



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF

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**WEEK COMMENCING 8 APRIL 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Low Sunday / Doubting Thomas Sunday**

## THE INCREDULITY OF SAINT THOMAS

**The Incredulity of Saint Thomas** (*incredulity - state of disbelief*) was painted by Italian Baroque master, Caravaggio (Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio 1571-1610) c. 1601–1602 and hangs in the Sanssouci Picture Gallery, now a museum, in Potsdam, Germany. It shows the episode in today's Gospel reading (John 20:24-29) that gave rise to the common-use term *Doubting Thomas* meaning *skeptic*. According to St John's Gospel, Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection, but Thomas was not there. They reported His appearance to Thomas, who said “*Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe.*” (John 20:25) Eight days later Jesus appeared again and told Thomas to touch Him and doubt no more.

Typical of Caravaggio's paintings, the scene is in chiaroscuro (intense light and dark), which accentuates the drama of the event, and helps us focus our attention.

Christ has no halo. He comes to them as a man of flesh rather than a disembodied spirit, so His resurrection is apprehended in their literal terms, and is all the more miraculous. Christ's brightly lit body and bloodless wound attest to His Risen, transfigured state.

Christ guides the hand of stolid doubter St Thomas, as he invasively prods Christ's wound with his finger. Hardness of heart prevents St Thomas' belief. But Christ seems understanding and indulgent rather than reproachful.

Lack of background detail places the event outside of time, and conveys a sense of immediacy. Do we hold onto doubt in our hearts too? Do we demand proof to believe?

Caravaggio also uses geometry to emphasise the dynamic of the event: the figures are arranged in a triangle. We focus firstly on Christ, then clockwise around the faces before resting on St Thomas. The base of the triangle emphasises the thrust of his finger into the wound.

We do not see the hands of the other apostles, though their curiosity is scarcely less restrained. They challenge us to focus upon the wound of our Lord: the sacrifice He made for us, and the source and gift of the Church and the Sacraments, through which He remains with us until His second coming.



*“Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe” (John 20:29)*

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 8 APRIL 2018: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

Saturday Vigil	7	6.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	8	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	See printed copy for Mass Intentions
Monday	9	6.30pm	St Edward's	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
Tuesday	10	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Peter's	
Wednesday	11	9.30am	St Peter's	St Stanislaus
Thursday	12	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	
Friday	13	9.30am	St Peter's	St Martin
Saturday	14	9.30am	St Peter's	

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

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Divine Office)** 15 minutes before morning Mass: St Peter's – Saturdays; St Joseph's - daily

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):**

Saturdays	St Edward's	5.45 - 6.15pm
Sundays	St Joseph's	9.15 - 9.45am
Saturdays	St Peter's	10 - 10.30am



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Tuesday	St Joseph's	8.30 - 9.30am
Thursday	St Edward's	5.30 - 6.30pm
Saturday	St Peter's	10 - 10.30am



**MASSES RECEIVED:** see printed copy

**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
see printed copy

**REGULAR PARISH GROUPS (more information from Parish Office)**

- FATIMA ROSARY** St Peter's: 9am Fridays; St Joseph's: Thursdays after Mass
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays after Mass (St Peter's)
- SACRED HEART Devotion** Fridays after Mass (St Peter's)
- OUR LADY of Perpetual Help** devotion 3rd Wed. monthly (St Peter's after Mass)
- MOTHERS' PRAYERS** Tuesdays 12.30pm (St Peter's Parish Centre upper room)
- DIVINE MERCY Devotion** Fridays at 2.45pm (St Peter's Church)
- LEGION OF MARY** Saturdays after Exposition (St Peter's Parish Centre)
- LIFE ASCENDING** prayer group: 2nd Thursday monthly 10am (St Joseph's bungalow)
- EMMAUS** Scripture sharing fortnightly 2pm Thursday afternoons (St Edward's)
- SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society)** 7.30pm first Monday of month (St Peter's Parish Centre)
- UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)** 1.30pm (winter), 7pm (summer) third Tuesday monthly (St Peter's Parish Centre)
- PARENTS & TODDLERS** Term time weekly Mondays 9.30am (St Joseph's Bungalow).
- CRAFT GROUPS:** St Peter's 7-9pm last Tuesday of month (Parish Centre; St Joseph's normally 2-4pm fortnightly (bungalow).
- BARROWCLIFF CHURCHES TOGETHER LUNCH** 12pm to 1pm every 4th Tuesday of the month at Wreyfield Methodist Church
- OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP** 1st Thursday of the month 2pm to 4pm (St Joseph's Bungalow)
- YOUTH CLUB** Fridays, term-time weekly 6.30-8pm at St Augustine's Schools. For children in Years 5,6,7 & 8. £1 subs. Lots of activities.
- ICONOGRAPHY GROUP** Thursdays, fortnightly 2-4pm, with breaks at term ends (St Peter's Parish Centre).

**BOOKINGS** of our Parish communal areas should be made **only** through the Parish office, thus avoiding double booking and upset.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** see printed copy

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

**Holy Thursday:**

St Edward's	94
St Joseph's	115
St Peter's	87

**Good Friday**

St Peter's	207
St Joseph's	190

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil):**

St Joseph's	150
St Peter's	92

**Easter Sunday:**

St Edward's	88
St Joseph's	248
St Peter's	305

(There was no St Peter's 5pm Mass)

**300 CLUB WINNERS**

See printed copy

**NOTICES FOR VISITORS**

**TOILETS** St Peter's: in the Parish Centre (across the car park); St Joseph's & St Edward's toilets in the church building.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH IS OPEN** at certain times during the weekdays. Call in and say a prayer. CCTV is in operation. **SIGN VISITORS BOOK IN THE PORCH**

**CHEQUES** for offerings, donations, Mass Intentions, or Parish events payable to St Peter's Church please



**1ST CONFESSION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:** this **Sunday 8 April** at St Peter's **11.30am** Mass. **PARENTS' MEETING 7pm on Thursday 19 April** in St Peter's Parish Centre. **REGISTERS** to be *signed each week*. **FIRST COMMUNION DATES** are **Sunday 3 June** at St Joseph's and **Sunday 10 June** at St Peter's.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** next meeting **12 noon Saturday 21 April** for Candidates & Catechists.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY** at Thicket Priory Carmelite Convent, York: **Saturday 5 May** departing **9am**, arriving back **6pm**. Parents please let Fr Gubbins know if your child can come, as we need to book a coach.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING** resumes **9/10 April** after the Easter break at St Edwards Hall: **Mondays 2-4pm** to recorded music; **Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm** to live music. All are welcome.

**ICONOGRAPHY GROUP** resumes 12 April, 2-4pm in St Peter's Parish Centre.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** resumes on **Friday 13 April** at **2.45pm** at St Peter's Church, after the Easter break.

**CLOTHING SALE** in aid of the Refugees: **10am-12noon on Saturday 14 April** in St Mary's Parish Hall. Please bring donations of *good quality items* to sell on the day. More information from Mary Blurton.

**UCM AGM** The Annual General Meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers is at **7pm on Tuesday 17 April** in St Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome.

**SCARBOROUGH PARISHES END OF SEASON LUNCH** **Wednesday 18 April** after **11:30 am Mass** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Phone the parish office ASAP to book.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** next meeting is **6.30pm on Wednesday 18 April** in St Peter's Parish Centre. All Members please confirm attendance. Any items for the Agenda by **12 noon on 10 April**.

**COMMISSIONING DAY for Lay Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers** **Saturday 28 April** at the Spa, South Bay, Scarborough. Cost of £25 will be paid by the Parish and includes refreshments and buffet lunch. **Begins 9.30am** and **ends 3pm** approx. *For Ministers not already commissioned, only.*

**COFFEE MORNING 10am on Saturday 28 April** in St Peter's Parish Centre to raise funds for Kevin O'Connor's grandson, for his charity expedition to Peru. We will have a Raffle and a Cake Stall.

**PRAY & PLAY (ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT):** A new parish group for children aged 0-7 in St Edwards Hall. Saturday mornings during the Summer term: **10am-11.30am on Saturday 28 April, 12 May, 7 July**. Games, songs, & craft activities alongside prayer and guided adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Juice and biscuits provided. No fee: donations invited. *All children must to be accompanied by an adult throughout.* Bring your little ones and spread the word. Speak to Fr Gubbins.

**JOY, THE SURPRISE OF THE GOSPEL** Experience the Bible afresh. Informative and inspiring talks, workshops, and worship: **10am-4.30pm on Saturday 12 May** at All Saints Lower School in York. Keynote Speaker: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. Fee £5. Book via [www.scripturefestival.org/](http://www.scripturefestival.org/) or turn up on the day.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** from Scarborough **7-10 September** will still go ahead. Celebrating Our Lady's birthday on the 8th Sept. as the Dowry is now on 16th. A couple of rooms left. More info from the parish office.

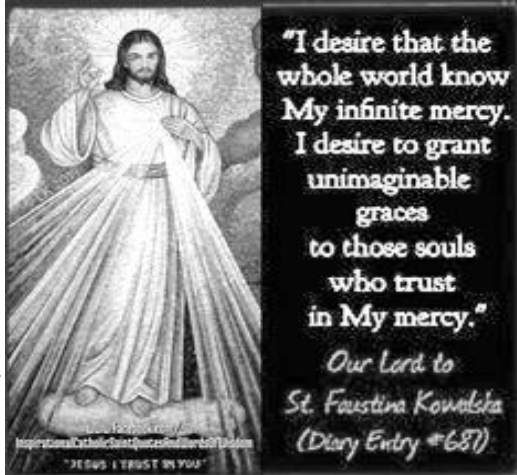
**MISSION EARTH 2** An event to share creative ways to care for our Common Home & launch of the Diocesan Environment Policy. **10am-2pm Saturday 21 April** at All Saints Lower School, Nunnery Lane, York YO23 7JG. Refreshments provided. Bring packed lunch. All welcome.

**IRISH NIGHT** recently raised £449.50. The band were paid £400 and the balance of £49.50 was donated to the Rainbow Centre.

**SECOND COLLECTION** on Good Friday raised £528.38 for the Holy Places of Palestine.

**FLOWER COLLECTION** raised £252 towards flowers in our churches this Easter. **HOUSEBOUND** Easter blessings. If any housebound wishes to see a priest over Eastertide get in touch.

**PARISH TALKS FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST** Led by Fr Albert **10am Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass** in St Peter's Parish Centre (with DVD presentation)



**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** Divine Mercy of God: a day of thanksgiving for the goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter Mystery. An image of the Divine Mercy is displayed in St Peter's Church on the Sacred Heart Altar. The *Feast of Divine Mercy* will be celebrated in St Peter's Church on **Sunday 8 April** from **2.30pm** finishing with **5pm Mass**.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Blessing of Image
- Veneration of Image
- Homily on Divine Mercy
- 3 o'clock prayer
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Rosary
- Confessions
- Benediction

**Alleluia!!  
He is Risen**

**NEW GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are in all churches. **Please collect.** If you cannot find yours, or you can Gift Aid your donation, please get in touch with Jennie Eyre on 365756. *Do consider Gift Aiding your offering if you pay tax. For every £1 given we can claim an extra 25p at no extra cost to you.*

## SYMBOLS OF EASTER AND THEIR MEANING

- **Easter Vigil (Service of Light):** The Great Vigil of Easter is the brightest jewel of Christian Liturgy, traced to early Christian times. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history.
- **Easter Fire:** Lit outside the Church as the Easter Vigil begins. After the darkness of Jesus' death on Good Friday, the light signals Jesus' Resurrection. The service begins in darkness and is 'overcome' by the **Light**. Christ has won victory over death. The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire.
- **Easter (Paschal) Candle:** represents Christ, the *Light of the World*. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle in the form of a cross to recall the aromatic spices with which Christ's Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side. On it are the year, and the first letters and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, representing Christ, who is the "beginning and the end".
- **The Word 'Paschal' (Pesach):** refers to Easter: from *pascha* (Feast of Passover) via Greek and Aramaic, from Hebrew *Pesah* (Passover).
- **Baptism:** Easter Vigil has from the beginning been closely connected to Holy Baptism. Instruction of catechumens intensified during Lent and culminated with Baptism at the Easter Vigil.
- **Easter Garden:** at the front of the Altar captures the events of the First Easter Day and helps us penetrate the message of Easter morning. *Offer a prayer asking the Risen Christ to bless you and your family and guide all of your ways.*
- **Lamb:** Represents Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God. The Lamb depicted with a **Cross** or a **flag** signifies Jesus' victory over sin and death. The three rayed halo signifies His divinity.
- **Tree of Life:** The Cross of Christ became the Tree of Life.
- **The "Alleluia" (Hebrew "Hallelujah")** literally means "Praise Jah, you people", a short form of "Praise Yahweh". In Christianity, "Alleluia" translates as "praise the Lord".
- **Church and her Sacraments:** Born from the side of Christ, symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus (see Catechism of the Catholic Church para. 766)
- **Easter Lilies:** Tradition has it that Easter lilies grew in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's Passion, springing up where Christ's bloody sweat had fallen to the ground. Another says it originated in the Garden of Eden from the teardrops of Eve's repentance. White is a symbol of purity. Lilies are a favoured flower owing to the purity of their whiteness, and are associated with the Virgin Mary. They emerge in the spring, which has made them the perfect symbol of Easter. Pure new life comes through Christ's Resurrection. The lily also has six petals which are arranged in two sets of three, a reminder of the Trinity. The Easter lily is a majestic lily in the shape of a trumpet which reminds us of the triumphal resurrection of Christ.
- **Bells:** ring out the Easter Joy
- **Nests and eggs:** Symbol of Spring and new life. Jesus 'emerged' out of the tomb to New Life. The shape of the egg resembles the stone of Jesus' tomb that was rolled away.
- **Rabbits:** from ancient pagan times have been associated with fertility. But a distinctly Christian link also exists: The ancient Greeks thought rabbits could reproduce as virgins, a belief that persisted until early medieval times rabbits began appearing in medieval illuminated manuscripts as an allegorical symbol of the virginity of the Virgin Mary.
- **Easter Joy:** in Christ's victory, and our hope in God's promise in eternal life.
- **Gold:** The most precious of metals, gold aptly represents our Risen Lord
- **Wearing New Clothes:** like the newly baptised, we are clothed anew with our faith in the risen Lord; A change of clothing indicates a change of heart. We put off the old man, so to speak, and put on the new. New clothes also indicate a new beginning.
- **Easter Bonnet:** A once popular part of the 'new clothing', worn on the head and adorned with flowers, it indicated a fresh turning of our heads towards Christ.
- **Butterfly:** A butterfly emerging from a chrysalis, is a symbol of the Resurrected and transfigured Christ emerging from the tomb. The butterfly's life is short-lived, just as Jesus' time on earth after the Resurrection.
- **Easter Parade:** dates back to the 1800s when the upper crust after Easter Services would stroll outside Manhattan churches showing off their new Spring outfits & hats.



## THE DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TRIDUUM

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. Cardinal Vincent Nichols says "this will be a moment of great promise... for the Church in this country and for our mission." Keep up to date with the Dowry Tour at the Dowry Tour Partners website: [www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk) Dowry Tour Partners include the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, and Youth 2000.

## ROSARY ON THE COAST DAILY PRAYER IN PREPARATION

**40 days of prayerful preparation** began on **Monday 19 March, Feast of St Joseph**. We will say a prayer before each Mass.

*We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for Rosary on the Coast. We pray that our 40 days of spiritual preparation will unite us, and deepen our resolve, as we pray for our countries, for a re-flourishing of faith, for the dignity of the human person and respect for all human life, and for peace to prevail in our personal lives, marriages, families, and nation. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

*St Joseph, St Andrew, St David, St George & St Patrick, pray for us. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

**SUNDAY SMILE:** A wife asks her husband, "Could you go to the shop and buy a carton of milk, and if they have apples, get 6." A short time later, the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" asked the wife. The husband replied, "they had apples".