

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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Welcome

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WEEK COMMENCING 5 MAY 2019

Divine Office: Week 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making holiday plans. It is also the Month of Mary. Yet, although many Catholics know that May is dedicated to the Mother of God, it may be a bit of a puzzle as to why May was chosen for this special honour.

WHY IS MAY THE MONTH OF MARY?

Some have pointed to the fact that, in classic western culture (both Greek and Roman), May was recognized as the season of the beginning of new life. The Ancient Greeks dedicated May to goddess Artemis associated with fecundity. Roman culture linked the month of May to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms, holding ludi florales (floral games) at the very end of April as preparation for entering into the month of May.

The ancient tradition of connecting May with new life and fecundity, led to a realization that May is very much the month of motherhood - Mother's Day is celebrated during May in the United States and in many other cultures. This connection between motherhood and May led Christians eventually to adopt May as Mary Month. May is the Month of our Lady precisely as the Mother of God.

The practice of dedicating the month of May to our Lady was popularized especially by the Rosary Encyclicals of Leo XIII. Beginning in 1883 and concluding in 1889, the Pontiff wrote twelve encyclicals and five apostolic letters on the Rosary.

In its present form, the May devotion to our Lady originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and from there to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. This practice is the oldest instance of a devotion extending over an entire month.

HOW IS MARY HONOURED?

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It is common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to **crown the statue of Mary** during May, often following a procession. Mary is crowned *Queen of May*. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.

But **May altars and crownings** aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. If you haven't already, you are encouraged to **erect a special corner in your home** for Mary: it can be a statue or picture. **Then crown Mary**. This can be an actual or spiritual crown; a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony: the meaning is far more important than the action. We do this because Mary is our Mother, and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

SATURDAY VIGIL	4	6.30pm	St Edward's	
SUNDAY	5	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	For Mass Intentions see printed copy
Monday	6	6.30pm	St Edward's	
Tuesday	7	9.30am 6.30am	St Joseph's St Peter's	<i>St John of Beverley - 2nd Patron of the Diocese</i>
Wednesday	8	9.30am	St Peter's	
Thursday	9	9.30am 5.45pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	<i>Note change of time</i>
Friday	10	9.30am	St Peter's	
Saturday	11	9.30am	St Peter's	

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays	St Edward's	5.45 - 6.15pm
Sundays	St Joseph's	9.15 - 9.45am
Saturdays	St Peter's	9.30 - 10.30am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Tuesday	St Joseph's	8.30 - 9.30am
Thursday	St Edward's	6.15 - 6.45pm
Saturday	St Peter's	10 - 10.30am



WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TO OUR CHURCHES THIS EASTERTIDE

SANCTUARY LAMP
DEDICATED THIS WEEK TO
CHRISTOPHER WYATT

MASSES RECEIVED:

See printed copy

RECENTLY DECEASED

See printed copy

300 CLUB WINNERS

No.132 **£25**
No.248 **£10**

ANNIVERSARIES:

see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Peter's 11.30am	150
St Peter's 5pm	49
St Joseph's 10am	165
St Edward's Vigil	86
Polish Mass (approx)	110
Total (including children)	450

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

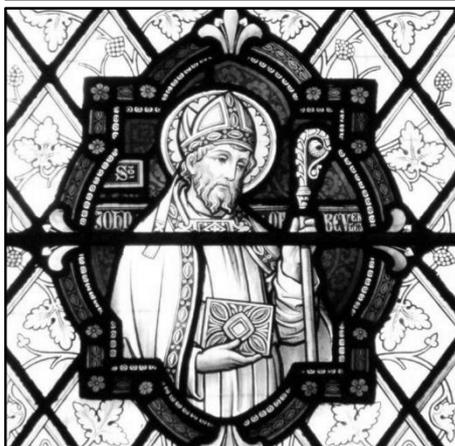
St Edward's loose plate 4pm:	£234
St Joseph's loose plate 10am:	£274
St Peter's loose plate 11.30am/5pm:	£342
Gift Aid envelopes total:	£530
Standing orders (weekly av.):	£524
Polish Mass	£30
Total:	£1,934

Cheques payable to St Peter's church

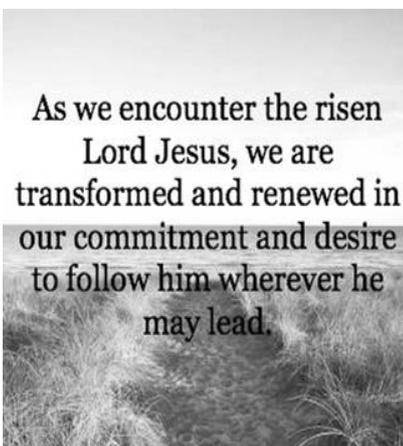
NOTICES FOR VISITORS:

TOILETS St Peters: back of Parish Centre (*across car park down steps*); St Joseph's & St Edward's located in the church building. *Always accompany your children to the toilets.*

ST PETER'S CHURCH IS OPEN at certain times during the week. Call in & say a prayer and light a candle. **Security CCTV is in operation.**



ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY (d.721) is 2nd Patron of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. He was one of the leaders of the Northumbrian Church following the conversion of the North to Christianity in the 620s and 630s. According to tradition he was born at Harpham near Driffield, and was Bishop of Hexham (687-706) and then York (706-c.714). He went on to found the town of Beverley by building the first structure there, a monastery. John was associated with miracles during and after his lifetime, and was canonised by Pope Benedict IX in 1037. Julian of Norwich and St John Fisher were devotees.



As we encounter the risen Lord Jesus, we are transformed and renewed in our commitment and desire to follow him wherever he may lead.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline for notices is **Thursday** but space runs out quickly, so please try to submit your notices as early as possible to be sure of inclusion (subject to the approval of the Parish Priest). Please keep notices short (we reserve the right to edit). If you want to be added to our **electronic mailing list**, please email us.

MASS INTENTIONS: We do try to honour requested dates, but this is not always possible. Give an alternative date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PARENTS' MEETING for ALL parents **Thursday 9 May at 7pm** at St Peter's school.

PREPARATION MASS for families **Sunday 12 May at the 11.30am** at St Peter's.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in 2 parts.

Part 1 - St Joseph's **10am Mass on Sunday 16 June**; Part 2 - St Peter's **11.30am Mass on Sunday 23 June** (*Feast of Corpus Christi*)

There is a REGISTER in each Church, with the children's names and it is to be signed each week by each child, whichever Mass they attend, at whichever church.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Brian Crawford of Greenland Avenue **12:30pm Wednesday 8 May** at St Joseph's.

APPEAL TALK by Jill Richardson from **Lepra**, a specialist charity working to treat and beat leprosy at all weekend Masses **this Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May**. A collection will be taken. See display poster in porch.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP closes for May Bank Holiday Monday **6 May**.

ICONOGRAPHY GROUP resumes **2pm on Thursday 9 May** in St Peter's Parish Centre (*note change of time for summer*).

OPEN MASS at Madonna House 2pm on Tuesday 13 May. Stay for a short reflection offered by Fr Michael Bayldon & refreshments. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID CAKE SALE 10am to 4pm daily Tue 14 to Sat 18 May in Boyes.

SPRINGTIDE Ecumenical prayer for Scarborough, **Sunday 19 May, 16 June & 21 July** at St Mary's Church. Prayer intention: *Lord Cleanse Your People*.

LOURDES 66TH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 24 to 31 May, led by Bishop Drainey. **Cakes are taken to Lourdes** for the afternoon teas for the sick. If any parishioner is willing to bake a cake, add your name to the list and we will give you further details. We can get these cakes to Middlesbrough so that they can take them.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND for young women. Prayer and reflection on the vocation to religious life, organised by the Sisters of the **Faithful Companions of Jesus** (FCJ). **24-26 May** in Liverpool. Are you wondering where God is calling you? Join them for the weekend or just a day. Info from Sr Lynn lynnecj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

DEMENTIA FRIEND & AWARENESS TALK Imogen Wormald of the Scarborough Alzheimer's Society will come to talk to our parish at **6.30pm on Wednesday 29 May** at St Edward's Church Hall. Do come along to learn more about how to spot the signs and how to help a person you think may have signs of dementia, be it a family member, friend, or someone in the parish or society, and how you could become a Dementia Friend.

NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Sat 1 June by bus. *LAST CHANCE* to add your name. If insufficient numbers we will have to cancel. Departure around **5.30am**, arrive back around **9.30pm**. Cost **£15**.

PARISH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Tue 13 to Fri 16 August. Standard single/twin £210; En-suite twin £250 (*no single en-suites*). Child £100. Price includes bed, breakfast, evening meal & all travel. Payment plans accepted. Contact Annie O'Reilly (078755 96351) to book. £40 non refund-able deposit required.

ANY HOUSEBOUND OR SICK wishing to see a priest over the Eastertide period, please get in touch by phone or through your Eucharistic Minister.

ST PETER'S OLD SCHOOL Aurborough Street. The Council lease will come to an end in September 2022. They will **not** be renewing the lease. We need to be thinking ahead as to what to do with the old school. A suggestion is to knock it down and sell it as a development site. Your views are welcome. Please submit in writing.

EASTER GARDENS in our churches tell the story of the resurrection in a way that the crib tells the Christmas story. Bring your children to see the garden and say a prayer.

EASTER HOLY WATER is available to take and bless your home and family and car.

COLLECTION MONEY Please do not put old or foreign coins in the offertory or any other collection, as they **jam the coin counting machine**.

WELCOME BACK to the 17 Scarborough pilgrims from Knock, part of the group of 55 pilgrims who travelled to Ireland.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY is **next weekend 13/14 May** when we pray the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest. There will be a retiring collection.



SHRINES OF OUR LADY OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES & CULTURES.

Individuals and groups are invited to create a Shrine in the windows of St Peters church, as happened last year. These will remain on display throughout May. Please speak to Fr Gubbins beforehand with your proposal, and remove at the end of May.

ROSARIES & CHAPLETS DISPLAY at St Joseph's church for the month of May (Month of Mary). Further details from Heather Tymon or Ann McIntyre. All welcome to view the displays.

MAY PROCESSION Sunday 5 May begins **10.45am outside St Mary's Church**. Families and children dress in your **native dress** of your country of origin. Rosary and Statue of our Lady will be carried and crowned in St Peter's by Ann Wilson just before Mass begins. Children to lay flowers around Our Lady's statue.

MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, particularly during May (even one decade). Create a May Shrine at home

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

*Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest
flower of the vale!*

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May.*

ST PETER'S CHURCH WEBCAM **(LIVE STREAMING !!)** LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Housebound, and even family & friends overseas can live-link with us for *St Peter's Sunday and weekday Masses* on their home computers and laptop and smartphone. Go to the Parish Website: www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk and click "**Launch Stream**" *Ring Presbytery on 01723 360358 if there is an error*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS: MAY

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

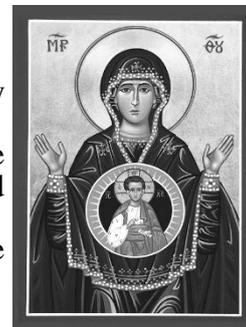


MARIAN TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH (PART 1)

There are several teachings of the Church about Mary and her personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation. Some are formally defined by a Church Council and, as such, are binding upon the Catholic Faithful.

1) Divine Motherhood

- Proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (AD431) to refute Nestorius, who challenged what was already believed by the Church, this teaching flows naturally from the Scriptural teachings on Jesus.
- Mary is called *Mother of God*, or more accurately, *Theotokos* (Greek for *Birth-giver of God*), because she is Jesus' mother. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary conceived in her virginal womb and brought into the world Jesus Christ, Son of God, who is of one being with the Father.
- In Jesus there are 2 natures, human & divine. But Mary did not give birth solely to Jesus' *human* nature as Jesus' 2 natures are inseparable. He is, both *fully God*, and *fully human* (*hypostatic union*).



2) Perpetual Virginity

- The teaching that Mary was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus, conceived without human seed, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was not a pronouncement of a council or pope, but was contained in the Baptismal symbols of the early Church.
- We know from Scripture that Mary was a Virgin before she conceived (Luke 1:27,34). The Council of the Lateran, (AD649) stated that Mary conceived "*without any detriment to her virginity, which remained inviolate even after his birth*". Vatican II reiterated the teaching by stating Christ's birth did not diminish Mary's virginal integrity but sanctified it.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church ponders the deeper meaning of the virgin bride and perpetual virginity (###499-507). It also maintains that Jesus Christ was Mary's only child. The so-called 'brothers and sisters' are close relations.

3) Immaculate Conception

- This teaching refers to the birth of Mary (not of Jesus, as some mistakenly believe). It was declared by Pope Pius IX in his Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* in 1854. It states that "*the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin.*"
- Original sin provokes disorderly thought and behaviour, especially regarding the primacy of God's presence in our life. In declaring Mary immaculately conceived, the Church sees in Mary one who never denied God the least sign of love. Thus, from her beginning, Mary was exceptionally holy and in constant union with the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit.
- Luke 1:28, the angel declares Mary "*full of grace*". Although this word can also be translated as *highly favoured*, the word used (Greek *kecharitomene*) literally means "*grace-filled*" (from the root word *charitoo* - "*to give grace*"). The word is past perfect tense, meaning that the action of giving grace had already occurred beforehand. Additionally, the angel pronounced it as a title rather than a description: "*Hail kecharitomene.*" Therefore the word is not simply an action but an identity. This is the title under which Our Lady of Lourdes introduced herself.

4) The Assumption

- Proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950 in his Encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus*. It states that "*Mary, Immaculate Mother of God ever Virgin, after finishing the course of her life on earth, was taken up in body and soul to heavenly glory.*"
- The Assumption had been a part of the Church's Tradition for centuries, and may be seen as a consequence of Divine Motherhood.
- A distinction needs to be made between Ascension and Assumption. Jesus Christ, Son of God and Risen Lord, **ascended** into heaven, a sign of divine power. Mary was elevated or **assumed** into heaven by the power and grace of God.
- Although this teaching is not explicitly stated in the Bible, there are various "*holy writers who ... employed statements and various images and analogies of Sacred Scripture to illustrate and to confirm the doctrine of the Assumption....*" (MD #29)
- In heaven, Mary's active involvement in salvation history continues: "*Taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside her salvific duty.. By her maternal love she cares for the brothers and sisters of her Son who still journey on earth*" (Lumen Gentium). Mary is the "eschatological icon of the Church" (CCC 972), meaning the Church contemplates in Mary her own end of times.

SUNDAY SMILE

"The children were lined up in the school canteen. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and put it on the tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.' Moving further along the line, at the other end of the table there was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note: 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples!'"

SANCTUARY LAMP In some churches, people 'sponsor' the **7-day Sanctuary Lamp** in memory of someone dear who has died. Pick up a **SANCTUARY LAMP envelope** from Church porch. Place **name of deceased** inside envelope together **with your donation** (suggested **£3**). The name will then be placed in the parish newsletter (*note: no requested dates*). **The Sanctuary Lamp is a candle contained in a red lamp, which indicates the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle.**



MY GOD IS NO STRANGER

"I've never seen God, but I know how I feel. It's people like you who make him so real. It seems that I pass Him so often each day, in the faces of people I meet on the way. He's the star in the heavens, a smile on a face; a leaf on a tree or a rose in a vase. He's winter and autumn and summer and spring. In short, God's in every wonderful thing."