

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

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WEEK COMMENCING 24 MAY 2020

DIVINE OFFICE: week 3

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT GRACE, OSMOTHERLEY



Due to travel restrictions, the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was unable to take place this year. As travel restrictions within our own country slowly begin to ease, it would seem timely to look at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace at Osmotherley, the Marian Shrine of our own diocese.

History: Catholics have visited this small church known as the **Lady Chapel**, for centuries, and continue through our annual pilgrimage on the nearest Sunday to the **Feast of the Assumption in August**. The exact origins and history of the shrine are unknown, though records show a licence was granted in 1397 for a chapel and the celebration of Mass in the grounds of the manor of Bordelby. A year later, a licence was granted for the founding of the nearby Carthusian Monastery, Mount Grace Priory, also within the same grounds. Little else is known of the early history, other than that Catharine of Aragon provided for a former Franciscan to enter the hermitage at the Lady Chapel around 1515, where he probably stayed until the 1539 dissolution of Mount Grace Priory and other religious sites. After this, the Lady Chapel fell into a state of ruin.

Despite its state of ruin, the Lady Chapel continued to attract pilgrims, to the alarm of the authorities, and on the eve of Little Lady Day on 7 September 1614, sixteen people were arrested and later confessed to praying at the Chapel. Other early visitors include the Sisters from the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, praying for their seriously ill founder, Mary Ward. She herself came later to the chapel to give thanks for her recovery, and testified to the popularity and holiness of the chapel. Another Pilgrim, Jesuit priest John Robinson, narrowly escaped the death sentence twice, the second being at the very moment parliament brought an end to the death penalty practicing one's religion. This opened the way for a limited practice of Catholicism. In 1665 a Franciscan Friary was founded in the Old Hall at Osmotherley to support pilgrims to the Lady Chapel. It wasn't until John Wesley's visit in 1745 that the need for repair was recognised.

The Franciscans eventually withdrew due to diminishing numbers and, after Catholic emancipation in 1829, secular clergy began to serve the chapel in Osmotherley. Restoration of the site began with the cottage by the shrine. This was instigated in 1916, by Flora Morrish (grandmother of Flora Dysard, author of *The Pilgrims' Way*). Enthused, after 'discovering' the site, she persuaded the then landowner, Sir Hugh Bell, grant her a lease and to help her. In 1942 two young priests, Fr Peter Storey and Fr Michael O'Sullivan, cycled from Middlesbrough to explore the remains of Mount Grace Priory. From their map, they too discovered the ruined chapel. Fascinated, they investigated the history of the place. In 1948, Marist Fathers accompanying a scout troop camped at the site and celebrated Holy Mass in the ruins for perhaps the first time since the Dissolution.

After Hugh Bell's death, the Priory passed to the National Trust. Lord Eldon and Ralph Scrope purchased the Lady chapel at Fr Storey's instigation, and established a Trust to manage the rebuilding of the chapel. In 1958 the Lady Chapel was established as a National Monument, and the first diocesan pilgrimage for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady was organised. On the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 September 1961, the restored chapel was re-dedicated by Cardinal William Godfrey, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. The Franciscans returned in 1965 to support pilgrims, but numbers again diminished and in 1994 they withdrew. Bishop of Middlesbrough, John Crowley, invited Benedictine monks from Ampleforth Abbey to take their place. The shrine was returned to Middlesbrough Diocese in 2013 and pastoral responsibilities fall under St Mary's Cathedral.



Inside the Chapel is a 17th-century statue of the Madonna and Child and the carved wooden crucifix above the altar, which were gifted by Lady Eldon. Visiting Germany in the early years of Hitler's regime, she had admired the crucifix in an antique shop. The proprietor, a Jew, offered it to her as a free gift, if she could procure his emigration. This she duly did. It thus hangs as a reminder of the Holocaust, and as a precious symbol of liberation. The stained-glass windows carry the arms of Queen Katharine of Aragon and of the Scrope and Eldon families in whose memorial the chapel stands restored. Various remnants of inscriptions of initials and prayers bear testimony to pilgrims, incised into the old stone during penal times. Most common among these are Calvary crosses, associated with pilgrimage to the Holy Land, one of the earliest dating back to 1647. Fragments of prayers are also visible, such as "mercy on me", "to thy cross I flee", "Son of Mary hear", along with initials such as IHS, IW and WB. Around the south doorway, on the inside, are incised the names of a man and his wife.

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace – pray for us! Our Lady of Mount Grace – pray for us!

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST IS NEXT SUNDAY 31 MAY

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED - MASSES & DEVOTIONS ARE LIVE STREAM ONLY FROM ST PETER'S

SATURDAY VIGIL	23	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	See printed copy
SUNDAY	24	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	for Mass Intentions
Monday	25	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	
Tuesday	26	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Philip Neri</i>	
Wednesday	27	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</i>	
Thursday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Friday	29	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Paul VI</i>	
Saturday	30	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
MASS BY TELEPHONE Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (Remains available after)
SIGNED MASS for the deaf: 10.30am Sundays - St Philip Evans Church, Cardiff www.sphilipevans.co.uk/signed-mass
 and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Our Lady & St Vincent, Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) It is not currently possible to receive this Sacrament. Make a personal Confession, Perfect Act of Contrition and attend the Sacrament as soon as it becomes possible.
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.15am-12.15pm Mon to Fri. *Note: cancelled Mon 25 May*
HOLY ROSARY 2pm Monday to Friday *Note: cancelled Monday 25 May*
POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: *that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.*

† RECENTLY DECEASED Rt Rev Vincent Malone, retired auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Alan Newton, June Pudsey, Isaac Hill **† ANNIVERSARIES** Bryan Thompson, Louise José

MASSES RECEIVED FROM see printed copy
NEWSLETTER is available outside all our churches in a waterproof box - take a copy (*with due care*) to those who are isolated.
NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES Hopefully all Gift Aid donors have received their envelopes. If you've not received yours and are eligible, please contact the Parish Office. Consider Standing Order giving as an alternative.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT in preparation for **Pentecost on Sun 31 May 2020.** If haven't got a copy of a Novena, say the following prayer daily, or visit www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

REOPENING OF CHURCHES will happen when guidelines have been agreed by the Government and the Bishops' Conference. **A multi-faith task force, including Cardinal Vincent, is working with the Government** on this. The Catholic Church has submitted a detailed plan to the Government for churches to be opened for **private prayer** which conform to public health guidelines. But **we are not there yet.** When the time comes, hand sanitisers will be provided, tape will mark safe distances on floors and benches, and signage will be installed. **Advance notice:** a team of helpers/volunteers will be required to marshal people and sanitise areas. **Reopening will depend on this.** Full compliance is a requirement for clergy and volunteers. *Churches must be safe and be shown to be safe.* If you wish to be considered for a volunteer rota, contact Fr Gubbins (**note:** no vulnerable or over 70s). **We will keep you informed,** but you can view the latest position at the Bishops' Conference website at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/> or on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship> For those of you who are frustrated, **you are invited to write to your MP.**

DIOCESAN LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 22 TO 29 MAY Join the Virtual Pilgrimage on their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/groups/2369269478/ **Scarborough Parishes** joins the Diocese at St Peter's Grotto, where a candle will be lit each day for Our Lady - **open daily 9.30am to 8pm.**

A NATIONAL MASS for NHS and key workers will be celebrated by Bishop Terry at Middlesbrough Cathedral at **7pm on Thursday 28 May**, which will be live-streamed across the country.

5TH ANNIVERSARY of Laudate Si (Praise Be You) Pope Francis' Encyclical inviting us to care for Creation as a gift of God.

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY (d.604) was a Benedictine monk and the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597. He is considered 'Apostle to the English' and a founder of the English Church. **St Augustine's School** is named after him.

SUNDAY SMILE: *A boy to his parents; "The Bishop came to our school today. He showed us his mitre and other things. Now I know what a crook looks like."*

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY Following Pope Francis' encouragement to pray the Rosary during May, Bishop Draine invites you to join the National Rosary Rally. The staggered timetable across the British Isles is between **9am & 9pm on Pentecost Sunday May 31.** Middlesbrough Diocese joins Liverpool and Motherwell for Rosary Hour at **7pm.** More information on the website (includes full national timetable) at https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/join-the-national-rosary-rally-on-pentecost-sunday/?fbclid=IwAR3ybBiUdi1S4hwHqNx3_BUItkPRJ445qjtwHq9FZrRNpbcjrrFgEoYJul
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us