



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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WEEK COMMENCING 23 MAY 2021– YEAR B	Day of Prayer for the Church	Divine Office: Week 3
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### FEAST OF PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY

There are **50 days** of Easter, from the First Sunday to the Feast of Pentecost. After Mass today, the Paschal Candle is moved to the Baptistry, where it is kept with due honour. It is used for celebration of Baptism and may be used at Funerals in place of the six candles.

**The word Pentecost is Greek for '50th' (pentecoste)** and is derived from the fact that it occurs on the **50th day** after the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) - **10 days** after the Ascension of the Lord, His Ascension being **40 days** after Christ's Resurrection. (See Acts 1:1-9; 2:1-4). Pentecost is also called **Whitsunday**, or **White Sunday** because of the *white baptismal robes* worn by those newly baptized on the vigil of Pentecost, and that symbolized the power of the sacrament in purifying the baptized sinner.

**In the Old Testament**, the Feast is called by several names, including the *Feast of Weeks*. In Judaism, it is known as *Shavuot* (Hebrew, *weeks*) and is ranked among the three major historical and agricultural festivals on the Jewish calendar, with *Passover* and *Sukkot*. It marks the important grain harvest, when the first fruits were brought to the Temple, hence its other name as the *Feast of the First Fruits* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-10). It also commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

**The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost** is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 2), in the New Testament. The Catechism teaches, "*At the first Pentecost, after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was manifested, given and communicated as a divine Person to the Church, fulfilling the paschal mystery of Christ according to his promise*" (726, 731; cf. 1287). The Spirit was manifested in two ways: a **mighty wind** and **tongues of fire**. Acts 2 tell us: "*And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.*" **Wind** is one of the most fundamental symbols of the **Holy Spirit**. In the Greek, the word **Spirit (pneuma)** also means **wind** or **breath**. The Spirit of God moved across the waters during Creation (Genesis 1:1-2); so the Spirit here is bringing a new creation. As the Catechism teaches, **fire** symbolizes the **transforming energy** of the Holy Spirit's actions" (696).

**The Apostles** "*were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*" In this passage, the Greek word for **tongues (glossais)** is the same as used for the **tongues of fire**, directly connecting the descent of the Spirit with the sudden ability of the apostles to preach in other languages and dialects. Returning to Old Testament imagery, the curse of the Tower of Babel has been reversed. So, Pentecost is, as Pope Benedict XVI taught on the solemnity in 2012, "*the feast of human unity, understanding and sharing.*" The outpouring of the Holy Spirit enlightened and strengthened the apostles, so they could understand and preach the Gospel fearlessly, even to the point of death. Pope Benedict XVI added:

*"It [the Spirit] came to rest upon the head of each of them and ignited in them a divine fire, a fire of love, capable of transforming things. Their fear disappeared, their hearts were filled with new strength, their tongues were loosened, and they began to speak freely, in such a way that everyone could understand the news that Jesus Christ had died and was risen. On Pentecost, where there was division and incomprehension, unity and understanding were born."*

**St Peter's words** (Acts 2: 14-41) were especially significant. Speaking for the Eleven, he proclaimed to those in Jerusalem, "*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" His strong words did not call on them to have faith alone, but to repent and be baptized. As a result of his speech, "*about three thousand persons were added*" on that day. Note it was **Peter** who preached first, just as he accomplished the first healing in the Church (Acts 3:6-7).

We read in Acts 2 that the new believers "*devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*" (Acts 2:42). Here, there is a clear Eucharistic connection with Pentecost that was expressed beautifully by Pope St John Paul II in a general audience on 13 September 1989:

*"From the earliest times after the descent of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and their followers, converted and baptized, 'devoted themselves to the breaking of bread and the prayers' (Acts 2:42). It was as if the Holy Spirit himself had directed them toward the Eucharist. In the encyclical Dominum et Vivificantem, I stated: 'Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church from the beginning expressed and confirmed her identity through the Eucharist' (62). The primitive Church was a community founded on the teaching of the apostles (Acts 2:42). It was completely animated by the Holy Spirit, who enlightened the believers to understand the Word and gathered them together in charity around the Eucharist. Thus, the Church grew into a multitude of believers who 'were of one heart and soul'" (Acts 4:32).*

**Pentecost is called the Church's birthday** because on that day the Holy Spirit was sent by Christ to sanctify the Church by **transmitting the graces** Jesus had won through the Cross and His Resurrection. As Christians, we should embrace the words of the Catechism, "*Annually, the Church celebrates the memory of the Pentecost events — the beginning of the new 'age of the Church,' when Christ lives and acts in and with his Church*" (Glossary, p. 893; cf. 1076).

It adds, "*The Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its Sacrament: In her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity*" (738). As members of the Church, we must each strive to work for the fulfilment of the mission of the Church. We are not alone in this. We have the assurance that the Holy Spirit will remain with the Church forever. And, through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us and animate us. The Catechism says, "*The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men*" (747).

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 23 MAY 2021** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Saturday Vigil	22	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	23	9.30am	St Joseph's	See printed copy for Mass intentions
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	24		NO MASS	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	25	12 noon	St Edward's	St Bede the Venerable
Wednesday	26	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Philip Neri
Thursday	27	10am	St Joseph's	JESUS, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST / St Augustine of Canterbury
Friday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	29	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Paul VI

**MALAYALAM MASS** is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Peter's Church

**CONFESSIONS** Saturdays **10.30am to 11am** at St Peter's; **Sundays 9am - 9.20am** at St Joseph's, and by request  
**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes** before each *weekday* Mass in each church

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH** <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> link at right of screen

**READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code** Links are available on our website & in church porches

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON FACEBOOK 4-minute video** for children: **Sun weekly** - our parish Facebook page.

**OUR LADY'S SHRINE** at St Peter's Church is open daily (*gate is unlocked, follow sign on wall*) Take a **free** miraculous medal.

**POPE FRANCIS MONTH OF MAY PRAYER INTENTION:** *that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

- † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Theresa Fletcher, Rosemary Buckle, Patsy Griffin (*Manchester*), John Johnson (*Pat Pitts' father*)
- † **ANNIVS:** Bryan Thompson, Brian Cranford John Chapman • **MASSES RECEIVED** see printed copy
- † **SANCTUARY LAMP** Dec'd members Stankiste family (St Peter's); Joy Koilparampil *RD in India* (St Joseph's)
- MASS ATTENDANCE:** Vigil St Peter's **51**; Sun St Joseph's **92**; Polish **65**; St Peter's **98**; Indian **Mass 49 Total 355**
- OFFERINGS** Loose plate **£487**; Gift Aid envelopes **£318**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,483**
- PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** the birthday of the Church. As we come out of lockdown it also marks a new beginning for our churches in Scarborough & elsewhere. Bishops Pastoral Letter to be read at Mass. **NEXT SUNDAY IS FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTER** at each church for **children to mark** their attendance at weekend Mass, as is the requirement.

**PARENTS MEETING** Tue 8 June 7pm. **1ST COMMUNION DATES** Sat 10 & Sat 17 July **12 noon at St Peters church**. 35 children.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Names now been taken for candidates. **Year 9+ are eligible**. Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation contact Fr Gubbins. Date is to be decided - possibly in September.

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP DRAINEY** for **PENTECOST** to be read at all Masses this weekend.

**MAY PROCESSION** next **Sunday 30 May** during Masses (Feast of the Visitation Mon 31 May). The children will process around the church & place flowers for the Crowning of our Lady (*Queen of the May*) on the Sanctuary.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING** at St Josephs: **1pm on Sat. 5 June** at St Joseph's Church, with Kevin O'Connor.

**ST PETER'S FULL GOVERNORS' MEETING 4.15pm on Tuesday 25 May** on Google Meet.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S FULL GOVERNORS' MEETING 5pm on Wednesday 26 May** by Google Meet.

**VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021** Opening Mass **Saturday 29 May**, closing ceremony **Thursday 3 June**, streamed on the Diocesan Lourdes Facebook page.

**MEETING FOR FINANCE & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS** **Wednesday 2 June at 6.30pm** in St Peter's Church. All members please do try to attend. Bring your papers that were e-mailed to you.

**SPECIAL MINISTERS** willing to continue to Minister at Mass and/or to the housebound – add you name to the list at back of church (even if you were at the meeting). **HOUSEBOUND/CARE HOME LIST** is being updated.

**SINCERE THANKS** and gratitude are expressed by the wife and family of Rob Chambers RD to the many parishioners and friends who sent cards and Mass Intentions, following his sad loss. Thanks too to Fr Gubbins and Fr Albert for their comforting support. *May Rob rest in peace and rise in glory Amen*

**CAFOD CORONA VIRUS APPEAL FOR INDIA** total **£1,075**. Ta. You can donate direct online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**ROTAS FOR SERVING SUNDAY COFFEE/TEA** after Mass on Sundays. Assuming we come out of Lockdown on 21 June we will need to draw up a new list to create Rotas. List will be available to fill in next weekend.

**PARISH SECRETARY is away** **Sunday 23 to Sunday 30 May**. Please direct your queries to Fr Gubbins.

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Milk is the fastest liquid on earth. It's pasteurised before you even see it! (past your eyes)*

**CHANGES TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS**

**CAPACITIES:** Weddings - 30 people; Baptisms – 30; Funerals in line with capacity of church (St Peter's 120, St Joseph's 80, St Edward's 30). **ENTERING CHURCH** Continue to sanitise, maintain safe distancing and wear a mask (unless exempt). **SAFE DISTANCING** Now 1 metre with masks (2 metres if exempt from mask). **READERS** Limited handling of the lectionary, but no need for gloves or sanitisation. **SIGN OF PEACE** remains suspended. **HOLY COMMUNION** will continue under 1 kind and the minister will continue to wear a face covering. Communion in the hand will continue, and will still be at the end of Mass at weekends. **HOLY WATER** stoops remain unfilled. **CONCELEBRATION** of priests are now allowed.

**PARISH MEETING HALLS/ROOMS** If restrictions are lifted fully on 21 June, as planned by the government, meetings will again be able to take place. However, ALL GROUPS, including refreshments after Mass/cleaning, will need to contact the parish office with **times/venues**, as the diary is currently empty and does not have your original booking details. We need to be sure to avoid clashes.