



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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

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**WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2021– YEAR B**  
**FORTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*Divine Office: Week 2*  
*Day of Special Prayer for Europe*

### ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE OF PAUL GRIFFIN

At St Joseph's this Saturday 3 July 2021, Paul Griffin was ordained to the permanent diaconate. We've never had a permanent deacon in Scarborough, so we asked Paul a few questions.

#### What is a permanent deacon?

There were deacons in the early church, most famously **St Stephen** and **St Lawrence**. They mostly looked after the church's property and cared for the community's poor and vulnerable. There was a strong symbolic link between a bishop and his deacons, which is still the case now. By the **fifth century** it had declined as a separate ministry and became an order that men were ordained to about a year before they became priests. That's still the case, and they're called transitional deacons, but in the **1960s** the Second Vatican Council revived the permanent diaconate, which they opened to both single and married men.

#### When did you feel the vocation for this ministry, and what preparation did you receive?

I had thought about it in a quiet way for a long time, but in 2015 Fr Albert gave me a little nudge at just the right moment, and things grew from there. I've had **four years of training**, including interviews, a selection panel, regular weekends in York and at Hinsley Hall in Leeds, retreats and an online course with Loyola University in Chicago. There have been plenty of essays, but also lots of discussion and thought and prayers. Fr Albert, Fr William and Fr Eddie have all been very supportive.

#### What does a permanent deacon do?

That tends to depend on the deacon and what the bishop wants him to do. The diaconate has a **three-part role of liturgy, charity and proclaiming the word of God**, so deacons work in parishes, act as catechists and youth workers, some have roles across a whole diocese and some are in specific jobs like education, chaplaincy or social work. There are also plenty of deacons who have jobs that are nothing to do with the church. The bishop has already said my main role as a deacon will be to continue to be headteacher at St Augustine's, which is exactly the sort of role that the church had in mind when the diaconate was revived. There will obviously be other things for me to do in the parish, but I need to be able to balance family and work commitments, so it isn't like the full-time ministry a priest has.

#### What can and can't a deacon do?

That's the question I'm most often asked! Deacons can conduct Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, as well as other services like Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They **can't** hear Confessions, anoint the sick or say Mass. However, the deacon does have his own role in the Mass, which includes reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, preparing the gifts before the Consecration, declaring the Sign of Peace and distributing Holy Communion. He also says the final words of the Mass. Deacons sometimes preach the homily.

#### What does a deacon wear?

For church services a deacon wears an **Alb**, which is a long white garment, and a **Stole**, which goes across one shoulder rather than round the neck like a priest's does, and for Mass, a dalmatic, which is a bit like a priest's chasuble (outer vestment) but is sewn up at the sides and has sleeves. Outside of church deacons wear clerical dress, but not all the time.

#### How does your family feel about all this, and what are you looking forward to most?

There are some aspects that will take a bit of getting used to, but Katherine my wife and the children have been amazingly supportive all the way through this long process, and I'm really grateful to them for that. I'm hopeful that my parents and other members of our family will be able to be here for the ordination. Scarborough is the first parish of all the many I've lived in since I left home at 18 where I have really felt at home. People in all three churches have been incredibly welcoming and kind since we first moved here in 2014, and so many people have supported me with kind words and prayers through my training, so I'm really looking forward to being able to serve the parish that has accepted me as one of its own.

#### What should we call you after you're ordained?

Paul.

Please keep Deacon Paul Griffin in your prayers as he begins his new role as deacon in our parishes.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2021** **14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	3	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter's</b> (LIVE STREAM)	
<b>Sunday</b>	4	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	For Mass intentions see printed copy
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's (Polish)</b>	
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b> (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	5	10am	St Joseph's	St Anthony Zaccaria
Tuesday	6	12 noon	St Edward's	St Maria Goretti
Wednesday	7	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	8	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	9	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp
Saturday	10	10am	<b>St Peter's</b> (LIVE STREAM)	
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS</b>

**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:** Link available on our website

**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:** *We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.*

**†RECENTLY DEAD** Fr Andrew Smith, Linda Joy Teresa Duggan **†ANNIVS:** Ron Stephenson, Robert McNeilly, Brian O'Flynn, Cyril Swales (b' day), Barbara Giddings **MASSSES RECEIVED** from see printed copy

**MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil** St Peter's **54**; **Sun** St Joseph's **133**; Polish **80**; St Peter's **97**; **Total 364**

**MASS ATTENDANCE at Holy Day Masses:** St Peter's 9.30am **31**; St Edward's 12 noon **32**; St Joseph's 7pm **28**; **Total 91**

**OFFERINGS** Loose plate **£546**; Gift Aid envelopes **£492**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,716**

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



**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – JULY: Joseph Most Faithful.** *Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.*

**CONGRATUALATIONS** to Deacon Paul Griffin, and Catherine, his wife, and family. Paul was ordained Permanent Deacon at St Joseph's on Saturday 3 July. Thank you to all who helped at Mass and organise refreshment for the family/ friends and clergy.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES 12 noon next Saturday 10 July** at St Peter's (1st Cohort) & **12 noon Saturday 17 July** at St Joseph's. Seats have been allocated to the First Communion candidates and their families.

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

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING 7pm Wednesday 14 July** at St Peters Church. Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament contact Fr Gubbins or come along to the meeting. 14 names so far, including some adults.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE POSTGATE RALLY & MASS this Sunday 4 July.** The Rally and Mass have been cancelled due forecast bad weather and connected safety issues. Please spread the word, especially to people you think may attend.

**BLESSED NICHOLAS POSTGATE 1599-1679** was a Catholic priest who was executed for treason on the Knavesmire in York on 6 August 1679 as part of the anti-Catholic persecution sweeping England at that time. He is one of the 85 English Catholic Martyrs of England and Wales beatified by Pope John Paul II in November 1987. He was born at Kirkdale House, Egton, studied in Douay college, France, was ordained in 1628 and was sent to the missions, before settling back at Ugthorpe, not far from his birthplace. His parish, known by the extinct name of Blackamoor, extended from Guisborough, to Pickering and Scarborough. anti-Catholic persecution had flared up again after a relatively quiet period, due to the fake Popish Plot of 1678. Oates, who had participated in the conspiracy, set up base in Whitby (possibly because priests arrived there from France). Postgate was apprehended by the exciseman Reeves, while carrying out a baptism at the house of Matthew Lyth, Little Beck, near Whitby. He was hung, drawn and quartered at York. Reeves later committed suicide. His quarters were given to his friends and interred. One of the hands was sent to Douay College.

**† FR ANDREW SMITH O.PRAEM RIP** Fr Andrew, Parish Priest of St Mary's Filey and based at the Priory in Muston, sadly passed away aged 77 in the early hours of Friday 2 July, following a stroke and short illness. Fr Andrew was originally from North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. He attended seminary with the Norbetine Order and was ordained on 21 May 1970. His work for the Diocese of Middlesbrough began in 2010 as Administrator at All Saints, Thirsk. Between 2010 and 2012 he was Administrator at St Gabriel's, Corpus Christi and St Alphonsus in Middlesbrough. In 2012 he took over as Administrator at St Mary's, Filey, where he remained until his very recent illness. Please keep Fr Andrew and his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY** blessings to Fr (Canon) Michael Ryal from York for **5 July**. Fr Michael thanks everyone for their kindness when in our Scarborough Parishes.

**ST PETER'S OLD SCHOOL** Thank you to the 10 people who responded to the request for comments on the future of the St Peter's Old School site, when the lease comes to an end in September 2022. We will keep you informed as to how we proceed.

**DEATH BY APPOINTMENT ONLINE SEMINAR: Rational Guide to the Assisted Suicide Debate** A virtual event supported by the *Bishops' Conference's Department of Social Justice - 7:30-9pm Monday 12 July*. The Assisted Suicide debate has again been pushed centre stage with Baroness Meacher's Assisted Dying Bill introduced into the House of Lords. To find out how to register, go to the bishops' Conference web page: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/death-by-appointment-a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/> and follow the link.

**AOS SEA SUNDAY is next Sunday 11 July.** There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea who care for the spiritual and material needs of seafarers.

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*