



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY ~ TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

This image of the **Nativity of Our Lady** by Spanish artist **Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)** was painted for the **Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Seville Cathedral**. It now hangs in the **Louvre, Paris**. The image clearly illustrates the holiness of Mary's state at birth, **being free from original sin** from the moment of her conception. To the **left** of the image Mary's mother, **St Anne**, rests after giving birth with her husband, **St Joachim** by her side, while a midwife tends to the newly born **Mary in the centre of the image**, and Andalusian peasant helpers and angelic beings look on in wonder.

The Blessed Virgin Mary occupied a unique role in the history of salvation. It was through her generous "**fiat**" (yes) (*Be it done to me according to thy Word*), that God's plan of salvation was fulfilled, and His Son, Our Lord Jesus, was made flesh and came into the world. Mary was prepared for this mission, the highest ever extolled by God upon one of his creatures, through her Immaculate Conception, and it is for this reason, heaven and earth rejoice at the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sacred Scripture does **not** give an account of Mary's birth. However, the early second century **Protoevangelium of James** records that St Joachim (believed to be a wealthy member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel) and St Anne were grieved by their barrenness and prayed to God for a child. Their prayers were granted, but with the promise that the child would commence God's plan of salvation. The Protoevangelium of James is not canonical but provides a source for the development of Christian piety. Today's Feast possibly **originated in Syria or Palestine** in the beginning of the **6th century**. After the Council of Ephesus in **AD 431**, devotion to the mother of God was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. A **September birth was probably chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September**. The date of 8 September helped determine the date for the feast of the **Immaculate Conception on 8 December**.

Celebrating the birthday of Our Mother: Display and image of Our Lady in your home and **light a candle**. Give her a gift of **some flowers** and some words of love and affection. **Visit the Shrine at St Peter's Grotto after Mass on the feast day** and pray the Rosary or the Prayer on the wall. Let us be close to Mary and call upon her help and ask her to pray for us, that we may be united with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us thank God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and as our mother, and thank Our Lady for her selfless, generous love and self-giving (*Behold the handmaid of the Lord*) in carrying out God's Will, thereby cooperating in the redemption of the human race.

Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.
(Entrance Antiphon for the Feast Day)

PRAY THE ROSARY ON THE PARISH LIVESTREAM YOU TUBE
8pm TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER.

Put on your slippers and cosy up and from the comfort of your own home pray God and Mary's blessing and protection on the new school year which begins this week

MASS TIMES - WEEK COMMENCING 6 SEPTEMBER 2026 – YEAR A 23RD SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME				
Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough				
Saturday	5	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	6	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	7	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	8	5.30pm	St Edward's	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday	9	8.30am	St Peter's (<i>note earlier time</i>)	St Peter Claver
Thursday	10	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	11	10am	St Peter's	
Saturday	12	10am	St Peter's	Most Holy Name of Our Lady
MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly 9.30am on 4th Sunday of month at St Edward's Church.				
CONFESSION TIMES Sat: 10.30am-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; JULY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays before Mass. LEGION OF MARY Saturdays 11am in St Peter's Parish Centre; STATIONS/ SACRED HEART DEVOTION Fridays after Mass, alternating weekly				
LATELY DEAD: David Pratt (RD); ANNIV'S: Manolita Feronlino, Mary Inglis, MK Joseph, AJ Mathai, Michael Quinlan, Charles Wyatt; MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil: St Edward's 77; Sunday: St Joseph's 129; St Peter's 192, Polish 55 (est); Total 453; OFFERINGS: Loose Plate: £761; Gift Aid Envelopes: £342; Av. Standing Orders: £1,030 (av.); Contactless £45; Polish: £30; Total £2,208. Thank you. 300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No.201; £10 No.7. £1 for two numbers to join.				
ONLINE GIVING You can donate online at https://donate.mydona.com/scarborough-parishes or use the QR code (right) or by making a direct payment from your account: Parish bank account details: Barclays Bank Account No: 50003417, Sort Code: 20-56-90, Account name: Diocese of Middlesbrough. If you wish to Gift Aid your offerings, please sign a Gift Aid Form). Also, a CONTACTLESS MACHINE is in place in all our 3 churches near the entrance. Choose headings carefully when using				

CHILDREN'S CHOIR lead us in the singing at St Peter's 11.30am Mass today. New members welcome.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is next Sunday. There will be a voluntary second collection at all Masses next weekend.

INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS (RCIA) resumes on **Sat 19 Sept - 11.30am** in parish office for those interested in becoming Catholic

NOTE EARLIER MASS TIME on Wednesday 9 Sept of 8.30am as Fr Gubbins will be attending the Safeguarding day for clergy.

UCM VISIT TO BRIDLINGTON for Mass and shared lunch with Father Albert: **Tuesday 15 September** - meet at the church at **11.45am** for Holy Mass at 12noon. Shared lunch in church hall afterwards - please bring some food. Car share if possible.

INSPIRATION DAY for Ministers: **Sat 19 Sept at the Spa**. Registration **9.30am**, ends **3pm**. Deadline for names has now passed.

BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED: Day of Renewal and Healing with Middlesbrough Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion: **11am-4:30pm Saturday 3 October** at St Paulinus Church, Guisborough TS14 8DN. With Father Dominique Minskip.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EVENING 7pm on Friday 16 Oct at Westborough Methodist Church. Are you a singer, musician, dancer, poetry reader, comedian or other entertainer? Tickets on sale soon **£7**.

UPDATE: DAY PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF DONCASTER (Our Lady of Yorkshire). Guest Speaker Dana (Rosemary Scallon) **Sat 24 Oct. Cost now is £30 pp inc.** event booking fee (£20 for children under 11yrs). **Closing date Sunday 13 September.** Depart 7.45am from church. Leave Doncaster 3.45pm approx. 14 names so far.

GRAND RAFFLE List of prize winners on notice boards in each church. Congrats to the winners. Net proceeds (after deducting cost of ticket printing) totalled **£1,190**. Well done and thank you to all who supported this.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE by Janet Button in aid of St Catherine's Hospice: Sunday 6 Sept. The ride is 100 miles. She would be very grateful for your support. Support her via her **JustGiving page** (go to JustGiving and search her name) or sponsor form after Mass

A MESSAGE OF THANKS from **Liz White**. I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, Masses, sympathy cards, messages and well wishes, and those who came to the funeral. It is such a great comfort to know I have such a wonderful church family.

AUTISM NEW ONLINE GROUP Deacon Mark Paine, from Birmingham Archdiocese invites Catholics to form an online group for those with lived experience or an interest in autism where autistic Catholics, their families and 'allies' can meet, talk about faith, share experiences of parish life, and think about how the Church can become a place where **everyone** belongs. First online gathering: **7pm on Friday 25 September** via Zoom link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73297555319?pwd=I5aBgrCaDYVMfZnepC2bgnx2autdbI.1> chat link <https://us04web.zoom.us/jc/73297555319> Meeting ID: **732 9755 5319** Passcode: **9FEBqG**. An informal introductory meeting to talk about what we hope the group might become by reflecting on this question: *What would help autistic Catholics to know that they truly belong in the Church?* It will be recorded for those who cannot make it. Email markpaine1970@gmail.com

SCARBOROUGH 400 WEEKEND celebrates Scarborough becoming a Spa town. Lots of events happening in town & Spa

SUNDAY SMILE Whoever designed Wet Wipes where you pull out one & 4 come out with it should have been put in charge of ATMs