



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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# DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is celebrated this **Sunday 20 June**. This annual celebration, **inaugurated by Saint John Paul II** and promoted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, helps us to focus on the *intrinsic value and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death* at every stage and in every condition. **The theme for 2021, Caring for the Sick and Dying**, centres on caring for the sick and dying and promoting the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability.

*“Jesus is the Good Shepherd who came for the wounded sheep and comforts the sick.*

*He is the Good Samaritan who does not pass by the injured person lying by the roadside,*

*but Who, moved to compassion, takes care of and assists him.” (cf. Lk 10:33-34) Pope Francis*

**Bishop John Sherrington**, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Westminster and the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Church in England and Wales, has written a **message for Day for Life**:

**Message:** “This day presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the **annual collection**. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach.

**“Global pandemic:** The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth. Each death has rightly been mourned as a tragedy. This tragedy has been further compounded by the inability to be physically present with loved ones at the end of their life, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. The pain of this separation and the preciousness of a loved one’s final moments has been keenly felt by many.

“Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families. As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to ‘stay home and save lives.’ These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

“**Assisted Suicide:** However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise ‘assisted suicide.’ That legislation which proposes hastening death is now being seriously contemplated, is deeply alarming following a year of pandemic which has caused the untimely deaths of millions around the world.

“Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a “false compassion” and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient suffering with the vulnerable, sick and dying. A ‘true compassion,’ he says, is ‘the just response to the immense value of the sick person.’ This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family.

“We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

“This pandemic has shown us just how much we value life as a society. Please help us to build on this and fight against the legalisation of assisted suicide by donating to Day for Life. Your donations will support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death.”

Bishop John Sherrington has also spoken out against **DIY home abortions**. Last year, the Catholic Church responded to the Department of Health and Social Care’s open consultation on whether the temporary policy to permit ‘at-home’ abortions should become permanent. The Church strongly opposes any such change to legislation, and calls for an end to the temporary implementation of such dangerous measures.

Prayers to St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Dying, have been provided in conjunction with this year’s Day for Life theme. Some copies are at back of church and can be printed by request.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 20 JUNE 2021** **12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday Vigil	19	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	20	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Day for Life</i> For Mass intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	21	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Tuesday	22	12 noon	St Edward's	<i>ST JOHN FISHER &amp; ST THOMAS MORE</i>
Wednesday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Etheldreda</i>
Thursday	24	10am	St Joseph's	<i>BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>
Friday	25	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	26	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

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

**CONFESSIONS** Saturdays 10.30-11am at St Peter's; Sundays 9-9.20am and Mondays 9.30-9.50am at St Joseph's. Or 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/> Click button on home page  
**READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code** Links are available on our website & in church porches  
**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE** at St Peter's is open (gate is unlocked). Take a **free** medal.  
**POPE FRANCIS MONTH OF JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** *for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.*

**†RECENTLY DEAD:** Tulio Vicari (Italy), Fr Colman Ryan, Fr Bill East, Fr Ross Thompson, Fr Peter Egan **†ANNIVS:** Michael Barrett, Frances Cranston, Aleyamma Joseph **MASSES RECEIVED from** see printed copy

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Vigil St Peter's **48**; Sun St Joseph's **138**; Polish **74**; St Peter's **99**; **Total 359**

**OFFERINGS** Loose plate **£430**; Gift Aid envelopes **£325**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,433**

**PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office

 **YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – JUNE:** *Joseph Most Obedient and Head of Holy Family. All authority is borrowed, except for the Author himself. One can only be a just head of a family, be it natural or religious, if one is first obedient to the Word himself. Joseph's perfect obedience rendered him the perfect Head of the Holy Family.*

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

**FIRST CONFESSION 4-5pm on Sat 3 July** at St Peter's Church. 2 priests available. Letter sent to parents assigning them times of arrival.

**PIETY (HOLY) SHOPS** are open at Mass times. Great selection of First Holy Communion gifts and cards.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** 9 names so far. **Year 9+ are eligible.** Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament contact Fr Gubbins. **Confirmation Information Evening 7pm Wednesday 14 July** at St Peters Church.

**DAY FOR LIFE 2021** Theme: *caring for the sick and dying and promoting the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability.* **Retiring Collection** at all churches this weekend for the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church-supported life issues.

**UCM MEETING** Due to the uncertainty of lockdown, the meeting on 22 June has been cancelled and we are no longer having refreshments after the Mass on 3 July. We should be able to start our meetings again in September, God willing. Watch this space!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fr Michael Sellers on the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination this **Tuesday 22 June.**

**POSTGATE RALLY & MASS 4 July** at Ugthorpe: hymns **2.30pm**, Mass **3pm.** **No bus** this year from Scarborough

**ORDINATION OF PAUL GRIFFIN** to the Permanent Married Diaconate at **12 noon on Saturday 3 July** at St Joseph's Church. Those wishing to attend will have to book as space is limited and restrictions apply. More information to follow.

**SISTERS OF MERCY** Filey Convent is to close and the sisters to be reassigned. There will be a farewell and thank-you Mass with Bishop Drainey in July. More information to follow.

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER Tuesday 22 June for those who suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights.** We can easily forget those throughout the world who suffer each day under the thumb of oppression and violence and who have no means to respond, due to a denial of human rights. Please keep this intention in your prayers, especially this Tuesday.

**300 CLUB** will resume in September. More information to follow.

**PARISH WEBSITE** is undergoing changes. **New click-buttons** have been placed on the home page to take you to the Mass times/readings etc. Other pages will be developed as necessary in the coming weeks. Suggestions welcome as to what could be included.

**ST PETER'S OLD SCHOOL LEASE** with Scarborough Borough Council **ends Sept 2022.** Fr Gubbins invites comments from parishioners on what we should do with the property on Auborough Street: **1)** sell it; **2)** ask if they are willing to extend the lease; **3)** sell as a development site for housing or flats, with or without provision for a Parish Hall; **4)** any other suggestions. Replies before the end of June (by email preferably). Currently, we receive £12,500 per annum.

**A THANK YOU FROM CAFOD** "We have been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide."

**SUNDAY SMILE:** Q. *What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer?* A. *A father-in-law.*

**LOCKDOWN UPDATES:** As the end of lockdown has been delayed by a further 4 weeks, there will be no change to the restrictions and capacities currently in place. Singing and group meetings remain suspended.