



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th September 2026

Saturday	12th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Colin Brewster (2nd Anniv)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		The Parishes
Sunday	13th	Bridlington	9:00am	24th Sunday in OT (Education Sunday)	Kathleen Rooney
		Filey	11:00am		Sheila Gormley
Monday	14th	Eastfield	10am	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	November List
		Bridlington	6pm		Nicomedes Pinca
Tuesday	15th	Filey	10am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Fr Albert's Intentions
		Bridlington	12noon		Angelo Schembri
Wed'day	16th	Bridlington	6pm	SS Cornelius, Cyprian	Linda Craven
Thursday	17th	Filey	9-10am	Holy hour & Confessions	
			10am	St Robert Bellarmine	November List
Friday	18th	Eastfield	10am	Feria	Eileen Shakespeare
		Bridlington	5-6pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
			6pm	Feria	Peter & Doreen Southorn
Saturday	19th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eileen Shakespeare (anniv)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Godwin Escobar
Sunday	20th	Bridlington	9:00am	25th Sunday in OT Evangelii Gaudium Day	Wendy Maria Hall
		Filey	11:00am		The Parishes

Week 3 - SEASON OF CREATION 2026 (1st Sep- 4th Oct) - Living Water

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.'

To the thirsty I give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.' (Revelation 21:6)

Water is a powerful symbol in the Bible and has a strong spiritual significance in the Christian tradition, representing life, spiritual renewal, and the Holy Spirit. Water is a gift from God, a common good and a fundamental human right. Water is essential to life on earth and a precious resource for us to protect. The total amount of water on earth remains the same year on year but the usable fresh water supply is shrinking.

Pollution, overuse and climate change are draining underground aquifers and major rivers faster than nature can refill them. One in every four people (over 3.1 billion people) do not have access to safely managed drinking water. Over 300 million people use unimproved sources like untreated rivers and lakes. Drinking unsafe water impairs health through illnesses such as diarrhoea and untreated excreta contaminates ground and surface waters used for drinking, irrigation, bathing and household purposes. Fresh water can become a **political weapon or a source of conflict**. Here are some examples. Upstream dam projects like Turkey's Southeastern Anatolia Project have strained downstream water flows in Syria and Iraq, worsening droughts and regional tensions. Shared river systems like the Indus Basin maintain long-standing political friction between India and Pakistan. On-going war in Gaza has severely damaged vital water production and waste water treatment facilities. There are localised and trans-boundary disputes between farming and herding communities over shrinking water resources of the Niger Delta in Mali.

97% of the earth's water is found in the oceans. 3% of earth's water is fresh but only 0.5% of earth's water is available fresh water. This supply is continually collected, purified, and distributed in the natural water cycle year on year such as water evaporating and falling as rain and moving into streams, rivers and lakes and groundwater, providing people with the water they need every day to live. About 30% of Earth's fresh water lies deep underground in aquifers. It is extracted daily for drinking, farming and industrial processes - often at dangerously unsustainable rates. Safe water supplies begin with healthy watersheds - protecting water where it first originates. Vegetation plays a significant role in how rain interacts with landscapes to generate and replenish source waters. Forests, for example, release water into the atmosphere and improve soil filtration capacities. But human activity is eroding the Earth's green cover, hugely harming the natural cycling of water.

Let us pray: *Holy God, we give thanks for the gift of water. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. Yet we confess we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. Lord of all life, stir in us a calling to care for the waters - to protect the watershed, defend the rights to water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.'* (Extract from Season of Creation Prayer 2026)

Some suggested actions for the third week of this Season of Creation:

1. Reflect on the gift of water and your daily use of it, take a mindful walk by a water source and say the above Season of Creation Prayer.
2. Join in a beach clean this month. For dates check *Yorkshire Wildlife Trust website* - they run a regular programme of public beach cleans along the Yorkshire coast - 'Waves of Waste'-to protect marine wildlife from plastic and litter. Register with your children for this activity.
3. Plant a tree in your garden or sponsor tree planting through Tree Aid or the Woodland Trust.
4. Continue to use the daily prayer, reflection and action for the Season of Creation on the Brentwood Diocese website: dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi/seasonofcreation.



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Mass schedule changes:

Holy Hour and confessions at Eastfield every 1st Monday of the month between 9am and 10am.
Devotional prayers at Eastfield, from 9:30am till 10am, before mass every Monday & Friday.
Holy Hour and Confessions at Filey every 3rd Thursday of the month between 9am and 10am.
Holy Mass every Friday at Eastfield at 10am.
The Mass every Friday at Bridlington, will be at 4pm.

PARISH NOTICES

- **There be no Parish Office hours this week due to annual leave.**
- We keep in our prayers the late Mrs **Christine Brooks**, who recently died. Her funeral service is at East Riding Crematorium, Octon, on the 23rd of September at 15:30. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord...
- **Eastfield: Holy Hour, music, reflection and prayer Meeting:** this Thursday, **17th September**, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **22 Mother's Group:** on Tuesday, **22nd September** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.
- **Bible Course:** on Wednesday, **23rd September**, and every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon.
- **Bridlington:** Art and Crafts group in Bridlington, starting on Tuesday, **6th October** from 1300 to 1700hr. We continue to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Church Collections during weekend 5-6 September

Bridlington: attendance - 166; collection - £403

Eastfield: attendance- 58; collection - £112.50

Filey: attendance - 79; collection - £313

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington:** Donations of quality prizes for our Grand Raffle will be very welcome over the coming month. We will need to have the list finalised before the tickets go to print on the 1st week of October. So please contact the parish office.
- **Filey:** All are warmly invited to a **4P** - Pea, Pie, Potato and Pudding lunch, on Thursday 24th September at 12.30 at St Mary's Filey. Tickets £10 available for Diane.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 5th September was **36**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 6th September was **39**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of August

Today 12-13th September: Education Sunday

19-20th September: Home Mission Sunday

26-27th September: Building Fund

3-4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

Annual Care of Creation Season— began 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.

1. **Coastal Clean-up** dates www.ywt.org.uk/our-events/beach-cleans
2. **Novena** to St Francis on the care of creation starts on 26th September.
3. **Friday 2nd October—CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**
4. **Saturday/Sunday 26-27th September: Harvest Day:** Parishioners are invited to bring tinned and dried foods in thanksgiving for God's creation. These will then go to the local foodbanks. Please give generously so we can share our plenty with those who have so little.
5. **Saturday 3rd October Blessing of Pets:** Filey 11am, Bridlington 12 noon, and Eastfield 1pm

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



Pope Leo XIV prayer intention for September is for the care of water.
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:
Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone... Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.

(adopted from Margaret Atwood, *The Penelopiad*)

