

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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WEEK COMMENCING 15 MARCH 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 3

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY

This **Thursday 19 March** is the Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Our Lady. Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture. St Joseph was an ordinary **manual labourer**. The sceptical Nazarenes asked of Jesus; *"Is this not the carpenter's son?"* (Matthew 13:55). He was **not a wealthy man** as the sacrifice he offered when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified was the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). But, despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Although the genealogies of Luke and Matthew (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38) differ to a degree (plausible explanations exist), both mark his descent from David, the great king of Israel of whose line the Saviour would be born (John 7:42). Indeed, the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as *"son of David"*, a royal title used also for Jesus (Matthew 1:20).

We know **Joseph was a compassionate, caring man**. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed (engaged), he knew the child was not his but he was not yet aware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him *"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins"* he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25). When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know **Joseph loved Jesus**. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) anxiously searched for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son, from the Nazarenes who say many times, *"Is this not the son of Joseph?"* (see Luke 4:22)

We know **Joseph respected God**. He was *"a righteous man"* (Matthew 1:18). He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

As St Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, his death or resurrection, many believe **Joseph probably died** before Jesus entered public ministry. Apocryphal texts say Joseph was born in 90 BC in Bethlehem and died in AD 18 in Nazareth.

St Joseph is Patron Saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, unborn children, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people in general, a happy death, and is protector of virgins. St Teresa of Avila attributed her recovery of health to Saint Joseph and recommended him as an advocate.

Feast Days: We celebrate 2 feast days for Joseph: **19 March** for *Joseph the Husband of Mary* and **1 May** for *Joseph the Worker*. The former has been the most commonly celebrated. It wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of *St Joseph the Worker*. Also, May Day & International Workers' Day, it is believed to reflect Joseph's status as Patron of workers.

In art: Joseph is typically portrayed as an older man, with grey hair and a beard, next to Mary and Jesus, if not entirely in the background. Symbols of St Joseph include a carpenter's square or tools; a staff bearing 3 white lilies (purity/sign he was chosen by God cf. Numbers 17:5), two turtle doves, or a spikenard.

Prayer: *St Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen*

Prayer: *Glorious St. Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to toil, in the spirit of penance, in order to thereby atone for my many sins.*

Dream of St Joseph
Gerard Seghers
(c.1625-1630)



SATURDAY VIGIL	14	5.30pm	St Edward's	See printed copy for Mass intentions
SUNDAY	15	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's ** (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	16	9.30am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	17	11am	St Peter's <i>ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND</i> NO EVENING MASS	
Wednesday	18	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	
Thursday	19	9.30am	St Joseph's <i>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY</i>	
Friday	20	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	21	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

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 Peter's 9am - 10am
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 £460; Loose plate £669, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,683. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's 172; St Joseph's 170; St Edward's 75; Polish 102; Total: 519

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

† **ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen White, Mary O'Connor, George Ford, Angelo Schembri, Patricia Curry, Helen McLeish, Maureen Mayes, Marie Belfitt † **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Pick, James Haylett, Jean Greenan

† **SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** Fr Colman Ryan (St Peter's)

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.14 £25; No.11 £10. Congrats.

ALL CHEQUES payable to **St Peter's Church** (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.

DECREE ISSUED BY BISHOP DRAINEY GIVEN ON 13/03/2020: PASTORAL MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE RISKS OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION
Effective from 14 March 2020, given to reduce possible transmission, having received professional advice and as part of a united response of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

1. **The sign of peace** is to be suspended at Mass. In order not to create confusion in the minds of the lay faithful, I request that all priests simply omit any reference to the offering of the sign of peace, prior to the *Agnus Dei*.
2. **Holy Communion from the chalice** shall cease to be offered to the lay faithful. The practice of intinction is not to be introduced as an alternative.
3. Those who choose to **receive Holy Communion** on the tongue should be encouraged to receive **on the hand** instead. Their doing this represents an act of loving charity to their community.
4. **Holy water stoups** are to be emptied.
5. Churches and chapels that are open daily for private prayer should continue to remain open. Care should be given to ensuring that **surfaces of high contact** (e.g. light switches, door handles and areas around the door) are regularly sanitized throughout the day.
6. **Ministers should wash and also sanitise** their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion. Shared towels should not be used in toilet areas or the sacristy.
7. **Shared hymnbooks and Mass books** should cease to be used. Single-use Mass sheets may be used; though these should be disposed-of immediately after use.
8. **Collections baskets or bags** should be available for the people's contributions on the way out of Mass and not passed up and down the aisles at the offertory.
9. On Good Friday, the traditional '**Veneration of the Cross**' is to be observed by a simple genuflection.

These measures persist until instructed by decree of their cessation or alteration

Suspension of catering (refreshments etc) at parish centres where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc is also advised, as is the **removal of fabric hand towels & soap bars** - use paper towels and soap dispensers only.

1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION All children sign the **register** in church at weekend Mass. **32** children are preparing in the school and in the parish centre each week
CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS & CATECHISTS **12 noon on Saturday 28 March** in St Peter's Parish Centre. **8 candidates** so far. Year 9 + eligible
BAPTISM PREPARATION final session this **Wed 18 March 7-8pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre. See Fr Gubbins. **8 families** are attending this Course.
CELEBRATION OF WELCOME for children and their families and godparents at St Peter's **11.30am Mass this Sunday 15 March** - today.

BENE MERENTI will be presented at the **9.30am Mass today Sunday 15 March** at St Joseph's Church, in recognition of being an altar server for 73 years, and his witness to his faith and family life and marriage. Welcome to members of his family who join us.

IRISH NIGHT on Saturday 14 March was cancelled, to conform to advice about Coronavirus. If you have bought a ticket, please **return your ticket** to the parish office **for a refund**.

ST PATRICK'S DAY is **Tuesday 17 March**. Mass at St Peter's **11am**, followed by a glass of bubbly in St Peter's Parish Centre. **Note**, no evening Mass at St Edward's that day.

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

CRAFT GROUP on **Monday 16 March** is **cancelled** until further notice.

UCM MEETING on **1.30pm Tuesday 17 March** is **cancelled**.

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 AUGUSTINE'S EASTER CONCERT 7pm Wednesday 18 March at Westborough Methodist Church. Performances by the School Choirs, Orchestras and Jazz Bands. Tickets **£5 adults/£4 Children** from the school or on the door. Do go along.

OPEN MASS at Madonna House: 2pm on Wed 18 March. Celebrant, Fr Albert Schembri will also give a short reflection. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH LUNCH at St Peter's this **Wednesday 18 March** is **cancelled** due to Coronavirus advice. Mass is at the usual time of 9.30am.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH Thursday 19 March - 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, followed by a glass of bubbly in the Newman Room, celebrating the Feast & 60 years of St Joseph's.

CAFOD FAST LUNCH at St Peter's on **Friday 27 March** is **cancelled** due to Coronavirus advice.

REDEDICATION TO DOWRY OF MARY Following the period of preparation there will be a 3-day Triduum from **Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 March**, when we will pray the Litany of the Saints & Martyrs of England and the Rosary. **29 March** marks the culmination when we will join with Westminster, Walsingham and every Cathedral and participating parish. We will gather outside St Mary's Church at **4pm** and process to St Peter's, where we will say the prayers and end with Benediction. A programme of prayer will be made available.

CHRISM MASS 12noon Tuesday 7 April at Middlesbrough Cathedral. We will arrange a coach with enough interest. **Names on lists** -state where you wish to be  **picked up. SEATS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE £10 ppn** (2+ from same family £15).

SECOND COLLECTION for Sick & Retired Priests raised £289. **Thank you.**

HOLY SHOPS St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day & Easter cards now available.

A BIG THANK YOU to North Cliff Golf Club for the lovely chairs donated to St Peter's Church. These have been placed in Church and in the Sacristy.

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). 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. **GIFT AID & STANDING ORDERS** Jennie Eyre will be available at the back of St Edward's, **Tony Cully** at St Peter's and **Barbara Chambers** at St Joseph's the weekend of **21/22 March** if anyone wishes to sign up or change their Standing Order or Gift Aid. All confidential.

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN TALKS **Mondays of March at 7.30pm** at Methodist Church, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay. **17th** - Anglican Bishop Bill Godfrey; **24th** - Yorkshire Air Ambulance; **31st** - St Catherine's Hospice.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS new group discussing how we, as Christians, relate to our environment and climate change concerns, next meets **12.30-2.30pm Monday 23 March** in the upper room at St James Church, Seamer Road. Representatives from our parishes are encouraged to go, and to report back.

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. See Poster info.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

We continue our personal **33-day consecration**, to re-dedicate 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*, culminating **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 re-dedication** in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, including **ST PETER'S CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH**. *More info at www.behold2020.com*

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John 4:13,14



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S

We need many more photos of people and events  at St Joseph's, for anniversary display is to be a success: 1st Holy Communion, weddings, baptisms, functions, anniversaries, former priests etc. Write a description on the back & your name, so they can be returned. The **bishop** will come for a Mass of Thanksgiving - date tbc. We will also invite former priests.

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.

PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS VICTIMS

If you are worried about Coronavirus, pray, as Catholics have done down through the centuries, to **St Sebastian, Patron Saint of infectious diseases.** St Sebastian is considered the protector against the plague, a nasty contagious illness that wiped-out millions of lives in Europe during the Middle Ages. The Holy Rosary is another powerful way to ask **Mary, our Most Holy Mother,** for protection, for healing of those suffering, and for an end to the Coronavirus. Pray, too, the following prayer revealed by Our Lady, under the title of **Our Lady of All Nations:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all Nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.

ST PATRICK

At 14 of age, St Patrick was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids, but Patrick turned with fervour to God. His captivity lasted until he was 20, when he escaped after a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain.

A few years later, St Patrick saw a vision which prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre, under who he had studied, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland in 433.

There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people and he began building churches across the country. He preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. St Patrick died on 17 March 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



12TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12-19 MARCH:

Bishop David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, invites people to pray for dementia sufferers and their families during National Dementia Prayer Week, a week of prayer spearheaded by the Pastoral Care Project. During this week, everyone is invited to pray *for and with* those who live among us with dementia. Recent statistics indicate that there are over 820,000 people in the UK with dementia and an estimated 40,000 are younger people. Bishop McGough says: "Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let us pray for and with those whose lives have been touched by dementia. In this way, we unite ourselves with them, forging a link with the Lord that words alone cannot express. Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Let this Dementia-Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia." Find out more about this prayer initiative at www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we bring to you all those who struggle with the confusion of dementia. We pray that you might touch their inmost hearts with the peace of your presence. We beseech for ourselves the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we, who know and love them, may serve them with your compassion, your understanding and your peace. May the same Holy Spirit raise us up into the presence of your Father. This we ask through the same Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

SIGNIFICANCE OF INCENCE BURNED AT MASS

Incense is the aromatic resin from certain trees. When burned over charcoal, it produces a sweet-smelling aroma. The use of incense in the ancient world was common, especially in religious rites where it was used to keep demons away. It was popular among the Assyrians, Babylonians, and Egyptians. In Judaism, incense was included in the thanksgiving offerings of oil, grain, fruits, and wine (Numbers 7:13-17). The Lord instructed Moses to build a golden altar for the burning of incense (Exodus 30:1-10), to be placed in front of the veil to the entrance of the meeting tent where the ark of the covenant was kept. Aaron was directed by God to "burn a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout the generations" (Exodus 30:8). Psalm 141 says "Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice" (v.2). In the New Testament Book of Revelation, St John describes "the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God" (8:4). At the time of the early Church, the Jews continued to use incense in their own Temple rituals.

In light of these biblical passages, the primary meaning of the use of incense is to **symbolise our prayers rising up to God.** Incense calls to mind the heavenly reality of Mass; our celebration of the liturgy being the meeting place between heaven and earth, as pictured in the book of Revelation (8:3f). Incensing is used also for **purification and sanctification** - of the Altar, sanctuary, offerings and the people of God. And it adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the celebration of Mass. The fragrance and the visual imagery of the smoke reminds us of the **transcendence of Mass**, that connects heaven and earth, letting us enter into the presence of God. The smoke also symbolises the **intense faith of the people of God** and the fragrance represents Christian virtue.

SUNDAY SMILE:

This morning at the post office, while I was in line, two people with masks entered.

TOTAL PANIC!

Then they said: "This is a robbery" ... and we all calmed down ...

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.**