



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

6th Sunday of Easter - 10th May 2026 (2nd Week)

Saturday	9th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter	Colin Brewster (B'day)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Fr Martin Plunkett (Ord.Anniv)
Sunday	10th	Bridlington	9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter	Margaret Rooney (13th Anniv)
		Filey	11:00am		The Parishes
Monday	11th	Bridlington	10am	6th Week of Easter	Surgeons & Nurses
		Eastfield	10am		Eileen Shakespeare
Tuesday	12th	Filey	10am	6th Week of Easter	November List
		Bridlington	11am	Funeral Service for the late Mrs Maureen Swales	
Wed'day	13th	Bridlington	10am	Our Lady of Fatima	Forgotten Souls
			6pm	Vigil of the Ascension	The Parishes
Thursday	14th	Filey	10am	Ascension of the Lord (Day of Obligation)	November List
		Bridlington	10am		November List
		Eastfield	6pm		Jocelyn Cossigny
Friday	15th	Bridlington	10am	Dedication of M'brough Cathedral	Robert William Whitton
		Filey	12noon	Funeral Service for the late David Armitage	
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
Saturday	16th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter	Catherine (surgery/Health)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Robert & Joseph Fell
Sunday	17th	Bridlington	9:00am	7th Sunday of Easter	Dixon Family
		Filey	11:00am		Kathleen Anne Richardson

This **Thursday, 14th May**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. This Solemnity signifies the “*definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again,*” and it also emphasizes that, for a time, his glory is “hidden from the eyes of men.” The Catechism teaches that Christ’s Ascension shows something deeply personal and ecclesial: Christ, the Head, precedes us so that the members of his Body may live “in the hope” of being with him forever. St John Paul II summarizes this dynamic in a memorable way: Christ “took his place” at the Father’s right hand, but he did so also “as our Head,” so that “the glory of the Head [becomes] the hope of the body.”



Pope Francis draws out an important pastoral meaning: the Ascension is not Jesus removing himself from us, but the fulfilment of his mission. Jesus “went down to us” in order to “raise us on high,” and in ascending he brings our humanity into God’s own heart. The Catechism adds that after entering heaven’s sanctuary, Christ intercedes constantly for us and assures the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension does not leave us idle; it places us on mission. In St John Paul II’s explanation, the readings show two connected realities: Jesus gives instructions, then Jesus takes his place. The instructions include waiting for the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel, and baptising “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” So the Ascension is significant not only as a past event, but as the Church’s lifelong pattern: hopeful waiting for Christ’s promise while continuing to teach, baptise, and bear witness.

The Ascension is significant because it reveals who Christ is now (Head and reigning Messiah), what he does now (intercession and the Spirit’s outpouring), and what the Church is called to do now (mission, witness, and hope). Historically and liturgically, the Ascension is treated as one of the major feasts where the Church celebrates the completion of the work of salvation and Christ’s entry into heaven “*with our human nature glorified.*”

This Solemnity is a Day of Obligation that means we are to honour the day by participating at Mass.

PARISH NOTICES

- **Parish office hours are Wednesday, 13th May between 2 and 3pm.**
- We pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Swales** (Bridlington) and **David Hugh Armitage** (Filey). The Funeral Service for the late Maureen Swales is at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 11am. The Funeral Service for the late David Armitage is at St Mary's Church, Filey, on Friday, 15th May at 12noon. Our sincere condolences to their respective families and friends.
- During the month of May the **Holy Rosary** is prayed 15 minutes before each Mass.
- **Petitions to Lourdes:** Val Brown will be going to Lourdes mid May. There is a box at Bridlington Church for prayer petitions that Val is willing to take with her to Lourdes.
- **St John of Bridlington Assist Group:** Pie & Peas Quiz night on Saturday, 23rd May at 7:30pm in Parish Hall. Tickets £7.
- **Bible Course:** continue on Wednesday **13th May** (Acts of the Apostles - Part 3), and every fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon.
- **Holy Hour and Prayer Meeting:** Thursday, **21st May** 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.
- **Ruby Jubilee of St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough:** Cathedral will celebrate its Ruby Jubilee on Friday, 15th May 2026. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00pm, presided over by Bishop Marcus, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough.
- **Charismatic Renewal:** A Celebration of Pentecost, organised by Middlesbrough Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion at Sacred Heart Church, Southcoates Lane, Hull HU9 3AP on Saturday 23rd May from 10am until 4pm. There will be: praise and worship, talks and testimonies, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer ministry and prayer for increase in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. No booking required. Lunch provided. A collection will be taken to cover cost of expenses. For more information, please contact Sharon on 07932420809 or Gerry on 078771185219 or email cdsdmiddlesbrough@gmail.com
- **Pope Leo's prayer intention** for the month of May is that **everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Church Collections during weekend 2-3rd May & 2nd Collections for Building Fund

Bridlington: attendance - 189; collection - £371; 2nd Coll. - £155
Eastfield: attendance - 59; collection - £127.70; 2nd Coll. - £110.05
Filey: attendance - 108; collection - £338 ; 2nd Coll. - £689.91

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.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 2nd May was **19**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 3rd May was **24**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of May

16-17th May: *Catholic Communications Network (Media)*
30-31st May: *Building Fund*



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, all parishioners are warmly invited to take part in a novena, beginning on Thursday 14th May and continuing through to Pentecost. Each day a video will be posted on the Diocese of Middlesbrough Adult Faith Formation Facebook page and @rcdmiddfaithformation Instagram account. One can follow the Novena also from our

facebook group : **Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Parishes of Bridlington-Eastfield-Filey**

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From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:
Jesus spent 3 years teaching His apostles. His Apostles asked Him 183 questions. Jesus only answered 3 directly. The rest he answered with a parable, an action or a question. Jesus asked His Apostles 307 questions. What question would Jesus ask me?

