

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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14 JULY 2024 – 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 3

### SEA SUNDAY ~ A DAY TO REMEMBER THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA

Sea Sunday falls on **Sunday 14 July** this year. Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. **The number of crews abandoned by their employers is still at a record high.** Conflicts around the world are compromising their safety, and many are experiencing stress and poorer mental health. Catholic charity **Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea)** is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. We are encouraged to stand alongside seafarers and fishers so that they will always have a friend in port who they can turn to.

**Fr Alex Smerechynskyy is a port chaplain for Stella Maris in the southern port city of Odesa, Ukraine.** He says, “*Some seafarers I meet have travelled through the conflict area of the Red Sea, with its risks of attacks from Houthis, then have sailed on to the Black Sea with its own dangers, given there is no agreement on maritime safety,*” says.

Because of the **conflict in Gaza, ships sailing through the Red Sea face the threat of Houthi missiles, drone attacks and raiding parties.** Since last November, the Houthis have **targeted more than 80 merchant vessels.** Ships bound for **Ukraine are now regarded by Russia as potential carriers of military cargo, making them legitimate targets** in their eyes. This follows the collapse of the UN Black Sea grain initiative to create a safe corridor for ships carrying Ukrainian food and fertiliser.

**Stella Maris** is one of the few maritime charities with chaplains based in Ukraine. They carry out ship visits from Odesa, where they work with seafarers on the frontline, witnessing the impact the invasion is having on them. Many shipowners are not allowing crew members to go ashore during their time in Odesa for security reasons. Ship visits by the Stella Maris team there are proving increasingly important in countering the isolation and loneliness seafarers often experience.

“*Seafarers have signed on knowing the risks and receive additional pay as a result, but there is no respite for them and that has an effect,*” says Father Alex. “*Once here in Odesa they can witness the drone attacks on the port and the city at close hand. This only adds to their stress and anxiety.*”

Being a seafarer is a tough job at the best of times. You are away from home for months, working long hours and facing possible accidents at sea. But **ships being hit by bombs or missiles is an additional problem facing seafarers currently – and not the only one. There is now an alarming rise in cases of seafarers abandoned by shipowners – left in distant ports without money, support or the means to get home.**

Deacon Joe O'Donnell, Stella Maris' senior area port chaplain for Scotland, helped an Indian crew recently. They had not received their wages for several months and were abandoned in Troon. “*We supplied groceries, clothing and free mobile phone SIM cards so they could talk to their families back home,*” he said. “*The crew were also under a huge mental strain, with no money, no means of getting home and absolutely no idea what their future is, so we offered them pastoral support and reassurance. Following our intervention, the crew was paid and returned home.*”

What happens on global shipping routes affects us all because much of the food and other products in our shops – everything from fish and fruit to computers and cars – arrives on ships. We rely on seafarers and fishers perhaps more than we realise. **In today's Gospel from Mark 6:7-13** we hear that *Jesus sent out the disciples in pairs*, but they were to take almost nothing with them – so they had to rely on the providence of God on their travels - and the generosity of the people they would stay with on the journey. Those people would be strangers to them – but the disciples were reliant on those strangers' hospitality. This requires faith. **The teaching that God's love is present in welcoming strangers and neighbours is a strong belief of many cultures.** The divine lives in each of us, and when we welcome each other, we welcome God, and Jesus, the Son of God. According to Jesus' instructions, if people didn't welcome or listen to the disciples, they were to walk away, shaking the dust from under their feet. This gesture represents both cleansing and Jesus' displeasure at those who have rejected these strangers (his disciples) – we would surely not want that for ourselves. **When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them** – to take them to the shops, to give them internet access, to take them to a Church for Mass or confession. Often, they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder.

When seafarers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. The Stella Maris teams answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger. They put their faith into action.

**On Sea Sunday, let us pray for seafarers, fishers and the work of Stella Maris.** Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands.

Find out more about Sea Sunday at [stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday) or to donate to Stella Maris, visit [stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://stellamaris.org.uk/donate)  
Article collated from the Diocese of Middlesbrough and Stella Maris websites.

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 14 JULY 2024 – YEAR B** **15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday	13	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday		9.30am	St Joseph's	SEA SUNDAY
	14	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	15	10am	St Joseph's	St Bonaventure
Tuesday	16	5.30pm	St Edward's	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wednesday	17	12 noon	St Peter's (note change of time)	
Thursday	18	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	19	11am	St Joseph's (no Mass at St Peter's)	Requiem Mass
Saturday	20	9am	St Edward's (Indian Orthodox Mass)	
		10am	St Peter's	St Apolinaris

**MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE** celebrated monthly **10.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.**CONFESSIONS** Normal times **Sat: 10.30-11am** at St Peter's & **5-5.20pm** at St Edward's; **Sun: 9-9.20am** at St Joseph's; & **by request****ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** weekdays **9.15-9.55am** at St Peter's, **1 hour before Mass** at St Joseph's, **5pm** St Edward's  
**POPE FRANCIS' JULY PRAYER INTENTION:** *that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.***RECENTLY DIED:** Jutta Marshall, Caroline Wheelan (former Convent girl), Orestes Anonuevo;**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bridget Barker, Bebie Laura, Mel Brown (b'day);**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Vigil: St Edward's **63**; Sunday: St Joseph's **136**; St Peter's **237**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 491****OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£713**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£291**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£50**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,844.****Thank you! ONLINE GIVING Parish Bank:** Barclays, Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough.* **Include a reference** if Gift Aiding your donation (do sign up if have not already). **OR** donate online.**300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £100 No.94.** Congratulations! Spaces available: **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers.**GROUPS IN OUR 3 CHURCHES:** *Divine Mercy Devotions (9.45am Fridays at St Peter's in church);* *Rosary Devotions (before Mass Wednesdays at St Peter's in church)* **RCIA Instruction for Adult Converts (11.30am Saturdays, St Peter's Parish Centre);** **Rosary Prayer Group (11am Thursdays, St Joseph's Sr Rita Room until Sept);** **Mothers Prayers (1.30pm Mondays, St Peter's Parish Centre);** **Legion of Mary (11am Saturdays, St Peter's Parish Centre);** **Alive Group (2pm Tuesdays, St Edward's Hall fortnightly);** **Parents & Toddlers (10am Mondays, St Peter's School);** **Union of Catholic Mothers (1pm 3rd Tuesday monthly alternating: St Peter's & St Joseph's parish rooms)** **Craft Group St Peter's 1st Tues of the month 1.45pm St Peter's Parish Centre)** **Children's Choir****CONGRATULATIONS** to **Fr Steven Leightell** of Bridlington parish, ordained at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough on Sat 13 July. Fr Leightell will celebrate Mass at Our Lady & St Peter, Bridlington 6pm on Saturday 26 July and 9am Sunday 27 July, St George's, Eastfield at 4pm on Saturday 10 August and St Mary's, Filey at 11am on Sunday 11 August.**UCM next meeting is 1pm on Tuesday 16 July** in the **garden of a parishioner**, or if wet weather, in St Joseph's Sr Rita Room, for the Holy Rosary, followed by a strawberry cream tea. Cost £3 + £2 subs.**ST PETER'S SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS Tues 16 July 10am** at St Joseph's as we bid farewell to the Leavers 2024.**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS 9.30am and 10.30am Wed 17 July** in school. (Lower and Upper school)**ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE** to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption is on **Sunday 13 August** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley: Rosary **2.30pm**, Mass **3pm**. More info to follow. Consider car sharing if you wish to attend. **NOTE** the Feast of the Assumption actually falls on Thursday **15 August** and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**PARISH FUNDRAISER** for Breast Cancer Now **2pm-4pm Sat 17 August** in St Joseph's Sr Rita Room: refreshments, cake & pink Prosecco.**INDIAN ORTHODOX HOLY MASS 9am on Saturday 20 July** at St Edward Church.**SCARBOROUGH PILGRIMAGE TO ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX 2025** Mon **28 April** to Fri **2 May**. 30 names. 10 places left. Deposit **£50 required.** *Cash or cheque (payable to St Peter's Church), and put envelope with your name on the outside and marked Lisieux Pilgrimage & Telephone Number.* Est cost **£500 pp** half board sharing. Single rooms (if available) will cost more.**NEW LECTIONARY** for Readings at Mass comes in **November in 3 volume** sets. Thank you to all who have made donations towards the cost of these. We have now reached our target of £1,772.**NEW NURSERY PROVISION AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL** beginning in September, term time only. Morning sessions **8.45am to 11.45am**. Afternoon sessions **12.15pm to 3.15pm**. Contact the school on 01723 372720 for more information.**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST PETER'S VC ACADEMY** (St Peter's School) which recently received a **glowing report** from Diocese of Middlesbrough's Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI), who judged them as being '**Outstanding**'. Inspectors commented, *"The school is a joyful, welcoming community, valuing all members without exception, where Christ is acknowledged in each person. Leaders embrace and actively promote the principles that Catholic schools are at the service of the local church. They work hard to ensure a flourishing partnership between home, school and parish."* They thank all our parishioners for being part of their wider community! Read the full inspection report here: <https://spsyorks.org/key-information/ofsted>**VACANCY: DIRECTOR OF CHAPLAINCY** within St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust. Reporting to the CEO, this is a collaborative role. 37 hours per week, full time. Salary: Grade 10 or 11 (£42,403 - £51,515) negotiable dependent on experience. Further info and application pack from <https://scrcat.org/vacancies>. Closing date **12 noon Friday 19 July**.**SEA SUNDAY** is this **Sunday 14 July**. There will be a voluntary second collection at all Masses **this weekend** for Stella Maris.**CAR PARKS** Please be considerate when parking. **Use empty parking spaces first** before parking in the middle, and **do not block gates**.**SUNDAY SMILE:** Q. *How does a dog feel with a hangover?* A. *Ruff*