



# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

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**DIVINE OFFICE: Week 2**



## HOLY WEEK/ THE GREAT WEEK

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**HOLY** means 'set apart'. Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is *holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

**HOLY WEEK WITNESS IN YOUR HOME:** Each year, we witness to our Faith in various ways. One of these is the *Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness*. As well as attending Mass, there are other things we can do: place a **branch** on your door or window for Palm Sunday, a **Crucifix** and **image of Divine Mercy** on Good Friday and a **Candle** on Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. Though the sick and the housebound may be physically separated, none of us are spiritually separated. We are united as the members of the body of Christ. Stay connected to the liturgy however you can, and bear witness to families around you.

**HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:** Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, the event of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the cries of "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" in fulfilment of the prophesy of the Prophet Isaiah (Matthew 21: 5-9). These words were incorporated into the Liturgy of the Mass in the **Sanctus**.

**THE EASTER \*TRIDIUM (\*3 DAYS)** holds a special place in the liturgical year, because it marks the culmination and climax of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Latin word *tridium* refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a Feast Day through liturgy, prayer, and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days prior to the **great Feast of Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday**, which are followed by the celebration of the **Resurrection of the Lord** on Easter Sunday.

**HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER:** This is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the Sacrament of the Mass and Holy Communion. He washed his disciples' feet as an example to them of service for them to follow. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. Per se, the Mass does not end. There is no dismissal or final blessing. The evening's celebration concludes with a "**stripping of the altar**" in which not only are all decorations removed, the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the tabernacle on the main altar and processed to an altar of repose outside the main body of the church (usually a side chapel).

**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD:** Upon entering in **complete silence** (no singing), the priest and assisting ministers makes a full prostration. **The Liturgy is in three parts.** The **first consists of readings** from Isaiah, Hebrews, and the Passion account from the Gospel of John. **The second is the Veneration of the Cross:** a cross is solemnly displayed to the congregation and then venerated by them. **The third is Holy Communion.** The Eucharist, consecrated at the Holy Thursday Mass is distributed at this service and the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the altar of repose. Everyone **departs in silence**, and the altar cloth etc is removed, leaving the altar bare.

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL:** This Mass is held **after dusk** on Holy Saturday **or before dawn** on Easter Sunday in anticipation of the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. First is the **Service of Light.** Mass begins outside the church around a large **fire**. This new fire symbolises the light of Christ entering the world and dispelling the darkness of sin and death. The **Paschal candle** is blessed and then lit from this fire. **The Paschal candle** will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary area, and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all, that Christ is "**light and life.**" Once the candle has been lit there follows the ancient and dramatic rite of the **Lucernarium**, in which the candle is carried by a priest through the nave of the darkened church, stopping three times to chant an acclamation such as 'Christ our Light' to which the assembly responds '**Thanks be to God.**' As the candle proceeds through the church, the baptised light their candles from the flame of the Paschal candle, symbolising the spread of the "**Light of Christ**" throughout those gathered, and the darkness is dispersed. Next, the **Exultet (Easter Proclamation)** is intoned. **The Liturgy of the Word** consists of seven readings from the Old Testament, although it is permitted to reduce this number for pastoral reasons (if reduced, it is customary to use readings 1, 3, 5 and 7). Each reading is followed by a psalm and a prayer relating what has been read in the Old Testament to the Mystery of Christ. After these readings conclude, **the Gloria** is sung for the first time since before Lent (with the exception of Holy Thursday, which is the only time it is heard during the 40 days of Lent), and the church bells and the organ, silent since that point on Holy Thursday, are sounded again – The opening collect (prayer) is read. A reading from the Epistle to the Romans is proclaimed, followed by the chanting of Psalm 118. The **Alleluia** is sung for the first time since the beginning of Lent, and the Gospel of the Resurrection is proclaimed. It is during this Mass that the **Rite of Christian Initiation** takes place - people desiring to enter into full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist). The Easter Vigil then concludes with a Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**REMEMBER - GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINANCE:** **Fasting** means that *the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced*, ie. one full meal, plus two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence** means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. *Those over 18 are bound by the law of fasting until they turn 60*, while all over 14 are bound by the law of abstinence. Common sense should prevail: those who are physically or mentally ill, pregnant, nursing, or who perform a job in which their safety would be compromised (eg. diabetics, those operating heavy machinery) are excused from fasting.

Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday	12	5.30pm	St Edward's Vigil	
Sunday	13	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	14	10am	St Joseph's	
Tuesday	15	12 noon	St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough	<i>CHRISM MASS</i>
		5.30pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	16	12 noon	St Peter's	<i>** note change of time</i>
HOLY THURSDAY	17	4pm	St Edward's	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
		7pm	St Joseph's	
		7.30pm	St Peter's	
GOOD FRIDAY	18	3pm	St Peter's	<i>Liturgy (not Mass) of the Lord's Passion</i>
		3pm	St Joseph's	
HOLY SATURDAY	19	7pm	St Joseph's	<i>NO MASS IS CELEBRATED TODAY</i>
		7.30pm	St Peter's	
EASTER SUNDAY	20	8.30am	St Edward's	<i>EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTED DURING LITURGY</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		9.30am	St Joseph's	
		11.30am	St Peter's	

**CONFESSIONS:** Holy Thursday 17 April – 3.15pm to 3.45pm at St Edward's; Good Friday 18 April – 4.15pm at St Peter's Church; Holy Saturday 19 April – 10am to 11am at St Peter's Church (*no Confessions on Easter Sunday*)

**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 9.30 - 10am 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 APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:** *Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.*

**LATELY DEAD:** Mike Dealtry, Kevin Heslop; **ANNIV'S:** George Ford, Harold Connor, Gary Ledden, Evelyn Stubbings, Jacqui Gilleard, Joseph Doody, Annakutty Mannakulam, Thomas Mathai, Canon Donal O'Byrne; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Saturday Vigil:** St Edward's **81**; **Sunday:** St Joseph's **170**; St Peter's **270**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 576**; **OFFERINGS:** Loose plate: **£850** Gift Aid Envelopes: **£152**; Av. Standing Orders: **£740** (av.); Contactless **£141**; Polish: **£30**; **Total £1,913**; **ONLINE GIVING** Parish bank account: Barclays Bank Account No: **50003417**, Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Account name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference - your name** and what it is for. Please sign up to Gift Aid your offerings if you can. **OR** donate online at <https://donate.myдона.com/st-peters-church-scarborough> **OR** use the QR code (see left). **300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER:** **£100 No.132: £1** p/wk to join.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm** on **Good Friday 18 April** at St Edward's. **EASTER CHOIR** Last rehearsals **Monday 14 April**. **LENT GROUP** in St Edward's Hall on **Tuesday afternoons 2pm to 3.30pm**. DVD course: our faith as expressed in the **Nicene Creed**. **CHRISM MASS 12 noon** on **Tues 15 April** in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. This is a beautiful Mass at which the sacred oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Catechumens, and the Sick are consecrated and blessed. Also at this Mass, the priests of the diocese publicly renew their priestly vows and commitments of their Ordination. All are welcome. Own transport required. Bring packed lunch. **GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS Gather 9.45-10am** in Alma Square for a re-enactment of the main events of the Lord's Passion. The walk will then progress through town with prayer and praise to the Castle grounds for a short open-air service. **SECOND COLLECTION** for the Holy Places of Palestine: **Friday 18 April** (Good Friday)

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY** for the sanctity of life: **2.30pm Sun 13 April (today)** at the home of Sue & Chris Stubbings, Flat 2, Graham Court, 1 Graham Crescent. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MEETING 7.15pm** on **Thursday 24 April** in St Peter's Parish Centre. **21** teenagers attending **GRAND RAFFLE DRAW** to be deferred for a few weeks. **Tickets £5/bk**. Prizes: 1st **£100**, 2nd **£50**, 3rd **£25** & many more.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) AGM 1pm** **Tues 22 April** *\*note change of date* in St Peter's Parish Centre, followed by raffle. Do your best to attend. It would be great to have a good attendance at this meeting.

**CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** on **Sunday 27 April** (Divine Mercy Sunday) at the **Jubilee of Teenagers**, a special event during the **Jubilee Year of Hope** to honour, pray for, and celebrate young people and their faith. He will be canonised with another young witness to holiness and the Faith, **Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati**.

**CONCERT IN ST JOSEPHS CHURCH CELEBRATING 65 YEARS** by the **Manhattan Voices Ladies Choir: 7pm Saturday 17 May**. In aid of Rainbow Centre & St Catherines Hospice. **Tickets £7** each on sale, to include a glass of wine or fruit juice.

**ST JOSEPH'S & ST PETER'S HOLY SHOPS** open after Mass for Easter cards, Rosaries, statues, 1st Communion, Confirmation & more.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to continue the **Red Mission Box work**. Red Collection boxes are kept by parishioners in their homes & are brought to the parish volunteer periodically for counting and sending to Missio. See Father Gubbins

**SECOND COLLECTION** for flowers for Easter at all Masses this weekend.

**CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** Do consider donating to help those affected by this catastrophic earthquake. Millions need shelter, food, clean water, and medical care. Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal>

**SUNDAY SMILE** *'My home church welcomes all denominations but mainly prefer tens and twenties' began the cynical Christian.*