

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

**What do we mean when we speak of the Liturgical Year?** The simplest answer is that it is the **Catholic Church's calendar** – the *annual cycle* which celebrates the mysteries of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, the Angels and the Saints, through the Church's liturgy (the Mass, the Divine Office, and other forms of public worship). The liturgical year begins with the **First Sunday of Advent** (usually the first Sunday of December) and closes with the **Feast of Christ the King** (usually the last Sunday of November).

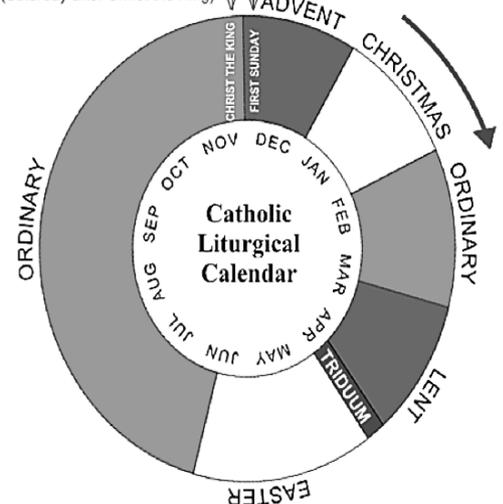
The Catholic liturgical calendar has evolved during the history of the Church. The purpose of such a calendar was to trace the mystery of salvation and the course of salvation history. The idea of this is to make sacred the ordinary time of a twelve-month calendar. Pope Pius XII wrote, *"By commemorating the mysteries of the Saviour, the sacred liturgy strives to bring all believers to participate in them in such a way that the divine Head of the Mystical Body may live in each of His members with the fullness of His holiness"* (Mediator Dei, #152).

The idea of sanctifying the year was not new to Christians. **We inherited this notion from our Jewish ancestors** of the Old Testament. In the *Book of Leviticus, Chapter 23*, we find the Jewish calendar which speaks of a week of seven days, with six for work and the seventh day, the Sabbath, for rest and for *"sacred assembly"*. This Sabbath Day belongs to the Lord. Leviticus then continues to speak of the dates of Passover, Yom Kippur, and other special feast days. We see the beginnings of the Christian calendar in the early Church when, for example, the **Christians changed the Lord's day to Sunday**, in honour of the resurrection: *"On the first day of the week when we gathered for the breaking of the bread..."* (Acts 20:7). Fridays were designated as days of penance and sacrifice, in honour of our Lord's Sacrifice of Himself for our sins on Good Friday, which is observed to this day. In the early Church, the Didache (AD 80) also marked Wednesdays as a day of penance and prayer. By the **10th century**, especially in the western Church, our Blessed Mother was honoured on Saturdays. Over the centuries, the Church has punctuated the course of the year with Feast Days or Holy Days. In the midst of our normal routine, these days help **focus our attention on Christ and the mystery of Salvation**. Several Feast Days are dedicated to our Blessed Mother, who participated intimately in the Mystery of Salvation, eg. the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (1 January)**, the **Annunciation (25 March)**, the **Visitation (31 May)**, the **Assumption (15 August)**, the **Nativity of Mary (8 September)**, the **Presentation of Mary (22 September)** and the **Immaculate Conception (8 December)**.

**Many Feast Days commemorate the saints**, who glorified Christ in their lives on earth and now share His glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. Their Feast Days usually correspond to the date of birth or death of the saint. Dates were established over time, sometimes varying according to locality. The *universal calendar* was promulgated by **Pope Pius V in 1568**, setting the Feast Days and their dates which would be celebrated throughout the whole Church. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, tells us that *"the feasts of the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in His servants and offer to the faithful fitting examples for their imitation"* (#111).

**Finally, the calendar follows a series of seasons:** The calendar begins with **Advent - THIS SUNDAY** - which focuses on the preparation for the birth of the Messiah. **Christmas Season** then follows, beginning with the birth of our Lord, celebrates the Epiphany, and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord. The Feast of Baptism of the Lord also commences the season of **Ordinary Time**, which traces the public ministry of Jesus. **Lent** interrupts Ordinary Time, and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) and prepares us for Easter. **Easter Season** begins with the Easter Vigil Mass, is followed by the 40 days leading to the Ascension and then concludes 10 days later with Pentecost. After Pentecost, Ordinary time resumes and concludes with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the liturgical year - LAST SUNDAY

The Liturgical Year ends with the Last Saturday of Ordinary Time (Saturday after Christ the King)      The Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 29 NOVEMBER 2020** **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	28	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter's</b> ( <i>LIVESTREAM ONLY</i> )	For Mass Intentions see printed copy
<b>SUNDAY</b>	29	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b> ( <i>LIVESTREAM ONLY</i> ) <b>ADVENT 1ST SUNDAY</b>	
Monday	30	10am	St Peter's ( <i>LIVESTREAM ONLY</i> ) <b>ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</b>	
Tuesday	1	10am	St Peter's ( <i>LIVESTREAM ONLY</i> )	
Wednesday	2	10am	St Peter's ( <b>PUBLIC MASSES RESUME / LIVESTREAM</b> )	
Thursday	3	10am	St Joseph's ( <i>PUBLIC MASS</i> ) <b>St Francis Xavier</b>	
Friday	4	10am	St Peter's ( <i>PUBLIC MASS / LIVESTREAM</i> ) <b>St John Damascene</b>	
Saturday	5	10am	St Peter's ( <i>PUBLIC MASS / LIVESTREAM</i> )	

**SYRO MALABAR MASS December Mass** - details available soon

**CONFESSIONS RESUME Sat 5 Dec:** St Peter's Sat **10.30-11am**; St Edward's Sat **5-5.30pm**; St Joseph's Sundays **9-9.30am**  
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & Private Prayer:** Sunday 29 Nov **12.30-2.30pm** at St Peter's; From Wednesday 2 December - **30 minutes** before each weekday Mass onwards at each church.

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH** <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> click link at right of screen  
**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE:** <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>  
**SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays** from Cardiff [www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass](http://www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass) and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: [churchservices.tv/pottersbar](http://churchservices.tv/pottersbar)

**READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church:** QR Links are available on our website & in church porches  
**POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INT:** *that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God & a life of prayer*  
**OUR LADY'S SHRINE** at St Peter's church is **open every day** (gate closed but unlocked - down steps at side of car park)

† **ANNIVS** George Wilson, Mary Hellawell, Ted Porter, Aaron Ainsworth, Joe Brennan, Joseph Lucka, Mossie Moore, Margaret Duncan, Fr Colman Ryan, Maria Philips † **R DEAD** Mary Margaret Cole; **MASSSES RECEIVED:**  
**PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish office.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (for those shielding at home and joining us on livestream)**

*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.*

**PUBLIC MASSES RESUME Wednesday 2 December 10am** (see above). *No Public Masses at St Edward's for the next while* due to limited space and lack of Stewards. **Saturday Vigil 5.30pm and Tuesday 7pm** will be at St Peters for the time being. Health and safety and protection is paramount. Sorry for any inconvenience. **MASS TIMES Saturday Vigil 5.30pm** at St Peters, **Sunday 9.30am** at St Joseph's and **11.30am** at St Peter's. Weekday *times* as before lockdown, but keep an eye on the newsletter. **Live stream link** - see above. **Please give your name on arrival, or fill in a form if you are not on our list for Test & Trace purposes.** *Follow all signage and government rules for Tier 2. Face coverings are obligatory (limited exceptions apply - see government website for details)*

**CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES 2020** It will be **necessary** to **pre-book** (government restrictions for Tier 2 apply). Times/venues have **not** yet been finalised, so please *do not book until they have*. Update to follow soon.

**FEAST OF ST ANDREW Monday 30 November** - Happy Feast Day to all our Scottish parishioners. *You take the high road and I'll take...*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL Friday 4 Dec. after 10am Mass** in church (**NOTE change of date**), to plan Christmas Mass & Service times.

**190TH ANNIVERSARY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL Pope Francis** blessed the sacred image of the **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** in the Vatican on 11 November. **The Marian statue** will travel to various places across Italy from 1 December. **In 1830**, the Virgin Mary appeared twice to St Catherine Labouré (1806 -1876), a **Daughter of Charity of St Vincent de Paul**. Her feast day is 28 November the visions occurred in the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Rue de Bac, Paris: on **18/19 July 1830** (*Eve of Feast of St Vincent de Paul*), when she received her mission, and on **27 November 1830**, she received the vision of the medal. She was blessed to receive a Eucharistic Miracle (included in Blessed Carlo Acutis' Exhibition, hosted by our parish in July 2019) During her entire time at Rue de Bac, she had the grace of seeing Jesus in the consecrated **HOST O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Do visit the shrine here at St Peters**

**BIBLE SUNDAY** is next weekend. As the *Year of the Word* draws to a close, why not use Advent to draw closer to God through His Word in Holy Scripture. There are many ways to do this. **How about reading a chapter per day from 1 December of the Gospel of St Luke?** There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve, you will have read the whole account of Jesus' life. There are various resources at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/> and <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-sunday-2020/> or you could follow the daily readings of the Church through one of many online resources, or pick up a **FREE** copy of *Advent Extra* or *Walk with Me* (spiritual guides for Advent) (if any are left) from newsletter boxes outside churches.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & Advent Calendars** etc on sale at **St Peter's** (money in black box in porch) & **St Joseph's** piety shop.

**RAINBOW CENTRE non-perishable food** needed (*long 'use by' date*) & other essential items. Drop off at the Rainbow Centre.

**PRESBYTERY ROOF LEAK** will be repaired this week (Rainbow Centre side) with the aid of a high scaffold tower. Projected cost: £1,600 + VAT. There may be additional work to be attended to up there.

**2 GARDEN BENCHES** now *securely* placed in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peters church (Tollergate side).

**NEWSLETTER** available outside all our churches in a waterproof box. Take a copy to those who are isolated. Email us to receive by email

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *According to my chocolate Advent Calendar, there are only 3 days left until Christmas!*