

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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

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WEEK COMMENCING 13 DECEMBER - YEAR B
DIVINE OFFICE: Week 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, given on **8 December**, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis recalls the **150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church**. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a *Year of Saint Joseph* from **8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021**, an event which, for our parishes, is made even more special, given that 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of St Joseph's Church, here in Scarborough. The Holy Father wrote *Patris Corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, and a father in the shadows.

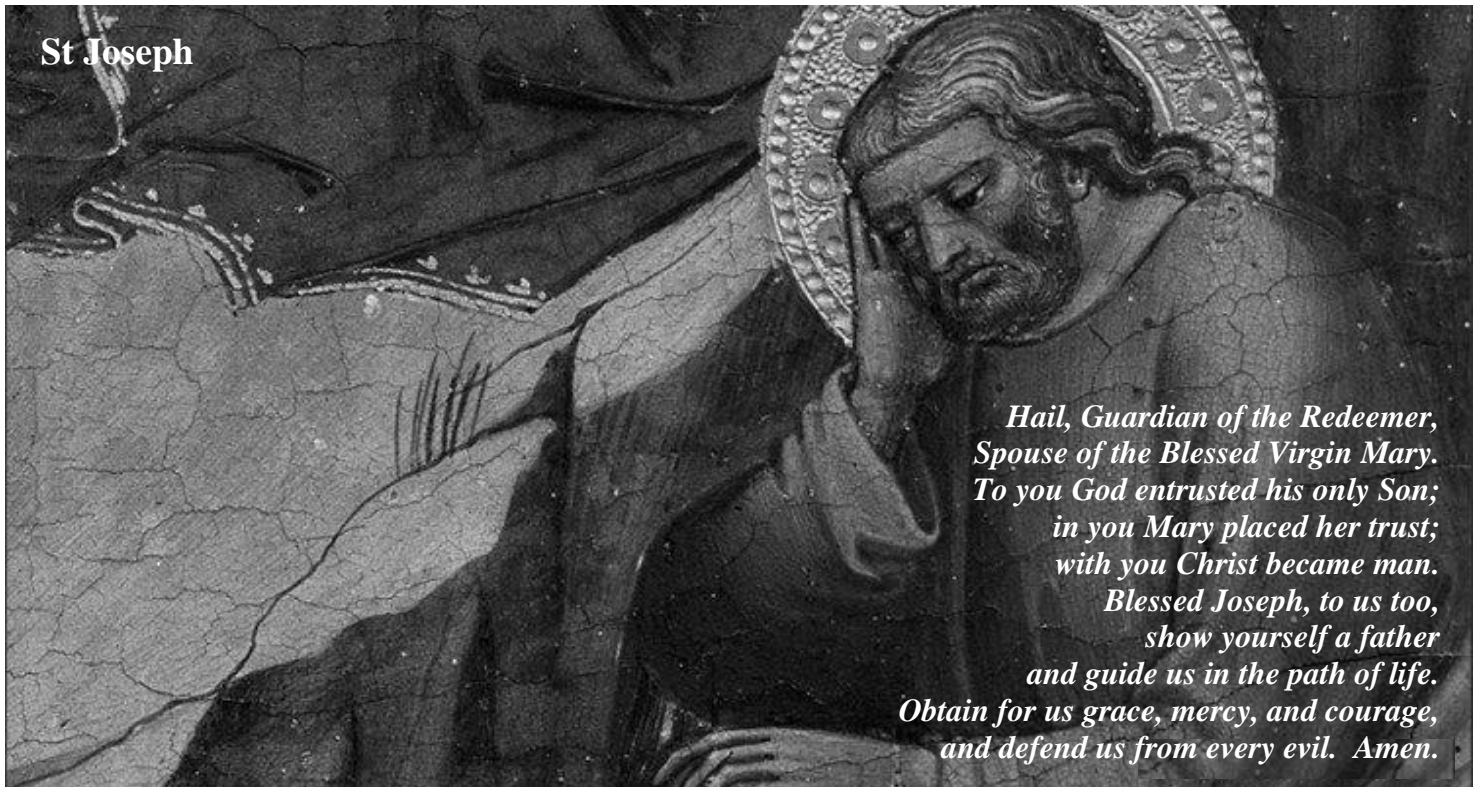
"The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal" Pope Francis tells us. "We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion"

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph, on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power." At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another **prayer to St Joseph**, which he encourages all of us to pray together, during this year dedicated especially to him. **See image below for the prayer.**

The above is taken from Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Read **Patris Corde** at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

CHRISTMAS MASS & SERVICE TIMES LEAFLET AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR CHURCHES

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 13 DECEMBER 2020 **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
PUBLIC MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED (NO MASSES FOR NOW AT ST EDWARD'S)

SATURDAY VIGIL	12	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
SUNDAY	13	9.30am 9.30am 11.30am	St Joseph's St Peter's (Polish) St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	ADVENT 3RD SUNDAY See printed copy for Mass intentions
Monday	14		NO MASS	St John of the Cross
Tuesday	15	7pm	St Peter's	
Wednesday	16	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	17	10am	St Joseph's (LIVE STREAM)	
Friday	18	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

SYRO MALABAR MASS December Mass - details available soon

USUAL CONFESSION TIMES: St Peter's Sat 10.30-11am; St Joseph's Sundays 8.45-9.15am
CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS Fri 18 Dec at St Joseph's 2-3.30pm; Sat 19 Dec at St Peter's 10.30am-12.30pm (Filey priests);
 Thu 24 10.45-11.30am at St Peter's
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & Private Prayer: 30 minutes before each public weekday Mass

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> click link at right of screen
READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code 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 Declan Carney-Anderson, Kathleen Lavelle † R DEAD Paul Rodgers, Joan Ramsden, Fr Clive Birch, Mark White
MASSES RECEIVED: see printed copy
ATTENDANCE St Peter's Vigil 28; Polish 42; St Joseph's 9.30am 57; St Peter's 11.30am 66; Total 193
OFFERINGS Loose plate £603; Gift Aid envelopes £801; Polish £30; Av. Standing Orders £614; Total £2,048
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.

WELCOME to Fr Martin Gosling from the Norbertines in Muston, Filey, who celebrates Masses this weekend.
FR GUBBINS is making a good recovery after small operation on his ear - back on duty Tues 7pm Mass. Thanks to all for their well-wishes.
CHRISTMAS TREES AND CRIBS will be in place in our churches this coming week.
SMALL CHOIR NEEDED for Carols at Christmas Eve Masses: **St Peter's 5pm** with organist, Paul Kenyon (contact Fr Gubbins), and **St Joseph's 7.30pm** with organist, Lucy Wilkinson (contact Lucy on 07731 533865).
'O' ANTIPHONS These refer to the 7 antiphons that are recited preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the period of Advent known as the **Octave before Christmas, Dec 17-23**, with Dec 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil. The importance of the 'O' Antiphons is twofold: Each highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel*. Also, each refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.
CHRISTMAS CARDS & goods St Peter's & St Joseph's (St Jo's piety shop also open during Confessions on Friday 18 December).
DO NOT leave Christmas Cards for fellow parishioners. Handling is a Covid-19 risk. Give to people direct. Cards left will be disposed of.
NEWSLETTER available outside all churches in waterproof box. Take one to those who are isolated.
DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021 on Sale £1. Useful information about parishes and schools etc in the diocese.
"SHARE THE LIGHT" CAMPAIGN Christians of all denominations in the United Kingdom are encouraged to *share the light of hope* from **21 December** by displaying a light in their windows and continue to light it until Christmas Day. Those lights will represent not only hope for those who are struggling but gratitude for all those who have worked so hard to help others this year.
SUNDAY SMILE: *If you thought 2020 couldn't get any worse... Chris Rea's car failed its MOT.*

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES – BOOKING SYSTEM – DEADLINE 20 DECEMBER

Book in advance (ONE MASS ONLY) - see website or separate Christmas Mass times leaflet for full information (no need to book for usual weekend & weekday Masses). If you have genuine difficulty booking online a paper form exists. You are encouraged to consider coming to the 11.30am Christmas Eve morning Mass or to one of the Christmas weekend Masses, to help ease numbers. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains suspended during these Covid-19 times.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASS TIMES 2020

Note - no Masses at St Edward's

Christmas Eve: **5pm** at St Peter's; **7.30pm** at St Joseph's; **Midnight** at St Peter's
Christmas Morning: **9.30am** at St Joseph's and **11am** at St Peter's

