

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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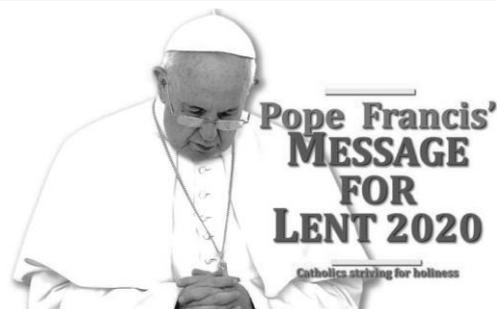
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WEEK COMMENCING 1 MARCH 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Friday: World Day of Prayer
DIVINE OFFICE: Week 1

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20)



This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion. Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love *"so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue"* (Christus Vivit 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. John 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the *"father of lies"* (John 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: *"Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew"* (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The urgency of conversion. It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a *"face to face"* relationship with the crucified and risen Lord *"who loved me and gave himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will. In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hosea 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. God's passionate will to dialogue with his children. The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes-tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21), this saving will lead the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, *"turning of God against himself"* (Deus Caritas Est 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48). The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who *"spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new"* (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

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SATURDAY VIGIL	29	5.30pm	St Edward's	Pauline Kelly (b'day anniv)
SUNDAY	1	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's ** (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Special Intention People of the Parish Selwyn Butterfield
Monday	2	9.30am	St Joseph's	Fred Henry
Tuesday	3	5.30pm	St Edward's	All in book of remembrance
Wednesday	4	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Casimir</i> Patricia Curry (anniv)
Thursday	5	9.30am	St Joseph's	Margaret Johnson (RD)
Friday	6	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>World Day of Prayer</i> Mgr Gerard M Dasey
Saturday	7	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i> Private intention (Mills)

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: normally 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm at St Edward's Church Avenue Victoria

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays St Edward's 4.45pm - 5.15pm
Sundays St Joseph's 9.15am - 9.45am
Mondays St Joseph's after Mass (when said)
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Tuesdays St Edward's 5pm - 5.30pm
Wednesdays St Peter's 10am - 12 noon
Thursdays St Joseph's 8.30am to 9.30am
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT after Mass: **Tuesdays** St Edward's; **Thursdays** St Joseph's; **Fridays** St Peter's.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: (3 churches) Envelopes £552; Loose plate £686, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,792. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's 171; St Joseph's 185; St Edward's 87; Polish 92; Total: 535

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: 3x Anon, Salt x2, Murphy, Button, Connor

+ ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Staunton, Andrew Firth, Ivan Clough, Patricia Curry

+ RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Johnson, Eileen Rhodes, Evan Harris

+ SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: Fr Michael Ryan (St Peter's)

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.219 £25; No.207 £10. **Congrats.** To join, see Bob Stankiste, Louis Sylvestre, or Rob Palmer

ALL CHEQUES payable to St Peter's (offerings, donations, Mass intentions, Restoration Fund etc)

TOILETS are located in the parish centre across the car park at St Peter's, and within the church building of St Joseph's and St Edward's. Always accompany your child to the toilet when at church.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

WORLD BOOK DAY - THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

On 5 March the country will celebrate World Book Day. This is a day dedicated to the power of stories to exhilarate and inspire. Have you ever thought of the Bible as one great story? Most inspiring books have a structure – beginning, middle, end - and is peopled with characters who have high points and low points (see back page for more on this). As you open the pages of the Bible, you step into the greatest story of all. Rich in historical accuracy, the biblical story, written over thousands of years by dozens of authors, it is stunning in its symmetry and cohesiveness. Through the Scripture, God makes extraordinary promises to you and me. The Bible claims it can make us wise, bring life to our souls, open our eyes to see who and whose we are, fill our hearts with joy, make us purposeful, give our lives meaning, restore what has been lost and protect us from a shipwrecked life.

POLITE NOTICE As we approach the new **Financial Year in April**, each parishioner is asked to *consider increasing their weekly giving* – whether by standing order, offertory envelope or loose plate (even if only by a little, eg. 50p). Shortly essential work will commence on some of the windows in St Peter's (est. cost £120,000) and repainting part of St Joseph's sacristy area. Also, if you are a **tax payer** and have not already signed up for **Gift Aid**, do consider this too. *For every £1 we can claim back an extra 25p* – it provides a very valuable contribution to our income. It is **TOTALLY confidential**, and we do not need to know your income.

CORONAVIRUS In light of the present situation regarding Coronavirus (and usual winter colds & viruses, Holy Communion under both kinds is **suspended** and will be administered in the hand only (not on the tongue). The hand Sign of the Peace is also suspended. We have also now been asked to drain the Holy Water Fonts temporarily. We hope you understand. **LEAFLETS** on how to prevent the spread available in Church porches.

RITE OF ELECTION at the Cathedral today for our RCIA candidates with Bishop Draine 3pm
1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS this **Sunday 1 March** at St Peter's **11.30am** Mass. Next **PARENTS MEETING 7pm Thursday 23 April** in St Peter's School. Children sign the **register** in church at weekend Mass.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be **Thursday 4 June 2020**. A meeting will be called soon. **Names please** of those wishing to be confirmed (**yrs 9 upwards**) Pick up an enquiry form from back of church - also for any adult who may have missed out. **4 so far**.
BAPTISM PREPARATION continues this **Wednesday 4 March 6-7pm (note change of time)** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Speak to Fr Gubbins if you wish your child to be baptised.

REQUIEM MASS of Margaret Johnson: 2pm on Thursday 5 March at St Mary's, Filey. Her body will be brought into church at 4pm on Wed 4th.

BLESSING OF BIBLES at all Masses this **1st Sunday of Lent**. Bring your bible. This is one way to celebrate *The Year of the Word* - make reading the Bible a Lent resolution

FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 6 March. Take your CAFOD envelope

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 6.30pm Tuesday 3 March in St Peter's Parish Centre.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6 March: Churches Together Service **10.30am** at St Mark's Church, Green Lane (*opposite St Joseph's*); also, another Service at **2pm** at Burniston Methodist Church. All welcome.

FAIRTRADE FILM & QUIZ NIGHT 7pm Friday 6 March at St Edward's Hall, with refreshments (this is to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight, 24 Feb to 8 March)

BISHOP DRAINY will bestow **THE ORDER OF LECTOR** to Mr Paul Griffin: next **Sunday 8 March** at **11.30am** Mass at St Peter's. This marks a step on his journey to Permanent Diaconate. Paul has been praying and discerning this chosen path over time.

PLANNING MEETING FOR REDEDICATION of our Country to the Dowry of Mary after **9.30am** Mass on **Wednesday 11 March** to plan for the Triduum and 3.30pm Sunday 29 March.

PARISH IRISH NIGHT in anticipation of St Patrick's day - **8pm to 10.30pm** on **Saturday 14 March** in St Mary's Hall, Castle Road. **MUSIC & SONG** by **Tony Forde** from Leeds. Tickets on sale this weekend (Feast Day **Tues 17 March**). Tickets £5, *children free*, on sale now! Bring your own food and drink.

KEVIN O'CONNOR'S IRISH DANCE SCHOOL St Patrick's Day Celebration: **7pm on Tuesday 17 March** at the YMCA, St Thomas Street. Book online at ymcascarborough.uk or phone the box office on 01723 506750. See Poster

FAMILY BINGO at St Peter's School to raise funds for the school: **6pm on Wednesday 18 March**. Tickets £3 on the door (*inc's refreshments*). Do go along and support them.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH LUNCH in the Parish Centre after St Peter's **11.30am** Mass on **Wednesday 18 March**. Contact the parish office ASAP for contact details to book.

CAFOD FAST LUNCH Friday 27 March after 11.30am Mass in St Peter's Parish Centre. Contact the parish office for contact details to book.

CHRISM MASS 12noon Tuesday 7 April at Middlesbrough Cathedral. We will arrange a coach with enough interest. **Names on lists** - please state where you wish to be picked up. Seats **payable in advance** - **£10 ppn** (2 or more from same family £15).

PARISH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Tue 1 to Fri 4 Sept. Contact the parish office for contact details for info and to book (*£50 non-refundable deposit*).

KAIROS CATHOLIC MAGAZINE is a fantastic resource for youth and young families in an ever-changing cultural world - pick up a copy free at back of St Peter's or St Joseph's or visit their website at <http://eng.kairos.global/>

CHILDRENS' READERS ROTA at St Joseph's: any child **post First Communion age**, who would like to go on the Readers Rota add name to list.

SECOND COLLECTION for Sick & Retired Priests at all weekend Masses this weekend.

ST PETER'S MINISTERS We will draw up a rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for St Peter's weekday Masses. Please state which Masses you attend so we can draw up the rota.

BLESSED NICHOLAS POSTGATE IMAGE now in each of our churches

EXPOSITION AT ST PETER'S on the Sacred Heart Altar - to give the respect due to the exposed Blessed Sacrament, please access the Sacristy via the Altar Servers' room (white door) and **not** via the main Sacristy door.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY 10am to 4pm on Saturday 14 March at St Edward's Hall, for year 5+. Consent forms available from school offices and the parish.

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN TALKS begin **7.30pm on Mon 3 March** at RHB Methodist Church, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay: Fr Henry Wansborough (biblical scholar and monk at Ampleforth Abbey) will speak on *Papal Leadership in a Divided Church*. All invited.

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR YEAR OF THE WORD

Living God, you walk along-side us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hope and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

6 WEEK LENT COURSE: The Saints Helping Us Today 2pm Thursdays of Lent in St Edward's Hall beginning **27 February**. See Poster for details.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

We continue our **personal 33-day consecration**, to rededicate our lives, homes and country to Jesus through Mary each day after Mass with the *Act of Entrustment to Our Lady*. We also continue to follow the 33-day prayer retreat of St Louis de Montfort which *you are encouraged to say in your homes and in your parish groups*. This culminates on **25 March, Feast of the Annunciation**. A **3-day triduum** of the litany of Saints & Martyrs of England & the Rosary takes place from **26 to 28 March**, culminating on **29 March** with a **personal rededication** in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, including **ST PETER'S CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH**. *More info at www.behold2020.com*

YEAR OF THE WORD BISHOP'S VISIT

7-8.30pm Wed 4 March at St Augustine's School. Bishop Draine will give an intro to praying with Scripture, & lead us in communal prayer. *All parishioners of Scarborough & the Coastal Deanery are encouraged to participate*. Do try to go.

Add your **name to the list** ASAP, so the school can get an idea of numbers for catering purposes

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S More photos of 1st Communion/weddings/baptisms/functions needed for a display. Write a description on the back & your name, so photos can be returned. The **bishop** will come for Mass of Thanksgiving - the **PARISH MEETING: Sunday 14 March after 9.30am** Mass at St Joseph's to make plans for celebrating this *60th Jubilee*.

LOGO for 60th Jubilee - submit your ideas ASAP please

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



St David of Wales

As the first Saints' Day on the calendar, along with delightful displays of Wales's symbolic daffodil, St David's Day heralds spring. But how much do you know about the real St David, the 6th century bishop who gave Wales's national day its name?

- **Feast Day 1 March**
- **Patron Saint of Wales**
- Born circa 500. Died circa 589 at his monastery in Menevia
- Son of King Sant of South Wales and St Non, according to tradition
- After his ordination, he studied under St Paulinus
- He was involved in missionary work and founded a number of monasteries.
- The monastery he founded at Menevia, South-west Wales, was noted for extreme asceticism
- His contributions to the Synod at Brevi, Cardiganshire in 550 led to his election as primate of the Cambrian Church
- The shrine of St David at his cathedral, in St David's, Pembrokeshire, was thought of so highly by Pope Callistus II, he stated two pilgrimages to St David's shrine was worth one to the Vatican in Rome.
- King Edward I took the head and the arm of St David from the cathedral after his 1284 conquest in Wales which he displayed with other holy relics in London.
- David was the only Welsh saint to be canonised by the Western Catholic Church.
- The abbey at Glastonbury claims St David as its patron.
- St David's Day was raised to principal feast status in the church calendar after Henry V's success at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, reportedly in thanksgiving to St David's intervention on his behalf against the French.
- The nickname 'Taffy' for a Welshman links back to St David as the original and ultimate Welshman – the term dates back to the 17th century and derives from 'Dafydd', the Welsh for David.
- Images of St David often depict him on a hill with a white dove on his shoulder. The dove represents the Holy Spirit which gifted St David with eloquent speech when he preached.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2020

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself. Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

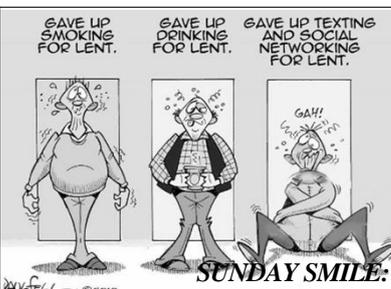
Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's Magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

FRANCIS Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019

WORLD BOOK DAY - THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Every story has... A beginning: As Jesus' people, our story begins with a creating God. Man was created in the image of God. Everything beautiful, spiritual, wonderful and eternal about you is the result of his divine image woven into your spirit from the start. **A problem:** The problem for humanity is sin. Though welcomed into paradise, Adam and Eve had free will. Choosing to attempt to become like God, they fell into physical and spiritual death. Yet, God had already set in motion a plan of salvation. **Participants:** - those who are going to be impacted by the unfolding drama. He commissioned a special people to be His, who would be a witness on earth of his faithfulness. He showered them in blessing, yet they constantly revolted and reverted to sinful ways. God never ceased to show mercy and announced each time through a prophet a coming Saviour. **A hero:** In this story his name is Jesus. In the fullness of time, God's promised Saviour was born. He showed the people the Way to return to the Father. He made the ultimate sacrifice, thereby conquering the sin and death brought into the world by our first parents. And finally sent an Advocate. **The effect:** Jesus established the church, empowered it with the Holy Spirit and commissioned it to continue His work of redemption, and proclaiming this to all His people. **A resolution:** At a time only the Father knows, everything in heaven and earth will be put right once and for all. Those opposed to Jesus will get what they have asked for — an eternity without his goodness and glory. The redeemed will be gathered from every race and nation in his presence for all eternity – their prize – eternal life. **Reflection - Have you ever thought of the Bible as one grand story?** How encouraging is it to think that in all of history, God has a plan in it for you?



NEWSLETTER: Submit notices by **end of Thursday** for inclusion the following weekend (subject to the approval of the Parish Priest). Please keep notices short (we reserve the right to edit). Email us if you wish to be on the newsletter mailing list.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS Please **seek permission** from the Parish Priest before displaying your notice, and please be considerate to existing notices.

MASS INTENTIONS/SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATIONS Reminder: only names of deceased can be printed in full unless **written permission** is sought from the person for whom the Mass is to be said. When requesting dates give **an alternative date**, and please ensure it is clear whether the person is **deceased or living**.