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19 JANUARY 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

Divine Office: Week 2

58TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

World Day of Peace was first instituted in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI. This day is especially pertinent in these times of escalation of war, conflict and increased fear around the world. In England and Wales, the Bishops have designated the **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** as *Peace Sunday*, a day when parishes are encouraged to reflect on the Pope's message for the year. Each year, the Holy Father addresses a Message of good wishes and hope to **Heads of State and Government, Heads of International Organisations, Leaders of different religions and every person of good will**. Pope Francis' theme for his message this year is *Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace*.

In his message, Pope Francis reflects on **the hope and justice at the heart of the Jubilee Year**. Hope is the preponderant theme of this 58th Message. Pope Francis invites us to look at the many challenges that severely endanger the survival of humanity and Creation with a heart full of hope. To do this, it is necessary to rely on God's mercy. By His forgiving our debts, we will rediscover ourselves all children of the Father, and therefore all brothers and sisters, united on the path of peace. More concretely, then, Pope Francis recommends three actions that can truly mark a path of peace: the forgiveness of the international debt; the abolition of the death penalty; the establishment of a World Fund that will definitively eliminate hunger.

The Holy Father begins by recalling that, **in the Jewish tradition, the Jubilee was a special year in which God's justice was restored in every aspect of life**. He writes: *"In our day too, the Jubilee is an event that inspires us to seek to establish the liberating justice of God in our world."* (#3).

Systemic interconnected challenges

In considering the challenges we face, the Pope highlights **the inhuman treatment of migrants, environmental decay, the confusion created by disinformation, the refusal to dialogue, and the immense resources spent on war**.

These challenges require not *"sporadic acts of philanthropy"* but change on a personal, cultural, and structural level *"in order to confront the present state of injustice and inequality."*

All of us are debtors

The message reminds us that we are all debtors to God. Drawing on the words of **St Basil of Caesarea**, the Holy Father stresses that everything we claim as our own is, in fact, a gift from God. The earth's resources belong to all humanity, *"not just a privileged few"*, the Pope says. *"Once we lose sight of our relationship to the Father, we begin to cherish the illusion that our relationships with others can be governed by a logic of exploitation and oppression, where might makes right."*

To set us on a renewed journey of hope during the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis offers **three concrete proposals**.

1. Debt cancellation

Pope Francis renews the appeal launched by Pope Saint John Paul II on the occasion during the Jubilee Year 2000 to consider *"reducing substantially, if not cancelling outright, the international debt which seriously threatens the future of many nations"* (#11). *"Foreign debt has become a means of control whereby certain governments and private financial institutions of the richer countries unscrupulously and indiscriminately exploit the human and natural resources of poorer countries, simply to satisfy the demands of their own markets", he says. He also highlights the "ecological debt" owed by richer countries, but which burdens other peoples of less developed parts of the world. The Pope argues that the call for debt cancellation is "an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice" (#8).*

2. Commitment to respect the dignity of human life

Without hope for the future, it becomes hard for the young to look forward to bringing new lives into the world. The Pope calls for a commitment to the dignity of human life at all stages, and advocates for the abolition of the death penalty and the promotion of a culture of life that values each person. The penalty, the Pope says, *"not only compromises the inviolability of life but eliminates every human hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation"*.

3. A new global fund

Pope Francis urges diverting funds from armaments to a global fund which could end hunger, foster sustainable development and combat climate change.

"Peace, does not only come with the end of wars" the Holy Father tells us, *"but with the dawn of a new world, a world in which we realise that we are different, closer and more fraternal than we ever thought possible"*.

Prayer: The Pope's message finishes with this prayer:

*Forgive us our trespasses, Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace, the peace that you alone can give
to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart,
to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts of their brothers and sisters,
to those who are unafraid to confess their debt to you,
and to those who do not close their ears to the cry of the poor. Amen*



Pope Francis's full message can be read at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20241208-messaggio-58giornata mondiale-pace2025.html (printed copies available by request for those who do not have access online).

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 19 JANUARY 2025 – YEAR C **2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday Vigil	18	5.30pm	St Edward's		Maureen Hudson (anniv)
Sunday		9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Peace Sunday</i>	People of the Parish/Book of remembrance
	19	9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)		Private Intention
		11.30am	St Peter's		Patricia Derry (dec'd)
Monday	20	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Fabian / St Sebastian</i>	Jean Hudson (1st anniv)
Tuesday	21	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>St Agnes</i>	Dennis Flack (RD)
Wednesday	22	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Vincent</i>	Ann Moon's ints
Thursday	23	10am	St Joseph's		Betty McGowan (RD)
Friday	24	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Grace Gubbins (anniv) / Mike Gubbins.
Saturday	25	10am	St Peter's	<i>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</i>	Hilario Odgers (RD)

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **9.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.

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
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Children only) St Peter's 1st Sunday monthly; St Joseph's Sundays, weekly
HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: *Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

RECENT DEAD: David Ison, Dennis Flack; **ANNIVS:** Nita O'Brien, Maureen Hudson, Peter Massie, Jean Hudson, Bill Scott, Betty Gillen, **MASSES** received from Staunton, Davey, Walker, O'Brien; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Vigil:** St Edward's **68**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **132**; St Peter's **175**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 430**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£583**, Gift Aid Envelopes **£294**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£15**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,682**. **Thank you!** **STANDING ORDER/ONLINE GIVING** Parish Bank: Barclays, Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference** if Gift Aiding your donation (please sign a parish declaration) OR donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough>; **300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.213, £10 No.97**. Congratulations! Spaces available to join: **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers. See Bob or Louis at St Peter's or Rob at St Joseph's.



WELCOME to Fr Frank Gallagher who is with us to celebrate Masses this weekend. Fr Frank is from Galway originally, and retired at Beverley
FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Meeting for parents **6.30pm on Wednesday 22 January** in St Peter's Church. For children who wish to be included who are in **non-Catholic** schools, add name to LIST at the back of church.

MASS OF ENROLEMENT for all First Confession/Holy Communion candidates is on **Sunday 26 January 11.30am** at St Peter's.

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY PRAYER FOR LIFE this Sunday 19 January is CANCELLED until further notice.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL is next **Sunday 26 January**. There will be a voluntary second collection.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is from **18 to 25 January**, Materials for 2025 were prepared by the Ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. As we celebrate **1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea**, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: *"Do you believe this?"* For more info on the readings for this special week, go to the Churches Together website at: <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2025/>

ECUMENICAL DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY from **12 noon to 1pm** will be held **Monday 20th** at St James Anglican Church, Seamer Road; **Tue 21st** at Scarborough Christian Fellowship, Castle Road; **Wednesday 22nd** at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Ramshill Road; **Thursday 23rd** at Northstead Methodist Church, Givendale Road; **Friday 24th** at Holy Nativity Anglican Church, Westway, Eastfield. Do try to get along this week and join in prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD (BIBLE SUNDAY) is on **26 January**. On this day, all Readers (**Proclaimers of the Word**) will be re-commissioned at all weekend Masses. Please do your best to be there.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE is at **6.30pm on Sunday 26 January** at **St Columba's Church** on the corner of Dean Road/Columbus Ravine, YO12 7JH. Do join our brothers and sisters in Christ in shared worship and prayer for Christian unity.

NEW YEAR PARISH DINNER & table quiz Fri 31 Jan 7pm for 7.30pm at North Cliff Golf Club. **DEADLINE today 19 Jan** for Menu choices. Complete menu sheet and place in envelope together with your payment of £25 pp and return by today. **30 names**

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED, due to illness and weather conditions. Next meeting will be at **1pm on Tuesday 18 February** in St Peter's Parish Centre. There will be a bring-and-buy sale at this meeting.

SOUP KITCHEN (Warm Space) at YMCA St Thomas Street from **12 noon** until **31 March**. *Spread the word to anyone who may benefit.*

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX FRANCE MONDAY 28th April to Friday 2 May 2025 There is an **A4 sheet** at the back of church for those travelling asking for **passport details and insurance and persons sharing** (persons sharing need only one form) to be filled in and returned to the Parish office. We have **40** travelling. Full payment by 1 March. **Total cost £465.** (+£80 for single room) Includes **coach, ferry, two nights B&B and three nights full board**. Departure will be 7.30am on the morning we set off for ferry.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 65 YEAR CELEBRATION 1960-2025 (BLUE SAPPHIRE JUBILEE) We will soon call a meeting for to compile the anniversary booklet. more photos needed. *Could someone write a short article on the Remembrance Chapel & plaques.*

READERS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASS the new Readers' Rota is being produced. Anyone wishing to join or step back get in touch. Some training is provided for new Readers. We have a useful handout and **TIPS** on how to be the best Reader.

FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION BOX (HOUSEHOLD BAGS) Please consider buying an extra tin or dried food item(s) when you are next shopping and bringing it to the Church foyer, where we have re-introduced the Foodbank box. Please ensure it has a long use by date on it. SVP will distribute to needy families with the help of our schools.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Bugs Bunny went to the hospital for some tests. The doctor said "How will I contact you?" Bugs said "WhatsApp Doc"*