



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd August 2026

Saturday	22nd	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Shebby Campbell (Health)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Adriana Ann Moorhouse
Sunday	23rd	Bridlington	9:00am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Carl Cooke
		Filey	11:00am		Maureen Nitrato-Izzo (Health)
Monday	24th	Bridlington	10am	St Bartholomew	Fr Albert Intention
		Eastfield	10am		Elva Waite (Health)
Tuesday	25th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	Paul Darbyshire (Health)
Wed'day	26th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	Robert William Whitton
Thursday	27th	Filey	10am	St Monica	Emma Bennett
Friday	28th	Bridlington	10am	St Augustine	Christopher Thompson Holland
			3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
Saturday	29th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	November List
		Bridlington	6:00pm		The Parishes
Sunday	30th	Bridlington	9:00am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Carl Cooke
		Filey	11:00am		John Reader

Who do you say that I am?

There are questions that ask for information, and there are questions that ask for a decision. The question is addressed not only to the apostles. It is addressed to every Christian: Is he merely a great teacher? A moral example? A prophet? A source of comfort in difficult times? Or is he truly the Christ, the Son of the living God?

It is possible to have a favourable opinion of Jesus without truly believing in him. Many people admire Jesus. They respect his compassion, his concern for the poor and his teaching about forgiveness. They may regard him as one of history's great spiritual figures. But Christianity is not founded upon admiration for Jesus. It is founded upon faith in Jesus.

Simon Peter answers for the Twelve: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" This is not simply Peter's private insight. He speaks on behalf of the apostolic community. He recognises Jesus as the promised Messiah, the one sent by God to save his people. More than this, he recognises Jesus as the Son of the living God. Jesus tells Peter that this knowledge has not come from "*flesh and blood.*" It is not the result of human cleverness or deduction. It is a gift of divine revelation. The Father has opened Peter's heart to recognise who Jesus truly is. This reminds us that faith is both a gift and a response. We must seek understanding, listen to the Scriptures and study the faith, but ultimately it is God who enables us to see Christ with the eyes of faith. If Jesus is the Christ, then he is not one option among many. If he is the Son of the living God, then his word has authority over our lives. His teaching is not simply advice that we accept when convenient. His cross is not a tragic accident but the revelation of divine love. His resurrection is not merely a symbol of hope but the victory that opens eternal life to us.

Peter's confession is firm, but it is not proud. He knows the truth about Jesus because the Father has revealed it to him. Christian faith should therefore make us humble. We possess the truth not as an achievement by which we can boast over others, but as a gift that we are called to share with charity. A Christian who truly knows Christ does not become harsh, superior or contemptuous. The deeper our knowledge of God, the more deeply we recognise our dependence upon mercy. The Church is therefore not merely a voluntary society held together by shared interests. She is the community gathered around the apostolic confession: *Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

PARISH NOTICES

- **The Parish office hours are Wednesday, 26th August between 2 and 4pm.**
- **Bible Course:** continues this Wednesday, **26th August** (*1st Letter to the Thessalonians*), and every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon
- **Holy Hour and Prayer Meeting - Eastfield:** Our next meeting is Thursday, **3rd September**, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **22 Mother's Group:** Our next prayer meeting is Tuesday, **22nd September** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.
- **Bridlington:** A new group is starting at St Peter's Hall in Bridlington, for anyone who would like to share a quiet creative space for **art and crafts**. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 1300 to 1700. We will be a supportive, peaceful, and encouraging group under the protection of St Catherine of Bologna, patron saint of artists. If you are interested in joining us, please drop in (we will be in the room behind the stage) or speak to Joan or Petra if you would like to know more. 1st meeting is Thursday, 1st October.
- **Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret Clitherow & the York Martyrs:** Monday, 31st August. The Bar Convent chapel & garden open from 9am where the hand of St Margaret can be venerated (17 Blossom Street, York, YO24 1AQ). Procession from Micklegate Bar starts at 10.45am, along sites of St Margaret's life and death. Mass at the Oratory at 12 noon. Benediction at 3pm.
- **Annual Care of Creation Season** begins on Tuesday 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and runs until 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). This Season rooted in Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls all people to protect our shared home.
- Will you like to volunteer to **help in Children's Liturgy?** The Diocese is organizing LITTLE HEARTS BIG FAITH Children's Liturgy inspiration & formation afternoon on Saturday, 10th October from 1pm to 4.30pm, at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. If you are interested please contact Fr Albert.
- **Pope Leo's prayer intention** for the month of August is for **evangelization in the city**. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Church Collections during weekend 15-16th August

Bridlington: attendance - 216; collection - £757.91

Eastfield: attendance - ; collection - £

Filey: attendance - 92; collection - £ 300.00

Church Fundraising

- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 15th August was **7**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 16th August was **41**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of August

29-30th August: Building Fund

Safeguarding: please visit website page: <https://catholicstarofthesea.co.uk/safeguarding>. Our parish representatives are: Elizabeth Mascarenhas (Bridlington); Maria Foxton (Filey); Ann Barber (Eastfield). If concerned about safeguarding, please contact the representative or call **01642 850505** or email: safeguarding@rcdmidd.org.uk



With you Mary,
to serve and
to love.

SILVER JUBILEE FROM ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF FR ALBERT

Fr Albert wishes to thank all those who congratulate him and participated in the celebration of his silver jubilee from his ordination to the priesthood. Special thanks to the Clergy who concelebrated, altar servers, and those responsible for church music, flowers, church cleaning and ushering at church. Thanks also for those who organised the decorations in the Hall, provided the food, and serving.

Sincere thanks to all the dear Parishioners
of Bridlington, Filey, Eastfield, & Scarborough.

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:
*Let us hope; God's compassion will be with you, that the fire of the Holy Spirit may glow
in your simplicity.*

(adopted from St Augustine)

