



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - 31st May 2026

Saturday	30th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	David Kenneally
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Mary Bonaker
Sunday	31st	Bridlington	9:00am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Mary Rose Morarty (<i>Health</i>)
		Filey	11:00am		The Parishes
Monday	1st	Bridlington	10am	St Justin	Julie Harding
		Eastfield	10am		Sheila Swales
Tuesday	2nd	Filey	10am	Feria	Olivia
Wed'day	3rd	Bridlington	10am	St Charles Lwanga & Com	Edistia
Thursday	4th	Filey	10am	Feria	November List
Friday	5th	Bridlington	10am	St Boniface	Patrick Lenehan
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
Saturday	6th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of Corpus Christi	Ann Stonehouse (<i>Health</i>)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Agapito Barinque
Sunday	7th	Bridlington	9:00am	Corpus Christi	The Parishes
		Filey	11:00am		November List
		Bridlington	11:00am		1st Holy Communion

What Pope Leo's 1st Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" is and why it matters?

Magnifica Humanitas (Pope Leo XIV, 15 May 2026) is an encyclical focused on safeguarding the human person in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). Its importance lies in how it uses Catholic social teaching and Christian anthropology to address a concrete question of our time: **technology is not the deciding factor—human dignity, conscience, and God's vision of the person are.** The encyclical teaches that while technology is not intrinsically evil, it is never neutral in practice because it takes on the character of those who design, finance, regulate, and use it. Therefore, the real choice is not "yes/no to technology," but whether society builds a "Babel" of domination and dehumanization or a "Jerusalem" built through responsible cooperation ordered to human dignity and God. Pope Leo XIV offers two biblical images as a practical moral lens: 1) Babel- impressive, unified, efficient projects that exclude reference to God—leading to confusion, dispersion, and the reduction of persons to means. 2) Nehemiah: rebuilding with God at the centre, shared responsibility, listening, and communal rebuilding—turning diversity into communion. In this way, the encyclical gives a discernment method for AI-related decisions—especially where efficiency, profit, or "single-language thinking" tempt societies to reduce the human mystery to data and performance.

The encyclical insists that the Church's Social Doctrine is not an inert theory but a living corpus that offers principles, criteria of judgment, and action-guiding standards rooted in Scripture and Tradition and engaged with the sciences. It also stresses that dialogue with human knowledge does not weaken the Gospel but helps identify what truly fosters the lives of persons and communities. It re-centres conscience and human responsibility against "*automation of judgment*". The encyclical explicitly frames its purpose as ensuring that human intelligence—conscience and freedom—guides and limits technical innovation and its use. This matters because AI systems can tempt societies to treat moral judgment, especially irreversible decisions, as if it were purely computational.

What does the encyclical calls for in practice? Build the common good through shared responsibility and subsidiarity. "Building for the common good" is described as requiring: a relationship with God, acceptance of human limits without pretending technology can eliminate weakness, shared responsibility (none is too weak, none can do everything alone), and a structured, responsible approach that includes vulnerable people. The encyclical warns that digital media can foster immediacy and hyper-stimulation, producing fatigue and apathy toward truth-seeking. Education, therefore, is described as having decisive importance in this technological transition. In morally extreme contexts (like warfare), AI must face strict ethical limits. The encyclical applies these principles to the development and use of AI in warfare, emphasizing that it must be subject to the most rigorous ethical constraints to guarantee respect for human dignity and the sanctity of life, and that lethal or irreversible decisions cannot be entrusted to artificial systems.

The encyclical doesn't treat the situation as hopeless. It offers hope without naivety. It insists Christians should cooperate in building a humane world—imagined as a new "Jerusalem"—where listening, dialogue, and shared responsibility prevent dehumanization.

PARISH NOTICES

- **Parish office hours are Wednesday, 3rd June between 2 and 3pm.**
- **Bridlington: First Holy Communion** Mass on Sunday, 7th June at 11am at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, Bridlington. Confessions and rehearsal on Tuesday, 2nd June 4:00-5:00pm (Church).
- **Bible Course:** continue on Wednesday **10th June** (Abraham - Part 2), and every fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon.
- **Holy Hour and Prayer Meeting:** Thursday, **11th June** and every fortnight at St George's Church, Eastfield. Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 till 6:30pm and continue with our prayer meeting till 7:30pm. All welcome.
- **Ministers of the Eucharist:** (for 3 parishes) Seminar of Reflection and Formation for the Ministers of the Eucharist in our parishes. We meet at St Peter's Hall, Bridlington, on **Thursday, 4th June**, from 5pm till 7pm. All ministers are to attend.
- **St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Bridlington:** meeting on Thursday, 4th June at St Peter Hall (Back room), from 5 to 7pm.
- **Catholic Social Teaching Course:** Come and find out more about Catholic Social Teaching, sometimes known as the Church's 'best kept secret'. The course will take place over **six weekly sessions on Monday from 5 to 7pm at St Mary's in Filey, starting on 8th June until 13th July**. All invited - Catholics and non Catholics. Each session will include prayer, an input, reflection and sharing.
- **Parish Volunteers - Bridlington:** All Parish volunteers are invited to a get together (with formation about Safe guarding and Health and Safety) at St Peter's Hall, Bridlington, on **Saturday, 20th June**, from 11am till 1pm. **Parish Volunteers - Filey & Eastfield** will be meeting at St Mary's Hall on **Tuesday, 23rd June** between 5pm till 7pm. Can Volunteers put their name on the List at the sacristy and their role in the Church. We need the name and the role of each volunteer to create a database for safeguarding and insurance purposes. I appreciate everyone's cooperation.
- **Family Retreat Day:** On Saturday 27th June there will be a retreat afternoon for families, 12:00noon to 3:30pm at St George's Church, Scarborough. This is an opportunity for families from across the diocese to meet, learn and pray together. There will be sessions for parents and children, and the day will end with a family friendly prayer time. For more information, please contact adultformation@redmidd.org.uk
- **Icon Painting** workshop for beginners (no experience needed). 3 days of creative retreat by Canon Ian Holdsworth on 30th June, 1 & 2 July, from 9.30am to 5pm, at Emmanuel Church, Cardigan Road, Bridlington. Cost £125. Email canonianh@gamail.com
- **Pope Leo's prayer intention** for the month of June is for the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Church Collections during weekend 23-24th May

Bridlington: attendance - 175; collection - £338.35

Eastfield: attendance- 49; collection - £161.10

Filey: attendance - 88; collection - £401.50

Church Fundraising

- All are invited to **Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Hall** on Sunday 7th June from 3pm. Tickets £10 (including free raffle ticket) from Diane. Proceeds to Building Fund. All welcome.
- **Bridlington: Tales & Tea Cakes** - an afternoon tea with story telling by Saviour Pirotta on Sunday 28th June, at St Peter's Hall, from 3pm till 5:00pm. Tickets £7. Tickets from the Sacristy.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 23rd May was **35**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 24th May was **133**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of Junne

Today: 30-31st May: Building Fund

20-21st June: Day for Life (protection for life ministry)

27-28th June: Peter's Pence (to support the Ministry of the Pope)

(there will be no building fund collection at the end of June)

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From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:
*Holy Spirit, save us from the evil of war, which is overcome not by a
superpower, but by the omnipotence of love.*
(from Pope Leo XIV homily on Pentecost Sunday 2026)

