays**” to prevent the spread of Russia’s errors. During

1917, atheist Communist Russian Revolution was underway which saw a catastrophic loss of life.

The third secret was revealed on 13 July 1917 which Lucia also later wrote about: a “*Bishop dressed in white*” that “*would be killed by soldiers, while on his knees at the foot of a cross. In the same way there died one after another after another, Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious and various lay people of different rank and positions*”. This was believed to be a prophesy about the persecution of the Church and later assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II on 13 May 1981. Our Lady instructed the children to keep these secrets.

Our Lady repeatedly promised the children that “*In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want. I will then perform a miracle so that all may believe*”. The final apparition was on 13 October. A massive crowd had gathered as word of the apparitions had spread. As promised, Our Lady again appeared to the children who went to their knees in front of the crowd. Our Lady then told them “*I am the Lady of the Rosary; I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day*”. At this moment, the sun danced and spun across the sky, changed colours and began to grow as if heading towards the earth until it once again came to rest where it was. Before this, it had been raining and it is said that the soaked clothes of those present had dried, as had the muddy wet earth.

Prior to the final apparition, the reports from the young shepherds caused great controversy with local authorities. The children were arrested by the mayor and his officers, and were kept in cells with thieves and criminals. They were threatened with execution unless they told the secrets of Our Lady, to which Jacinta is witnessed as responding, “*Then we’ll go to heaven*”. However, they were released after a few hours due to pressure from the clergy and local population. The children showed great courage and loyalty to Our Lady despite threats on their lives.

Francisco and Jacinta were victims of the of the great 1918 influenza epidemic that swept through Europe. Francisco died on 3 April 1919 and Jacinta on 19 February 1920, and are both buried at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima. Pope Francis elevated them both to sainthood on 13 May 2017 during the centennial of the first apparition. Their cousin, Lucia, eventually became a Descalced Carmelite and died aged 97 on 13 February 2005 at the Carmelite convent of Santa Teresa in Coimbra. She was declared venerable by Pope Francis on 22 June 2023, and the case for her sainthood remains open, the next stage being Beatification (being declared ‘blessed’).

**The First Five Saturdays devotion:** During the apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady promised salvation to those who embraced this devotion. On five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, go to Confession and Mass, then pray five decades of the Rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**

**Sanctuary of Fatima:** In 1919 in Cova da Iria, a small chapel called the **Chapel of Apparitions** was built to mark the exact location where three children reported having received the apparitions. Before it could be completed, anticlerical elements planted a bomb inside it which exploded. It was rebuilt, which now forms part of the Sanctuary of Fatima, which also includes the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary** and the **Church of the Holy Trinity**. To this day, the site attracts up to **6 million pilgrims** per year.

On 13 May, we should mark the feast day intentionally by lighting a candle for Our Lady and praying the Rosary, offering it specifically for unity in the Church and for peace across the world. Those two intentions couldn’t be more pressing right now.

**Official recognition:** The Catholic Church has officially recognised the apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima as “worthy of belief”. **Bishop José Alves Correia da Silva approved them on 13 October 1930**, declaring the visions of the shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal, to be authentic. Declaration by the local bishop is the highest recognition a Marian apparition can receive from the Church. Multiple Popes have exhibited approval, with **Pope Pius XII granting a pontifical decree of coronation in 1946**. While the apparitions have been approved, Fatima is considered “private revelation,” meaning Catholics are not required to believe in it as part of their faith, unlike public revelation (Scripture and Tradition).

**Image:** Pontifically crowned *Sculpture of Our Lady of Fátima* at the Sanctuary of Fátima, Cova da Iria. Author, José Ferreira Thedim; made available under the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication.

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

Saturday	9	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	10	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	11	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	12	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>Ss Nereus &amp; Achilleus / St Pancras</i>
Wednesday	13	10am	St Peter's	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Thursday	14	10am	St Joseph's	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
		12noon	St Edwards	
		7pm	St Peters	
Friday	15	10am	St Peter's	<i>DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL</i>
Saturday	16	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 & St Joseph's Sundays weekly; **PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: MAY** *that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.* **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** Fridays before Mass. **LEGION OF MARY** Saturdays 11am; **STATIONS / SACRED HEART DEVOTION** Fridays after Mass, alternating weekly.

**LATELY DEAD** Dennis Procter; **ANNIV'S:** Eamon O'Brien, John Inglis, Mary Hoggarth; **ATTENDANCE: Vigil:** St Edward's **80** (est); **Sunday:** St Joseph's **167**; St Peter's **220**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate: **£613**; Gift Aid Envelopes: **£307**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£88**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,778. Thank you.** **ONLINE GIVING** You can use the QR code (right) or you can donate online at [donate.myдона.com/scarborough-parishes](https://donate.myдона.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: £100 No.105.**



**MAY, MONTH OF MARY** The month of May is dedicated to Mary as a special time to honour her through prayers and devotions, and the crowning of her statues with flowers as **Queen of the May** and **Queen of Heaven**. It signifies Mary's authority, her intercession and her role in the battle for souls as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. It acknowledges her as the perfect follower of Christ. Create a **Marian altar** in your home and pray the Rosary or a decade each day. *Oh, Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. Crowning of Mary at Sunday Masses this weekend*

**MAY PROCESSION 11am on Sun 10 May** beginning past St Mary's Church. **May Queen** to be chosen (names pulled from hat). If your child wishes to be May Queen, submit name to Legion of Mary. Crowning of Mary at the **END OF MASS**

**ROSARY IN HONOUR OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Wednesday 13 May.** Rosary live on **parish YouTube** at **8pm**. Join us from the comfort of your home.

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

**CORPUS CHRIST PROCESSION 11am Sunday 7 June** to start up past St Mary's Church processing to St Peter's Church.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH FUNDRAISER 7pm Thursday 9 July** (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) for the new heating system. Fashion show and sale to be held at St Peter's School. More details to follow.

**FAMILY RETREAT 12 noon to 3.30pm on Saturday 27 June** at **St George's Church, Eastfield**. An opportunity for families from across the diocese to meet, learn and pray and enjoy the Yorkshire Coast. **Sessions for parents and children.** Family friendly prayer. Organised by diocesan Adult Formation team. Refreshments provided. **Bring packed lunch.**

**WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE 24 to 27 July** at St Mary's College, Oscott. Bringing thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. Designed with parishes and families in mind to receive inspiring faith formation together and bond as a community. Go for a day or whole weekend. More info and registration at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com).

**GREEN SCAPULAR** These are still available **free of charge** at the back of church. The Green Scapular is used as a sacramental for spiritual conversion and healing, for those with no faith or who have fallen away from it.

**RETIRING COLLECTION** at all Masses next weekend **16th/17 May** for World Communications Day.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025** is being prepared and copies will be available for you in June

**SECOND COLLECTION** for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes last weekend raised **£277** to help offset unexpected price increase

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (40 Days after His Resurrection Christ Ascended)** is Thursday 14th May. **A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.** Mass times across the 3 churches. **10am St Joseph's, 12 noon St Edward's, and 7pm St Peter's.**

**MAXIMISING GIFT AID. Unlocking existing Income.** If you pay **sufficient Tax** on your **Income or Savings**, for every **£1** you give to the parish we can claim **back 25p** from the government. **You sign your name; address** we do the rest. All confidential.

**SUNDAY SMILE: SAW IT, LIKED IT, TOLD GRAMA, GOT IT.**