

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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WEEK COMMENCING 8 MARCH 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: Week2

THE CHRISTIAN SYMBOL OF THE CROSS

As we journey through this Lenten period towards Our Lord's great Sacrifice of love on the Cross, let us take a look at some of forms that this primary Christian symbol has taken across Christendom down through the centuries.

1  1. **THERE ARE 4 BASIC TYPES** of iconographic representations of the Cross: the *crux quadrata* (Greek Cross), with four equal arms; the *crux immissa* (Latin Cross), whose base stem is longer than the other three arms; the *crux commissa*, in the form of an English letter T (Tau Cross); and *crux decussata* (Saltire Cross), which takes the form of the English letter X. The many variations and ornamentations of processional, altar, and heraldic crosses, of carved and painted crosses in churches, graveyards, and elsewhere, are developments of these four types.

2  2. **CRUCIFIX OR CROSS** Tradition favours the *crux immissa* as that on which Christ died, but some believe that it was a *crux commissa*. The crucifix (*Latin cruci fixus meaning "one fixed to a cross"*) is the principle symbol used in the Catholic and Orthodox churches, and emphasizes **Jesus' sacrifice**, which brought about the redemption of mankind. Jesus died for our sins, an act to which we return each and every time we witness the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At the moment of Consecration, we are transported, back in time, to the foot of the cross on Calvary. We partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, as He instructed us to do on Holy Thursday, when He said, "Take and eat". As Catholics, we believe Christ is truly present in the Eucharistic species we consume, unlike many Protestant churches, in which the Eucharist is a purely symbolic act. Protestant churches favour a bare Cross. Historically this was an objection to the Catholic Crucifix. The bare cross represents for them the **Risen Christ** who is no longer on the Cross.

3  3. **CELTIC CROSS:** According to popular legend, the Celtic Cross was introduced by St Patrick when he was converting the pagans in Ireland to Christianity in the 5th century. He incorporated a circle over the Latin Cross. The circle is symbol of **eternity** and the **endlessness of God's love**.

4  4. **BYZANTINE CROSS** was the most common cross in the Byzantine Empire. It takes the form of a Latin Cross with outwardly **widening ends**. The image is of a Byzantine brooch circa 4th-7th century, with marks of **Christ's wounds**.

5  5. **RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS:** This differs from the Western cross, having 3 crossbeams, 2 horizontal and a 3rd slanted one. The top bar symbolizes the **sign** that was hung above the head of Christ: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". The middle bar was where Christ's **hands were nailed**. The lower bar is the **foot-rest**. According to Russian Orthodox tradition, the feet are depicted as being nailed not at one point but side by side. The slanted line also acts as a 'scale of justice' to remind of the **2 thieves** either side of the cross; the one on the right of Christ ascended to Heaven, while the other sank to Hell.

6  6. **THE GREEK CROSS:** All four sections of the cross are equal in length and represent **God's love reaching across the world**. At the end of each arm there is often a trefoil representing the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It represents a symbol of the Church, rather than a reminder of Jesus' suffering on the cross.

7  7. **TAU CROSS** is in the *crux commissa* form. It is so named because it is shaped like the **Greek letter tau**, which has the same appearance as the upper-case English letter 'T'. It is also called the **St Anthony's Cross**, given due to its association with **St Anthony of Egypt**.

8  8. **SALTAIR CROSS** is in the form of *crux decussata*. It is associated with **St Andrew, patron of Scotland**, and so is a national symbol of that country. The shape is that of the cross on which Saint Andrew is said to have been martyred. Also known as St Andrew's Cross or Andrew Cross.

9A  9. **COPTIC CROSS** Also called *crux ansata*, meaning "cross with a handle", it is shaped like the letter T surmounted by an oval (9A). Taken from the Egyptian symbol for "life", the Ankh, it was adopted by the Copts (Egyptian Christians). This form evolved to the cross currently used by the Coptic Catholic Church and the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria (9B). It evolved from the older Coptic Crosses depicted above.

9B  10. **MALTESE CROSS** An eight-pointed cross having the form of four "V"-shaped elements, each joining the others at its vertex, leaving the other two tips spread outward symmetrically. It is the cross symbol associated with the **Order of St John** since the Middle Ages, shared with the traditional **Knights Hospitaller** and the **Sovereign Military Order of Malta**, and by extension with the island of Malta.

10  There are many more variations of Christian Cross based on the four main types. Some are associated with Saints, some with Christian heraldry, nations, cultures and establishments. Have a look online. In particular, the Wikipedia page *Christian Cross Variants* has an extensive table, with images and descriptions.

SATURDAY VIGIL	7	5.30pm	St Edward's	For Mass intentions see printed copy
SUNDAY	8	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's <i>** (Polish)</i> St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	9	9.30am	St Joseph's <i>St Francis of Rome</i>	
Tuesday	10	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	11	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	12	9.30am	St Joseph's	
Friday	13	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	14	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 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 **£891**; Loose plate **£739**, Av. Standing Orders **£524**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £2,184**. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's **241**; St Joseph's **167**; St Edward's **75**; Polish (est) **90**; **Total: 573**

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

† ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Carr, Christine de Placido, Yvonne Acklam, Mary O'Connor, Norah Parker, Joe Greenan

† RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Foster, Mary Pick

† SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: Bridget Barker dec'd (St Peter's)

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.219 **£25**; No.207 **£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**. *Safeguarding notice - always accompany your child to the toilet when at church.*

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

begins **Tues 10 March**, in preparation for the Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Thur 19 March**
Saint Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

Therefore, I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (Mention your request).

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

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.

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.

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 continues this **Wed 11 March 7-8pm (back to normal time)** in St Peter's Parish Centre. See Fr Gubbins. **8 families** are attending this Course.

WE WELCOME BISHOP TERRY DRAINEY to the **11.30am Mass** at St Peter's where he will **install the ORDER OF LECTOR** on Mr Paul Griffin. This marking a step on his journey to be a Permanent Married Deacon.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Mary Pick: 10.30am on Fri 13 March at St Edward's Church.
PLANNING MEETING for Rededication of our Country to the Dowry of Mary after **9.30am Mass Wednesday 11 March** to plan for the *Triduum* & **3.30pm Sunday 29 March**.

PARISH IRISH NIGHT Celebrating St Patrick's Festival - **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. SEE POSTER

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 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.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH LUNCH in the Parish Centre after St Peter's **11.30am Mass on Wednesday 18 March**. Contact the parish office 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).

ST PETER'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS' MEETING 4.15pm on Tuesday 10 March

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. 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.

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

FAMILY FAST DAY was **Friday 6 March**. Return your envelopes ASAP please.

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

RECYCLE OLD SPECTACLES to Vision Aid Overseas, 12-13 The Bell Centre, Newton Road, Crawley RH10 9FZ. Do not bring them to church but post them on

DEFIBRILLATORS have arrived for our 3 churches. **First training session 7.30pm this Thurs 12 March** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Anyone is welcome learn how to use.

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

LENTEN COOKERY EVENING with Robin Hood's Bay Churches Together: 7:30pm on 10 March in the RHB Methodist Church Hall, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay. Members of Madonna House will speak about making special breads as a way of entering into the Season & preparing for Easter.

ECUMENICAL PRAY FOR SCARBOROUGH 9am 14 March at Oliver's Mount & 2nd Saturday, monthly (or at Ebenezer Baptist Church if bad weather).

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

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 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*, 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 rededication** in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, including **ST PETER'S CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH**. *More info at www.behold2020.com*



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. **PARISH MEETING: Sun 14 March after 9.30am Mass** at St Joseph's to plan for celebrating this **60th Jubilee**.



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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT GOSPEL READING: THE TRANSFIGURATION

Between Moses and Elias Jesus shows forth His divine glory, thus foreshadowing His resurrection. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward Whom we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a Redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combating our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass.

Excerpted from Cathedral Daily Missal

Today is the feast of **St John of God** which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy. St John of God is known for his **sudden and sincere repentance and conversion**.

ST JOHN OF GOD

In 1503, at the age of eight, John fled from his parents for some unknown reason. For a while he was a shepherd, then a book dealer. Matters spiritual were of no particular interest until he heard the preaching of St John of Avila. After hearing a sermon from the famous saint, on repentance, he was so overcome by the thought of his sins that the whole town thought the little bookseller had gone from simple eccentricity to madness. He was incarcerated in the Royal Hospital in Granada, and suffered the cruel treatment of the day - being tied down and whipped, daily. Here he discovered how to show his love for God, through caring for those who were unable to respond to this cruel treatment. John of Avila came to visit him there and told him his penance had gone on long enough - 40 days, the same amount as the Lord's suffering the desert - and had John moved to a better part of the hospital. Following his experience, St John of God resolved to devote the remainder of his life caring for people living on the margins of society.

VENERABLE CARLO ACUTIS TO BE BEATIFIED

The **Vatican** has announced the approval of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Carlo Acutis, the Italian teenager and computer programmer, who died of leukaemia in 2006, aged just 15 years.



The miracle involved the healing of a Brazilian child suffering from a rare congenital anatomic anomaly of the pancreas in 2013. The Medical Council of the Congregation for Saints' Causes gave a positive opinion of the miracle last November.

With Pope Francis' approval of the miracle promulgated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on **21 February**, Acutis can now be beatified. The beatification (declared Blessed) is expected to take place in Assisi where Acutis is currently buried, in the Church of St Mary Major. The date is yet to be announced.

Acutis was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the rosary, and making weekly confessions. "Jesus was the centre of his day." He was exceptionally gifted in working with computers, and developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles. This website was the genesis of **The Eucharistic Miracles of the World**, an international exhibition, and the one which visited our parishes in July last year.

OTHER DELCARATIONS

Two other miracles were also authorised by Pope Francis. One miracle was attributed to 18th century **Indian martyr Blessed Lazarus, also called Devasahayam**, who converted from Hinduism to the Catholic faith and was severely persecuted. The other was through the intercession of **Blessed Maria Francesca of Jesus**, the missionary foundress of the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of Loano, who died in **Uruguay** in 1904. Both can now be canonised as saints (dates to be announced). The Vatican decree also recognized the **martyrdom** of a Jesuit priest, **Fr Rutilio Grande García**, and **two lay companions**, who were killed in El Salvador. Grande, a close friend of St Oscar Romero, was shot by a right-wing death squad while traveling in a car on 12 March 1977. The heroic virtues of **Servants of God Mario Hiriart Pulido**, a Chilean engineer and lay member of the Secular Institute for the Schoenstatt Brothers of Mary who died in Wisconsin in 1964, was also approved by the pope, along with the heroic virtues of three Italian priests: **Fr Emilio Venturini, Fr Pirro Scavizzi, and Fr Emilio Recchia**.

PAPAL CROSS This is the emblem of ecclesiastical heraldry specifically assigned to the Pope, who heads the Catholic Church. As it is the official symbol of the papacy, the use of Papal Cross for any other purpose or ecclesial denomination is strictly prohibited. The three bars of the Papal Cross are considered to be representative of the Trinity - Father, Son & Holy Spirit. They are also believed to symbolize the realms that come under the Pope's authority, namely the Church, the heaven and the world.



SUNDAY SMILE:

JEWELLERS



*'Not the jewellery, you fool!
The hand sanitiser!'*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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**.