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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 33rd Sunday in OT – 15th November 2026

Saturday	14th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in OT	November List
		Bridlington	6pm		November List
Sunday	15th	Bridlington	9am	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parishes
		Filey	11am		November List
Monday	16th	Eastfield	10am	St Margaret of Scotland	November List
		Bridlington	10am		November List
Tuesday	17th	Filey	10am	St Hilda	November List
Wed'day	18th	Bridlington	10am	Dedication Basilicas SS.Peter & Paul	November List
Thursday	19th	Filey	10am	Feria	November List
Friday	20th	Eastfield	10am	Feria	November List
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
			4pm	Presentation of the BV Mary	November List
Saturday	21st	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King	November List
		Bridlington	6pm		November List
Sunday	22nd	Bridlington	9am	Solemnity of **Christ the King**- *Youth Sunday*	The Parishes
		Filey	11am		November List

For today's **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR,** Pope Leo XIV message reflect on the theme "***The Lord is a refuge for the poor"*** (cf. Ps 14:6). This is not a pious consolation that leaves injustice untouched, but it is a call to recognise the dignity of people who are poor, hear their cry, and oppose the structures and attitudes that oppress them.

The opening verses of Psalm 14, points to the contrast between those who live wisely and those who go through life as if there were nothing greater than themselves. Sadly, even today, we see there is widespread social injustice arising from arrogant corruption, which is as deplorable as it is discriminatory. The consequences often fall first upon the poor, whose numbers continue to grow in many societies. The absence of God no longer places people side by side in mutual respect, but places one above the other in a relationship of domination and oppression. The Pope warns that the cry of the poor is often silenced through "a multitude of increasingly subtle tactics," while the digital world can worsen prejudice and reinforce indifference.

In his message, Pope Leo says that the poor are often more capable than others of recognizing what is essential because "they live on the essentials. For this reason, he says, they are especially able to recognise God as their refuge and place their hope in His justice.

Reflecting on contemporary poverty, Pope Leo says that the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. With this in mind, he prays that they may encounter Christ, particularly through Christians and through the Church, where "it is Jesus who offers bread and friendship; He brings light and opens a horizon of hope; He calls each person by name and restores dignity to all. The Pope goes on to stress that Christians are called not only to seek refuge in God, but also "to be a refuge for the poor". He says the Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls.

Recalling Saint Augustine's commentary on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Pope Leo invites the faithful to examine their own lives and priorities. He cites his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, reaffirming that "God shows a preference for the poor" and that the Church "must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor." "We wish to bear witness," the Pope writes, bringing his message to a close, "that it is possible, even today, to experience the same joy by putting ourselves in the shoes of the poor and listening to them rather than merely speaking about them."



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

PARISH NOTICES

- The **Office hours** are Wednesday, 18th November between 2 & 3 pm.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of **Juliana Theresa Hamzaoui** who recently died. Her Requiem Mass is at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, on Tuesday, 1st December at 12 noon.
- **Bridlington:** Bible Course - Our next meeting is Wednesday, 18th November (The Gospel of Matthew -Parables), and then Wednesday, 9th & 16th December, at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, at 10:45am.
- **22 Mother's Group:** Our next prayer meeting is on Sunday, 22nd November at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.
- **Eastfield: Holy Hour, music, reflection and prayer Meeting**: Our next meeting on Thursday, 26th November, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **Red Wednesday**: 18 November is an annual **Aid to the Church in Need campaign** initiative and marks a day of reflection and solidarity for our brothers and sisters across the globe, persecuted simply because of their faith. This year's focus: "Who stands with persecuted Christians?"

Church Collections during weekend 7-8th November

Bridlington: attendance - 183; collection - £375.36
Eastfield: attendance - ; collection - £
Filey: attendance - 62; collection - £260.50

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington Raffle:** The raffle will be drawn today, 15th November following Mass at St Peter's Hall. Thank you to all those who participated.
- **Filey:** The Grand Christmas draw tickets for St Mary's are available from Diane or Maria. The first prize is £100, the second £50 and there are over 30 other prizes.
- **Filey:** St Mary's Christmas Fair is on Sunday 22nd November at 12 noon in the church hall. Stalls include tombola, handmade crafts, bottle stall, cake stall, Christmas cards and piety stall and much more. Helpers and donations of tombola prizes, cakes, bottles and crafts gratefully received.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 7th November was **40**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 8th November was **2**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of November

23-24th November: Youth Sunday
28-29th November: Building Fund

Pope Leo XIV prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

COP 31 - The United Nations' annual meeting to assess progress in dealing with climate change is meeting in Antalya, Turkey, from 9 – 20 November 2026. Bishop John Arnold, lead Bishop for the Environment for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, urges countries to unite behind effective action to address climate change. The Bishop points out that "Conflict not only directly exacerbates the climate crisis by creating carbon emissions, but it also provides a troubling backdrop to COP 31 given the degree of international co-operation that is necessary for action to be effective. However, as Pope Leo noted in his recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, the climate crisis is at the root of so many other crisis in the world, and so it must be addressed". Extreme weather is intensifying. Over the past year, we witnessed record-breaking temperarures, contributing to droughts, wildfires and other climate-related disasters. These are stark warnings of a future in which the conditions that sustain life and enable creation to flourish are increasingly under threat. We must call upon the UK government to show real leadership at COP 31, so that, in these challenging times, everything possible will be done to unite countries behind effective action to address climate change. Bishop Arnold also ask Catholics in England and Wales to pray for the success of COP 31 – to pray that action will be taken both to reduce carbon emissions and to ensure that the burden of reducing emissions is born in a just way.

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. May they encounter the Son of God, who draws near to everyone without neglecting anyone. May they encounter him, first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians.

(adopted from Pope Leo XIV message for World day of the poor 2026)

