



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th July 2026 (week 1)

Saturday	25th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lawrence Turner
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Remeda Pinto
Sunday	26th	Bridlington	9:00am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Rooney
		Filey	11:00am		The Parishes
Monday	27th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	Robert W Whitton
		Eastfield	10am		Eleanor Breatley
Tuesday	28th	Filey	10am	Feria	Christine Barrowcliff
Wed'day	29th	Bridlington	10am	SS.Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Petra Micklethwaite (T'giving)
Thursday	30th	Filey	10am	Feria	Andrew & Rosemary Gunn (H)
Friday	31st	Bridlington	10am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Maribel & Paul (T'giving)
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
Saturday	1st	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	November List
		Bridlington	6:00pm		The Parishes
Sunday	2nd	Bridlington	9:00am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Mc Laughlin
		Filey	11:00am		Diane Mac Dermott

26th JULY - Feast of St Anne & St Joachim - Grandparent's Day

This Sunday, in honour of the feast of Ss Anne & Joachim (Parents of the Blessed Virgin and grandparents of Jesus), we celebrate Grandparents' Day, to honour the love, wisdom, and support that grandparents provide to families and communities. Pope Leo XIV's message for Grandparents, on this special day, centres on Isaiah's promise: "*I will never forget you*" (Is 49:15)—a conviction that the Lord knows each person personally and remains faithful even when life feels forgotten. The Pope explains that God speaks not only to a people, but to each individual, as if the words of Isaiah were addressed personally: "*I will never forget you*". He points to God having "*engraved our faces on the palms of his hands*" (cf. Is 49:16), presenting divine love as deeper than even maternal love. He also connects this promise to a real spiritual pain: the fear that "*The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me*" (Is 49:14)—a despair that appears in Scripture and is often shared by people who feel neglected, "*especially... elderly people.*"

Pope Leo describes how elderly persons can be veiled by loneliness and reduced to numbers or illnesses in some settings. He identifies situations where anonymity replaces recognition—at home, in care facilities, and in a wider social climate that can treat older people through stereotypes as if they were a "burden." He also names social causes that weaken family bonds, including a profit-driven economy and the pressures of migration and war, which can leave children unable (or forced) to care for aging parents.

The Pope presents this day as an invitation to rediscover that the Church is called "*to be a mother to all*", and that recognizing oneself as God's son or daughter is always possible, even in old age. Pope Leo XIV urges a "*beautiful custom*" to be revived: visiting grandparents and the elderly—including those who have no one to visit. He explicitly links this to bringing them the Pope's closeness and affection, so that Isaiah's words become a "*tender and affectionate encounter.*" He connects this need for presence to modern life too: even though the digital culture "*multiplies connections,*" the human heart still has an "*irrevocable need for genuine closeness*"—care shown by attentive minds, kind words, and hands capable of tenderness.

Pope Leo notes that many people reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith, and he does not treat that as hopeless. Instead, he says old age—when questions intensify—can become "*the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life.*" He quotes St. Augustine to describe God's care as maternal in character: God is "*a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects.*" And he recalls that even in old age, a person remains God's child; therefore, returning to God is "*worthwhile at any age.*"

Addressing the elderly directly, Pope Leo XIV tells us: "*do not be afraid of fragility!*" He presents weakness as something that can open people to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can bring deep reconciliation and peace. He presents Christians in old age as capable of a distinctive strength: not the "*ways of arrogance and power,*" but the "*ways of reconciliation and true peace.*"

The Pope asks the elderly to join him in praying earnestly that peace may come to the whole world—because many wonder what the future will be like for their grandchildren. He thanks elderly people for their daily prayers (especially the Rosary) and leaves us a concluding prayer that God will renew everyone in faith, hope, and love—because God never forgets.



PARISH NOTICES

- **Parish office hours are Wednesday, 29th July between 2 and 3pm.**
- Congratulations to **Nora** who receives her 1st Holy Communion today in Filey.
- **Holy Hour and Prayer Meeting - Eastfield:** Our next meeting is Thursday, **6th August**, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **Bible Course:** continues on Wednesday, **12th August** (Joseph), and every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon.
- **22 Mother's Group:** Our next prayer meeting is this Saturday, **22nd August** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.
- **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.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026:** will now take place on Saturday, 26th September. We will join pilgrims from the Diocese of Leeds. There will be a bus picking up from Saint Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough at 5:00am and York Train Station at 6:00am before heading to Walsingham. The cost is £40 per person. For more information or to book onto this Pilgrimage, please contact the Bishop's Secretary, at the Curial Office via email bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk or telephone 01642 850505.
- **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley:** will take place on Sunday 16th August. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30pm, and Bishop Marcus will preside at the Celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3:00pm.
- **Doncaster:** Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Doncaster Shrine (DN1 2AA) Saturday 24 October from 10am till 3pm. Book a place on hailfullofgrace2026@gmail.com
- **Pope Leo's prayer intention** for the month of July is for respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Church Collections during weekend 18-19th July

Bridlington: attendance - 155; collection - £330.51

Eastfield: attendance- 53; collection - £193.90

Filey: attendance - 120; collection - £484.50

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington: BBQ** Extravaganza - fundraising for the Building Fund - Sunday, 26th July at **3pm**. Tickets on sale for £5.
- **Filey:** All are invited to a Beetle Drive at St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 5th August from 3.00 -5.00 pm. Fun for all the family. Prizes and refreshments.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 11th July was **10**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 19th July was **45**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of July

Today, 25-26th July: Building Fund



**With you Mary,
to serve and
to love.**

SILVER JUBILEE FROM ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF FR ALBERT

**Dear Parishioners of Bridlington, Filey, Eastfield, & Scarborough,
you are warmly invited to join Fr Albert Schembri
as he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
in thanksgiving for 25 years of priestly ministry
on Tuesday, 18th August 2026
at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, Bridlington, YO15 2AT
at 6.00pm.**

Followed by refreshments in St Peter's Hall, Bridlington

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From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:
*A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.
An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than
that, and you start to age quickly.*