

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES 1st Sunday of Lent - 9th March 2025 (week 1)						
Saturday	8th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of the 1st	James Callaly	
		Bridlington	6pm	Sunday of Lent	Rosanne Grezeskowiak	
Sunday	9th	Bridlington	9am	1st Sunday of Lent	Mary Rose Moraity	
		Filey	11am		Doreen Smith	
Monday	10th	Bridlington	12noon	Requiem Mass for the late Chitra Thoppan Anton		
Tuesday	11th			No Mass		
Wed'day	12th	Bridlington	10am	1st Wed of Lent	Private Intention (Mary)	
Thursday	13th	Eastfield	5-6pm	Holy Hour & Confessions		
			6pm	Mass	Eileen Shakespeare	
			6:30-7:30	3rd Seminar: Life in the Spirit		
Friday	14th	Bridlington	11:30am	1st Friday Lent	Fr William Banda (Anniv)	
_			3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions		
Saturday	15th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of the 1st	Louise Mary Jose	
		Bridlington	6pm	Sunday of Lent	The Parishes	
Sunday	16th	Bridlington	9am	1st Sunday of Lent	Andrew Parker	
_		Filey	11am		Norma Grey	
Monday	17th	Bridlington	6pm	St Patrick	Past Parishioners	

Parish Office Contact Hours for this week are Wednesday, 12th March, 2pm-4pm. Emails can be sent at any time through the week and voicemails can be left as usual.



TIME TO REMEMBER

IT HAS BEEN 5 YEARS SINCE THE 1ST LOCK DOWN because of Covid-19. So many stories and so much loss. Today, we pray for all those who died during the pandemic. Many had a send off without a decent farewell from their loved ones. We also pray for those who are still struggling with the consequences of Covid-19 and for those who are grieving.

May God bring comfort to those who grieve and Eternal Rest to those who perished

CATECHISM CLASSES:

- 1st Holy Communion classes in Eastfield started last Thursday, at St George's School, Eastfield and will continue every Thursday, from 3:45 till 5pm, for the coming weeks. We have 5 candidates. 1st Holy Communion is on Saturday, 14th June at 4pm.
- 1st Holy Communion classes in Bridlington will start on Monday, 17th March, at Church Hall, from 4:30 till 6pm. We have 9 candidates. 1st Holy Communion is on Sunday, 15th June at 12noon.
- Sacrament of Confirmation classes are in Bridlington, at Church Hall, starting on Tuesday, 18th March, from 6:30pm till 8pm, and continue on certain Mondays for the coming weeks. We have 21 candidates.
- RCIA (Adult Reception in the Catholic Church/Baptism) meetings will start soon. If interested to join, please contact Fr Albert on email starofthesea@rcdmidd.org.uk as soon as possible.

We keep all candidates in our prayers

PARISH NOTICES

- We continue to pray for the Health and wellbeing of **Pope Francis**. Thursday, 13th March is the Anniversary of his election as Pope (2013).
- We pray for the repose of the souls of Chitra Thoppan. May God grant her Eternal Rest. The Requiem Mass for the late **Mrs Chitra Thoppan** is at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, on Monday, 10th March at 12pm.
- Stations of the Cross follows every week day Mass and 20minutes before Mass at weekend Masses during Lent. In Bridlington, before the 9am Mass there will be Lauds (Morning Prayers).
- Bridlington CAFOD Soup lunch: During Lent, the Friday Mass is at 11:30am, followed by the Stations of the Cross and CAFOD Soup Lunch in the Hall. Between 3pm and 4pm there will be the usual Holy Hour and Confessions. The Church remains open for prayers from after mass till 4pm.
- 3 parishes: Prayer group at St George's Church, Eastfield: The 3rd session from the 6 sessions, is this Thursday,13th March, at St George's Hall, Eastfield from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. These Seminars are an inspiring and practical talks, aimed at people of all ages, to help us encounter the Holy Spirit and empower us to share our faith.
- Bridlington: Nicholas Postgate Prayer group meets every Friday at Parish Hall, at 6pm.
- Eastfield/Filey: Initiatives are being taken to organise prayer and meetings during the week in both Churches. This is greatly encouraged. Eastfield meets on Monday (please ask Margaret Stewart) and Filey meets on Thursday (please ask Maria Foxton and Diane). In the coming weeks more information will be shared. If you have prepositions please come forward and discuss it with Fr Albert.
- Health and Safety Notice: Parishioners are asked not to bring equipment (especially not that which requires safety checks at diocesan level, such as ladders and electrical equipment), onto parish premises for their own use or the use of others. Doing so raises serious issues with regard to loss and to liability.
- Pope Francis prayer intention for the month of March is for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

For your Diary

- Bridlington: St Patrick's Night on Monday 17th March. A night of celebration (Stew & Soda Bread & Pudding). Tickets from the Church at £7.
- NOWRUZ celebration in St George's Church Hall, on Sunday, 23rd March, starting at 5pm. Nowruz which means New Day is a cultural festival celebrated by Kurdish people and others to celebrate the start of Spring. There will be music, dancing, poetry, stories and food. It will be a family event and all our three parishes are invited, so put the date in your diary. It will in particular be an opportunity for our parish community to say welcome to refugees in our community and in particular to a newly arrived Kurdish Syrian Refugee Family who will live in St George's Parish House, as from March 2025.
- SVP Bridlington: Cake Celebration: Sunday, 30th March- Mothering Sunday after Sunday Mass (10am) at parish hall. Come and have a cake and tea or coffee. Everyone invited. An English tradition is that on this Sunday we share a SIMNEL CAKE. Simnel cake is a fruitcake associated with Lent and Easter and widely eaten in England, Ireland and countries with patterns of migration from them. It is distinguished by layers of almond paste or marzipan, typically one in the middle and one on top, and a set of eleven balls made of the same paste. Other Cultures Lent/Easter cakes and sweets (Maltese, Italian, Polish, Indian, Philippine, Spanish etc) are encouraged to participate. If you like to participate by presenting a cake/sweets please contact Teresa O'Hagan or Floriana. Let us celebrate something English and something worldwide.

<u>Fundraising</u>

The winning number of the Bonus Ball Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 1st March was **53**. The Club 200 Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 2nd March was **58**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections 15-16 March: CAFOD (Lent Fast Day) 29-30th March: Building Fund



Pius's (our church cat) reflection: Lent is not something we do for God - No, Lent is something we do with God.