

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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WEEK COMMENCING 9 FEBRUARY 2020
5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Racial Justice Sunday
DIVINE OFFICE: week 1

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

On the weekend of **8/9 February 2020**, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is *"You are at the heart of the Church"* and will **celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make** to the Church in England and Wales.

Many parishes will have members of Travelling Communities in their congregations or you will have had experience of working with Travellers. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

Pledge cards are available which have a series of quotations from Pope Francis which come from an address he gave during a pilgrimage for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers which took place in Rome in 2015. You are encouraged to take a card and commit to these pledges. We received a limited number of cards, so the pledges are reprinted **to the right of this page**.

This Racial Justice Sunday, there is an appeal for a **second collection**. This is not a mandatory collection, but the contribution from parishes helps make the vital work of the church on racial justice matters possible. You are encouraged to support racial justice matters within the Church and throughout society through this collection, and to respond with generosity of heart, through proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities.

Early Days Motion: The House of Commons has acknowledged and welcomed the Catholic Church's focus on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities this Racial Justice Sunday, noting that over 3/4 of these people have encountered hate speech or crimes, and experience the worst health, education and employment of any ethnic group. The Motion, tabled on 28 January, calls on the Government to take urgent action to address the discrimination and inequalities these communities face. **Ask your MP** to sign this Motion in support of these marginalised people.

You can get more information and advice about working with members of the Travelling Communities by contacting Fr Dan Mason, National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891. Alternatively, you can visit these websites:

travellermovement.org.uk

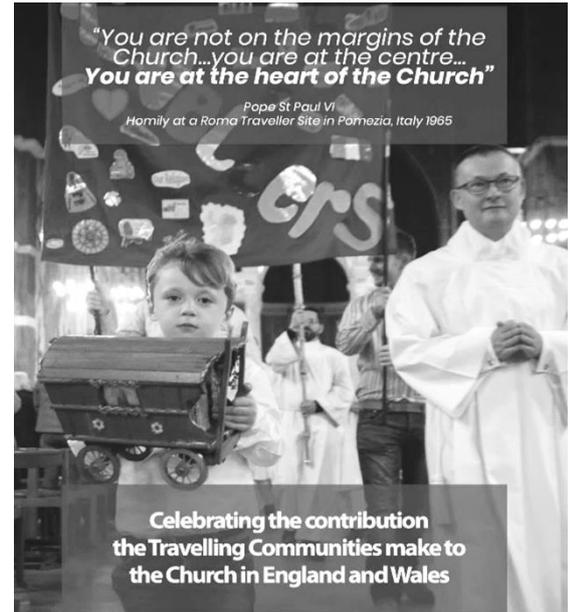
Traveller Movement

gypsy-traveller.org

Friends, Families and Travellers

margaretcitherow.org

The Margaret Clitherow Trust is a charity dedicated to working with Travellers run by Father John Chadwick of Portsmouth Diocese.



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY PLEDGES

When he met with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities, Pope Francis said:

"The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No-one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others."

As a Catholic I will challenge hate speech and discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities.

"I know the difficulties of your people. These issues require the attention not only of the Church but also of the local authorities. I have been able to see the precarious conditions in which many of you live."

As a Catholic I will call on my elected representatives to ensure that appropriate sites and facilities are provided for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities in my local area.

"Let us allow the Gospel of mercy to shake our consciences and let us open our hearts and our hands to the neediest and most marginalised, beginning with the ones closest to us."

As a Catholic I will welcome Gypsy, Roma and Traveller parishioners as sisters and brothers in Christ.

"Do not give the media and public opinion any motive to speak ill of you."

As Catholics who are members of the Travelling and the Settled Communities, we pledge to do all that we can to live our lives according to the values of the Gospel.

SATURDAY VIGIL	8	5.30pm	St Edward's	
SUNDAY	9	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's ** (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY See printed copy for Mass intentions
Monday	10		St Joseph's (No Mass)	St Scholastica
Tuesday	11	5.30pm	St Edward's	Our Lady of Lourdes (WD of Prayer for the Sick)
Wednesday	12	9.30am	St Peter's	
Thursday	13	9.30am	St Joseph's	
Friday	14	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Ss Cyril & Methodius (DPS Europe)
Saturday	15	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 - 11am
Thursdays St Joseph's 8.30am to 9.30am
Saturdays St Peter's 10am - 10.30am



OFFERTORY COLLECTION: (3 churches) Envelopes £496; Loose plate £680, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,730. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

MASS ATTENDANCE: St Peter's 181; St Joseph's 196; St Edward's 88; Polish 95; Total: 560

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

† **ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Wallace, Mary O'Connor, Trevor Grindley, John Walsh, Danny Francis, Leonard Saltmer, Benedictus Stankaitis † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Anne Mahon

† **SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** (none at present)

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.178 £100. **Congrats**

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/>

Reading & Teaching Scripture - Part 3 of 4:

Remember, the Bible was not written for us

Although we read them as almost personal utterances the books that have been gathered together in Bible were written for the community their author knew. We read through their lens, their understanding of life and of God. As we teach these passages to our pupils, we need to be alert to the world of the author and their audience. What was happening to them? What were the questions they were asking? What were the problems they faced? What did they wonder about?

You may be able to make the author visible by placing an empty chair into your room as you read their words, so that we listen, mindful that they are in our midst. Learning about authors and communities presents particular difficulties but a good starting point is to begin referring to the attributed author by name, and by not presenting passages by different authors side by side without due acknowledgement.

Have a go. Let's tackle the creation accounts. The account in Genesis 1 (Gen 1:1-2:4a) is generally attributed to someone we call P, the Priestly writer. This writer seems to like order, structure and repetition. Most scholars think the account of creation in Genesis 1 is a hymn or song written to console the Israelites during a time of oppression in exile in Babylon. The repetition at the end of each verse, "and God saw that it was good" would have been easy for the community to remember. In contrast, the writer whose work follows Genesis chapter 2 is thought to be another person completely, someone who calls God YHWH. Scholars propose that this narrative, written for the Yahwist's community who were comfortable, safe and enjoying a time of prosperity in the safety of their kingdom. Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a and then chapter 2 and see how two writers share their belief in God through the action of creation. As you read, think about what each author might have wanted to say to their particular community to encourage them? What did they want to emphasise about God? Thanks to the work of an editor, we can meet God who is at once, both powerful and distant, and intimate and near, breathing life into us.

From the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales Website: The God Who Speaks

Each month our free diocesan Catholic Newspaper, the **Middlesbrough Voice**, will carry reflections from different groups of people in the diocese on their favourite words of Scripture – an article worth following in this Year of the Word.

RCIA INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS continues **Fridays 6.30pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre
1ST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION Preparation for Children in non-Catholic schools: **6.30-7.30pm Thursdays of term time** in St Peters Parish Centre. Next **PARENTS MEETING 7pm Thursday 27 February** in St Peter's School.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated **Thursday 4 June 2020**. A meeting will be called soon. Names please of those wishing to be confirmed (**yr 9 upwards**)
Pick up an enquiry form from back of church - also for any adult who may have missed out
BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE starts **Wednesday 26 Feb, 7-8pm over 4 weeks**.
Speak to Fr Gubbins if you would like your child baptised.

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.

MASS AT ST JOSEPH Fr Brian Christie is away from **5 to 26 February** so there will be no Monday Mass at St Joseph's during this period – resumes **Monday 2 March**.

A NOTE OF SINCERE THANKS TO FR MICHAEL RYAN who has been covering for Fr Gubbins in recent weeks, for his care and shepherding in our parishes, hospital and homes. We wish him a fruitful Lent as he returns home to York. We welcome back **FR GUBBINS** this week, and hope he is well rested and recharged.

MASS OF ANOINTING at St Peter's **9.30am Mass on Wednesday 12 Feb** (*World day of prayer for the sick is 11 February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*).

COFFEE MORNING after 9.30am Mass, Wed 12 Feb in the Parish Centre to raise funds for the Lourdes Fund (*to coincide with Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th*): Cake stall & raffle. Donations of cakes & raffle prizes gratefully received.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE this **Friday 14 February**: Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius. See **back page** for prayer intentions.

TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY; Hope, Dialogue, Reconciliation & Conversion: a talk by the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission. **10.30am on Sat 15 Feb** at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom St, York YO24 1AQ. Speaker: Sister Alton CSJP, Peace Activist, Campaigner & Spiritual Accompanier. Refreshments provided. Ends with shared lunch.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is 6.30pm Wednesday 19 February. All Committee Members should try to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **26 February**, and marks the beginning of **LENT**. It is customary to burn Palm Crosses from the previous year. **Leave your Palm Crosses In the box** at the back of each church so they can be burned to create the Ashes for Ash Wednesday Masses.

ADVANCE NOTICE: 6 WEEK LENT COURSE: The Saints Helping Us Today 2pm Thursdays in St Edward's Hall. More info soon.

LENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME FREE Spiritual guides for Lent available soon.

BISHOP'S VISIT for Year of the Word: 7-8.30pm Wed 4 March. Bishop Draineay will lead our parish in an evening of inspiring prayer based on the Scriptures. He will give an introduction to praying with Scripture, then lead us as a community through prayer together. *All parishioners of Scarborough & the Coastal Deanery are encouraged to participate.*

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 from next weekend (Feast Day is Tues 17 March).

CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY 14-15 March in Preston. A weekend of inspirational talks, joyful praise, intimate worship, Mass and Healing Service. Pick up a leaflet, go to the website www.coretlumenchristi.org, or phone Cor et Lumen Christi Community on 01697 345623.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020 Fri 22 to Fri 29 May: If you wish to go to Lourdes as a supported pilgrim, contact Pat Ling on 01642 760105 or 01642 850505 ext 264 or email lourdessecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk ASAP.

PARISH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Tue 1 to Fri 4 Sept. Cost: standard single/twin **£225**, en suite twin/double **£265**. Incs all transport, half-board, Pilgrim services & half-day excursion. Contact the parish office for contact to book (£50 non-refundable deposit).

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S A first, temporary church for Newby, Scalby and northern outskirts of the town was built in 1949. A new, elegant church was built and formally opened on 12 July 1960 when the parish became independent. The architect was Francis Johnson of Bridlington. We will have a display at St Joseph's to mark the Anniversary. We would be grateful of any photos you have of events down the years at St Joseph's. Please write on the back your name so that the photos can be returned. We will invite the bishop to come to mark the diamond jubilee. This anniversary needs **A LOGO**. Parishioners are invited to submit suitable ideas and/or designs. Submit these by end February.

PARISH 2020 CALENDARS sample copy available. **£2 for A5**, or **£4 for A4** size. Copies available at each church. Please collect yours - Cash to **Piety Stalls** please.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER for Scarborough: **9am every 2nd Saturday** of the month at Oliver's Mount (or Ebenezer Baptist Church in bad weather).

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was set apart for her among the nations. This year, Catholics of England, and anyone else who wishes, are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as the Christ's first disciple. A formal public announcement by the Bishops of England and Wales was made on 1 Jan. **On 21 Feb you will be invited to begin a personal 33-day consecration** to Jesus through Mary following the method of St Louis de Montfort (free books will be made available) ending on **25 March**, Feast of the Annunciation. A **3-day triduum** of the litany of Saints & Martyrs of England & the Rosary from **26 to 28 March** culminates on **29 March** with a **personal rededication** in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, including **St Peter's Church, Scarborough**. More info and resources on the website at www.behold2020.com

28TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Tuesday 11 February (*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*). This Day of Prayer was initiated by Pope John Paul II in **1992** to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and their caregivers. It is a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering up one's suffering. The Day was first observed on **11 February 1993**. Read **Pope Francis' message** for World Day of the Sick on the on the Vatican website:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20200103_giornata-malato.html

Theme of Day of Prayer for the Sick: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)
In caring for the sick, Pope Francis is encouraging in healthcare workers the human warmth and personalized approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan. **Say the prayer on the back page.**

SCARBOROUGH PARISHES BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Special sheets and envelopes available in porches - give *precise details* for entry into the Book: **Name, date or month of birth, date of death, Name of Donor & contact phone number.** Names can include deceased from other parishes and non-Catholics. Suggested donation **£10 per entry**

Pope Francis installs cross in Vatican for migrants who died in Mediterranean

The cross, which is encircled by a life jacket to symbolise the refugees and their plight, has been hung inside an entrance to the apostolic palace in memory of migrants and refugees who have lost their lives in the Mediterranean Sea.

The apostolic palace is where diplomats and heads of state arrive for audiences with the pope. *"In the Christian tradition the cross is a symbol of suffering and sacrifice but also of redemption and salvation."* Francis said.

The life jacket moulded onto the transparent cross was found in the central Mediterranean Sea on 3 July 2019, and belonged to an unknown migrant who died at sea. Pope Francis called out indifference and laziness toward the plight of migrants, many of whom choose to face *"a stormy sea rather than die slowly in Libyan detention camps."* He argued that to block migrant or migrant rescue boats from landing in Europe is not the answer to the immigration crisis. *"I decided to expose here this life jacket, 'crucified' on this cross, to remind us that we must keep our eyes open, keep our hearts open, to remind everyone of the absolute commitment to save every human life, a moral duty that unites believers and non-believers"*.

After hanging the migrant cross, Pope Francis welcomed a group of around 40 asylum seekers originally from Afghanistan, Togo, and Cameroon, brought to



Italy by the head of the papal charities' office from the Greek island of Lesbos earlier this month. They will be supported by the Holy See through the Office of Papal Charities and by the lay Catholic movement Sant'Egidio Community, who are centred on peace and helping the poor.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS: FEBRUARY We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



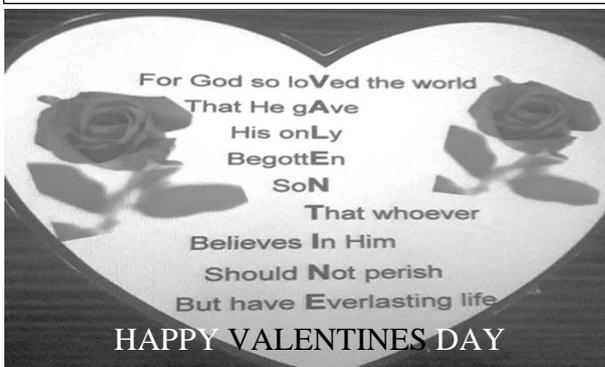
The Proudfoot's group presented the Pray & Play Group with a cheque for £250. They were happy to support the families who come once a month at St Edward's. The money will be spent on future activities and crafts for the children. Pray & Play are extremely grateful for the donation.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE this **Friday 14 February:** Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Let us give thanks for and pray for continued peace and friendship in Europe that we have enjoyed since the wars were ended, especially at this time of uncertainty following Britain's exit from the European Union. Let us also pray for the strengthening of the Church to be bold in sharing the Gospel in each nation and among every people; for Christian leaders to be raised up in all spheres; and for a spiritual awakening across Europe across the generations. **'Come Lord Jesus'**.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

*I reach out to you, my God, in this time of need.
Carry me on difficult days, when I have no strength.
Wrap me in your love when I am discouraged.
May your grace wash over me and refresh me.
And as you hold me tenderly in the palm of your hand
I ask for healing of all my afflictions.
Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen*



**"The first to apologize is the bravest.
The first to forgive is the strongest.
The first to forget is the happiest."**

SUNDAY SMILE:



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Patron: Bodily ills.

Symbols: The Blessed Virgin (The Immaculate Conception) who wears a white dress, blue belt, and a rose on each foot.

Things to Do:

- Watch *'The Song of Bernadette'*, a masterpiece filmed in 1943
- Bring flowers (roses would be appropriate) to your statue of Our Lady at your home altar, especially if you have a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Obtain some Lourdes holy water and give a parental blessing to your children
- Give extra care to the sick in your community — cook dinner for a sick mother's family, bring your children to the local nursing home (the elderly love to see children), send flowers to a member of your parish community who is ill.
- Watch Mass at the grotto at the Lourdes Shrine – go to <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

