

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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



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Note: the Polish Mission does not form part of the Scarborough Parishes – it is a separate entity

Welcome Fáilte Merĥba Croeso Witajcie Swagatam Mabuhay  
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WEEK COMMENCING 29 MARCH 2020

Friday - Day of Prayer Survivors of Sexual Abuse

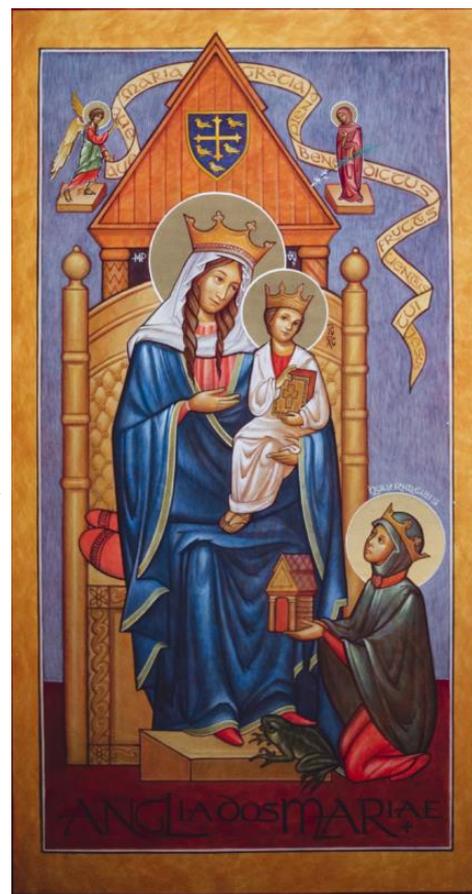
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 1

## THE REDEDICATION TO THE DOWRY OF MARY ICON

The Icon of Our Lady of Walsingham was painted by English Iconographer, Amanda de Pulford. The Icon was blessed by Pope Francis on 12 February 2020 in Rome, before returning home to Walsingham. After the Re-dedication of England to the Dowry of Our Lady, the Icon will begin a journey to every Catholic parish in the country, never to return to Walsingham. Additionally, each parish across the country has received a printed copy of the Icon to display in their parish. See page 7 for a description of the Icon's symbolism.

**SYMBOLISM OF THE ICON:** The Icon depicts Our Lady of Walsingham dressed in Anglo-Saxon clothing and holding up the child Jesus. It includes the **Coat of Arms of St Edward the Confessor**, an Anglo-Saxon patron saint of England, and it depicts **Lady Richeldis de Faverches**, who built a replica of the "Holy House" of Nazareth in the English countryside following an apparition. Our Lady of Walsingham sits with her foot placed upon a toad. **The toad** was the East Anglian equivalent of serpent seen in Marian imagery. In medieval England, it was believed that the toad could form a magical stone in its head, which was used for superstitious and idolatrous practices. Just as the serpent is crushed under heel in the book of Revelation, so Mary crushes the Toad stone and all it represents - under her feet. The Virgin also holds a symbol of Queen-ship, a **sceptre** fashioned like a **three-fold lily**. This tells us that the Virgin Mary is the pure Lily chosen by the Trinity from all eternity. Mary points to Jesus, the Christ child - she is showing us **The Way**. He wears a **crown**. He is our **King**. Holding the **Scriptures**, he shows his **teaching authority**, in that He is the Word of God made flesh. His right hand is raised in blessing and, also, in protection of His mother. Sitting on Mary's knee, as on a throne - the **seat of wisdom** - he displays the gestures associated with God of all creation and authority over Heaven and earth, Christ **Pantocrator** (meaning *Ruler of the Universe*). The throne displays **seven rings** on the two upright **pillars**. These pillars represent the **church**, and the seven rings symbolise the **seven Sacraments**. These are also sometimes interpreted as the **seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**.



The back of the chair is arched to represent the arch of the **rainbow** (Genesis 9:12-3): *"And God said 'This is the sign of the covenant which I make between you and every living creature, that is with you, for all future generations, I set my bow in the cloud and it shall be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'*" Mary's skirt is arranged in the **shape of an 'M'**, the traditional symbol of Mary seen in logos and on vestments etc. She wears a **blue garment over a red one**. Red is seen as an earthly colour. Blue on Mary has deep meaning. It is the colour of the heavens and of royalty. It also brings to mind the following of God's commandments by His people, Israel: The Lord ordered Moses to tell the people to make fringes and borders on their garments *"so that, when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and not follow the lust of your own heart and your own eyes"* (Numbers 15:38-39). This was perfectly lived out by the Blessed Mother who said, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). At the top of the image we see the two miniature figures of the Angel Gabriel and Mary. This is an image of the annunciation, and the ribbon bears the words; *"Hail Mary, full of grace. Blessed be the fruit of thy womb."* Mary was the faithful "Daughter of Zion" who fulfilled the call of obedience that God had asked of the Israelites.

Additionally, Numbers indicated that the Levites are to *"spread over [the Ark of the Covenant] a cloth all of blue"* (4:6). And also: *"over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall spread a cloth of blue"* (4:7)." Mary is traditionally referred to as the new Ark of the Covenant, as she held within herself the Divine Presence of God.

At the bottom of the Image are the words; *Anglia dos Mariae*. This means *"England, Mary's dowry"*.

To read more about the Rededication of England to the Dowry of Mary, go to <https://www.behold2020.com/>

**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO THE DOWRY OF MARY WILL BE  
LIVE STREAMED TODAY - SUNDAY 29 MARCH AT 4PM - FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**ALL MASSES LIVE STREAM ONLY FROM ST PETER'S – NO PUBLIC PERMITTED  
 MASS INTENTIONS WILL STILL BE OFFERED AS NORMAL - AT ST PETER'S ONLY  
 ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
 ALL PARISH GROUPS MUST SUSPEND THEIR MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
 THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS DIRECTIVES**

SATURDAY VIGIL	28		St Edward's	CANCELLED	
SUNDAY	29	11.30am	St Joseph's St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) [Rededication 4pm]	CANCELLED	People of the Parish
Monday	30	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		David Barker (b'day anniv)
Tuesday	31	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		Joe Stanton (anniv)
Wednesday	1	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		Josie Davey's ints
Thursday	2	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Francis of Paola	Thomas Davey (dec'd)
Friday	3	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) DSP Survivors of Sexual Abuse		Jean (RD) & Joe (anniv) Greenan
Saturday	4	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Isidore	Nita O'Brien

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> <i>Temporarily cancelled - but see panel below</i>	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b> 11am-12 noon daily (except Sundays) - Live Stream only from St Peter's
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**SYRO-MALABAR MASS: cancelled until further notice**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** *we will publish figures monthly only* † **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nora Walsh & Jean Greenan † **ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry St Quinton, Win Ward, John Carver, Jim Berry  
 † **SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** David Barker dec'd (*St Peter's*); **MASSES RECEIVED** *none this week*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

**Pope Francis, has made the following statement concerning this Sacrament, during Coronavirus lock-down:**  
*Many of you go to Confession before Easter to return to the Lord. Many will say to me, "But Father ... how can I find a priest - a Confessor - if I can't leave my house. I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want him to embrace me. I want my heavenly 'daddy' to embrace me. How can I do that unless I find a priest? Do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you don't find a priest to go to Confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell him the Truth: "Lord, I did this, and this, and this. Pardon me." Ask His forgiveness with all your heart, with an Act of Contrition, and promise Him, "afterwards I will go to Confession, but forgive me now". You will return to God's grace immediately.*

**NEWSLETTER** This will be made available outside all our churches in a waterproof box. Please email us if you wish to be included on the newsletter mailing list (email only - we are not able to post copies). **Please deliver a paper copy to those who are isolated (take care - wear gloves and post through letterbox).** **CATHOLIC VOICE** collect yours from St Peter's when you collect your copy of the newsletter. Future months available via [www.ChurchPaper.co.uk](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk)

**ALL PARISH GROUPS** including First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptism preparation groups have been suspended until further notice. Please contact Fr Gubbins if you are unsure of anything. **300 CLUB** is also suspended.

**HOLY WEEK/EASTER TIMETABLE:** Sadly, we are only able to live stream - from St Peter's only (no public permitted). **PALM SUNDAY: 11.30am on 5 April** Mass and blessing of Palms (*PALM CROSSES can be collected from outside each Church with the newsletter*); **HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY MASS: 7pm on 9 April** Mass of the Lord's Supper; **GOOD FRIDAY: 3pm on 10 April** Passion of the Lord Liturgy; **EASTER VIGIL MASS: 8.30pm on 11 April**, Holy Saturday; **EASTER SUNDAY MASS 11.30am**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** For those who wish, put your Sunday Collection in an envelope through St Peter's letterbox (not St Joseph's/Edward's), or sign up for **STANDING ORDER giving – forms by request.**

**DAY OF PRAYER SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE** is this Friday. Please pray for all victims, for those who support them, and for a conversion of souls of all perpetrators.

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE** The diocese has set up a web page listing all Live Stream Masses in our diocese. Go to <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>

**EU, EEA & SWISS CITIZENS** living in the UK are required by government to apply online by **30 June 2021** to protect their existing rights (they need to living here by **31 Dec 2020** to be eligible). Go to [gov.uk/eusetledstatus](http://gov.uk/eusetledstatus) for details.

 **CLOCKS GO FORWARD** by 1 hour today **Sunday 29 March.**

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*