

~ OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY ~

This Wednesday 7 October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary- tune in 8pm on Parish YouTube channel

ORIGINS OF THE HOLY ROSARY: The Holy Rosary that we recite today evolved slowly over centuries from early Christian monastic practices of reciting repetitive prayers and **counting them with stones or knotted ropes**. The **Desert Fathers (3rd–4th Century)**, Christian hermits and monks in Egypt, used pebbles, knotted ropes, or beads to keep count of repetitive prayers like the Jesus Prayer or the 150 Psalms. **The Lay Psalter:** Illiterate laypeople or monks who could not read the 150 biblical Psalms wanted to join in the prayer life of monasteries. They substituted these with 150 "Our Father" prayers (early strings of beads were called *paternosters*), which later transitioned to 150 "Hail Marys" divided into sets. **St Dominic (13th Century):** Church tradition credits the origin of the Rosary to a vision from the Virgin Mary given to **Saint Dominic** in the 13th century to help fight the Albigensian heresy in France. While the modern structure developed over a longer period, Dominican friars (Order of Preachers) played a massive role in popularising the devotion. **Meditation on the Life of Christ (15th Century):** Carthusian monk Dominic of Prussia introduced the practice of linking specific meditations on the life of Jesus to the prayers. The term *rosarium* (Latin for "rose garden" or *garland of roses*) came into use to describe this spiritual bouquet. **Final Form (16th Century):** Pope Saint Pius V officially approved the traditional five-decade structure of the Rosary in 1569 after the Battle of Lepanto. Pope John Paul II later added the Luminous Mysteries in 2002. **Alternative forms of the Rosary** include distinct traditional Catholic variations with different bead counts and meditations, as well as alternative prayer methods using standard beads. The standard Rosary as we know it is the Dominican Rosary. **Franciscan Crown:** Also called the Rosary of the Seven Joys of Mary, featuring seven decades of ten Hail Marys each to meditate on seven joyful events in Mary's life. **Seven Sorrows Rosary (Servite Chaplet):** Uses seven groups of seven beads to reflect on the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Bridgettine Rosary:** Features six decades (63 beads total) honouring the traditional 63 years of Mary's earthly life, plus an extra creed and prayer. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** A popular devotion prayed on standard rosary beads focusing on God's mercy using specific prayers given to St. Faustina. This devotion is prayed at St Peter's each Friday before Mass.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarises the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The **Our Father**, which introduces each decade mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. **St Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.** The Mysteries of the Rosary centre on the events of Christ's life. There are **four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.**

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group and can be offered for specific personal, community, or global intentions.

1. Begin by making the **Sign of the Cross**.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. On the first bead, say an **Our Father**.
4. Say one **Hail Mary** on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the **Glory Be**
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the **Our Father**.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a **Glory Be**.

After finishing each decade, some say the following **Fatima prayer**, as requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*

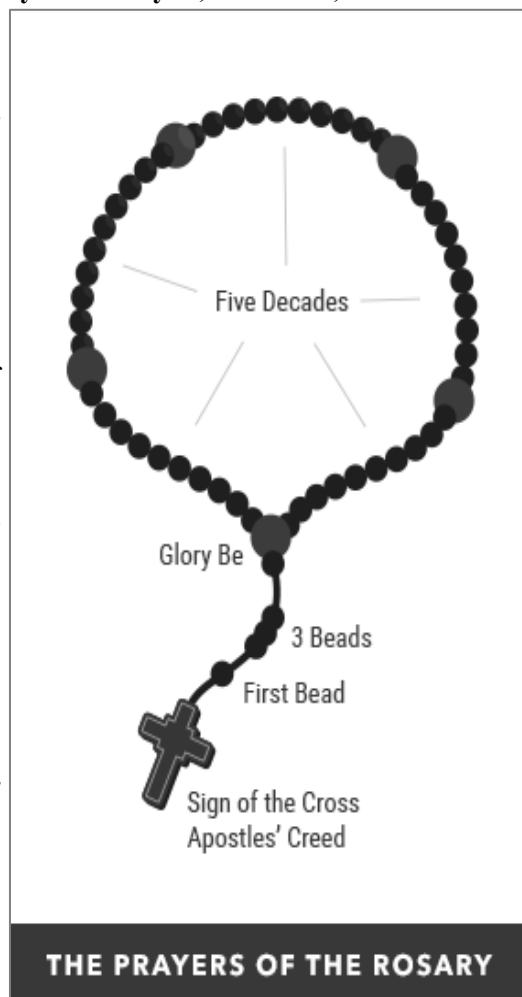
8. After saying the **5 decades**, say the **Hail, Holy Queen**, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

A **prayer to St Joseph** may be said if desired.
Conclude the Rosary with the **Sign of the Cross**.



MASS TIMES - WEEK COMMENCING 4 OCTOBER 2026 – YEAR A 27TH SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME**Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>**

Saturday	3	5.30pm	St Edward's
Sunday	4	9.30am	St Joseph's
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish) HARVEST THANKSGIVING
		11.30am	St Peter's
Monday	5	10am	St Joseph's <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>
Tuesday	6	5.30pm	St Edward's <i>St Bruno</i>
Wednesday	7	10am	St Peter's <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Thursday	8	10am	St Joseph's
Friday	9	10am	St Peter's <i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</i>
Saturday	10	10am	St Peter's <i>St Paulinus</i>

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; **OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO:** *that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.* **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** Fridays before Mass. **STATIONS/SACRED HEART DEVOTION** Fridays after Mass, alternating weekly**ANNIV'S:** John Gregory Tymon, Greg Carr, Ellen McGovern, Rachel Southorn, Teresa Greenaway, Joseph Freeman, Kathleen Emmerson, Patrick Stephens; **MASSSES RECEIVED:** Wilkins; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Vigil:** St Edward's **81;** **Sunday:** St Joseph's **108;** St Peter's **147,** Polish **55 (est); Total 484;** **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate: **£565;** Gift Aid Envelopes: **£401;** Av. Standing Orders: **£1,030 (av.);** Contactless **£123;** Polish: **£30;** **Total £1,149. Thank you. 300 CLUB WINNERS: £25 No.140; £10 No.143. £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.**HARVEST FOR ALL** this **Sun 4 October.** See the display of non-perishable food before the altar, to be given to the Rainbow Centre **THE SEASON OF CREATION** concludes today with the **Feast of St Francis** and **Harvest Thanksgiving** in our Masses.**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MARCUS** to be read this weekend on the Theme **Care of Creation of our Common Home****CHILDREN'S CHOIR** lead us in the singing at **11.30am** Mass today. Rehearsal **10.45am** in church. Newcomers welcome.**ROSARY LIVESTREAMED ON PARISH YOUTUBE, 8pm on Wed 7 October** – Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Join us.**LEGION OF MARY** is willing to come to your home **during October to pray the Rosary,** if invited. See Cleo of Mary Blurton.**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AFTERNOON** Little Hearts, Big Faith: **1pm to 4.30pm on Sat 10 Oct 2026** at **English Martyrs Parish Hall. Dalton Terrace York.** **4 people from the parish signed up to go.** Parish expense, it is 10 mins from the train station**ADOREMUS (LET US ADORE) 2026 National Eucharistic Congress** takes place **Sat 10 Oct** in London. Local Masses, processions of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Hours will unite local parishes with the national gathering. **HOLY HOUR 10.30am - 11.30am** St Peters**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN CHAPEL** in St Augustine's School **1.30pm Fri. 9 Oct** for year 10 groups**INTERNATIONAL CONCERT NIGHT Rehearsal 6pm Wed 14 Oct. Tickets £7 on sale after Mass today. RAFFLE - donations of prizes please.** Help needed to sell raffle tickets on the night and to ushering people. See Fr Gubbins.**EASTER CHOIR** rehearsals continue, learning some sea shanties for the **Parish International Night Concert.** meet **7-8.30pm** at St Peter's Parish Centre on **Mon 12 & 15 Oct.** New members very welcome. No experience needed, just a love of singing.**PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF DONCASTER** **Sat 24 October.** 4 seats available on the 19-seater bus. Cost **£30****FAMILY RETREAT DAY** at **St Paulinus Church, Guisborough, 12pm to 3.30pm Sun 1 Nov.** Family prayer, children's activities, sessions for parents, and time together as families. Bring packed lunch. To book, email adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE 14 Dec.** The school is **collecting items to sell,** (knitted toys, tree decorations, hand-crafted gifts. They'll also have a teddy tombola. If you are a crafter or are having a sort out, pass on teddies or toys to the school.**ADMISSIONS TO LOCAL ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for September 2027** Applications are now open for places across the diocesan Roman Catholic schools. Go to **St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust** website at www.scrat.org/Learning. Application deadlines: Primary: **15 Jan 2027;** Secondary: **31 Oct 2026.** Those applying should be **BAPTISED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH.****PARISH SECRETARY** is on annual leave **Monday 12 to Friday 16 October.** All queries to Fr Gubbins during this time.**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** was **Friday 4 October.** Please hand in envelopes as soon as possible. Do Gift Aid if a taxpayer.**APF RED MISSION BOXES** Please return the money (not the box) with your name and total amount over the next few weeks**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society)** retiring collection last weekend raised **£819.62.** Thank you for your wonderful generosity.**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Start running in your 60's. It's a great way to meet people. Today I met 1 paramedic, 2 nurses and almost Jesus.*