



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2026 (week 2)

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
Monday	3rd	Bridlington	No Mass		
		Eastfield	10am	St Oswald	Andrew & Doris Schembri
Tuesday	4th	Filey	10am	St John Vianney	Fr Albert Intentions
Wed'day	5th	Bridlington	10am	Dedication Basilica Mary Major	Zee Williams (Health)
Thursday	6th	Filey	10am	Transfiguration of the Lord	Olivia (Health)
Friday	7th	Bridlington	10am	No Mass	
			3-4pm	No Holy Hour & Confessions	
		Filey	10am	Funeral Service for the late Mrs Sheila Gormley	
Saturday	8th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parishes
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Marek Ryznarski
Sunday	9th	Bridlington	9:00am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Ellen Rooney
		Filey	11:00am		Helena & Bruno PieKarski

What do we understand by Priesthood?

Fr Albert is celebrating his Silver Anniversary from his Ordination to the Priesthood, this Monday, 3rd August. For the Church, “priesthood” is not one single idea. It has two distinct but related meanings, both rooted in Christ’s own priesthood. **Jesus is the One True High Priest** (as explained in the Letter to the Hebrews). Christ offers sacrifice that fulfils and surpasses the Old Covenant priesthood. The Old Testament priesthood is real but incomplete, while Christ is the definitive priest whose sacrifice brings genuine atonement and access to God.

Through Baptism, all the faithful participate in the priesthood of Christ. This participation is called the “**common priesthood of the faithful**.” This is lived in real ways: worship, prayer, thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and participation in Christ’s offering through the Church’s sacramental life.

In addition to the common priesthood, the Church teaches that there is another participation in Christ’s priesthood: **the ministerial (hierarchical) priesthood**, conferred by the sacrament of Holy Orders. The purpose is to serve Christ’s priestly people “*in the person of Christ the Head*.” St John Paul II explains the relationship clearly (drawing on Lumen Gentium): the ministerial priest forms and rules the priestly people and effects the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In the person of Christ, the priest effects the Eucharistic Sacrifice and offers it to God in the name of all the people. So the Church does not treat priesthood as a purely symbolic title, nor does it treat ordination as “just a community role.” It is a sacramental participation in Christ’s priesthood.

A central biblical idea is **apostolic succession**: Christ sends the apostles, and the apostolic ministry continues Christ’s own mission. Pope Benedict XVI says: Christ gives his power to the apostles so that their ministry is a continuation of his mission. This continuation is not based on humans deciding to “create a priesthood.” Rather, the apostles receive power in a way that makes their ministry depend on divine communication, which the Tradition calls a sacrament. It is therefore essential that no community can by its decrees promote a human being to this ministry; it must be received as a gift in the sacrament.

How these two priesthoods relate (without confusion)? Catholic doctrine insists on two points at once:

1. Real equality in dignity (from Baptism): everyone baptized shares in Christ’s priesthood.
2. Real distinction in function (from ordination): the ministerial priesthood is necessary for the building up of the Body of Christ and is ordered to the service of the baptised.

The International Theological Commission puts it this way: “In the New Covenant there is no other priesthood than that of Christ... The hierarchical ministry, however, is necessary for the building up of the Body of Christ...”

Vatican II expresses the hierarchy’s role as building up the People of God—specifically in sacramental ministry (Eucharist, Confession, and pastoral governance), as the appointed means by which Christ serves his people through ordination.

Because the ordained priest acts in Christ’s person, priests offer a sacrifice that makes present anew Christ’s once-for-all offering (rather than repeating it as if Christ’s sacrifice were unfinished). Priests are to live what they celebrate, in communion with Christ, and help the faithful draw near with confidence.



PARISH NOTICES

- **This week the Parish office is closed.**
- Congratulations and we keep in our prayers Fr Albert who on Monday, 3rd August, is celebrating his Silver Jubilee from his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Albert is at the moment in Malta to celebrate this jubilee with his family. Ad Multos Annos.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sheila Gormley** (Filey), who recently died. The late Sheila Gormley's funeral service is at St Mary Church, Filey, on Friday, 7th August, at 10am. Our sincere condolences to her family, especially her husband Dennis who is the altar server at Filey. Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord...
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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 25-26th July & 2nd collection towards Building Fund

Bridlington: attendance - 187; collection - £
Eastfield: attendance- 62; collection - £349.75; 2nd collection: £84.80
Filey: attendance - 125; collection - £356.28; 2nd collection: £133.46

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington:** Thank you to those who organized and attended the BBQ Extravaganza. We raised £375 for our building Fund.
- **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, 25th July was **50**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 26th July was **81**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of August

29-30th August: 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:
*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will.
All I have and call my own, you have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours;
do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.*

(prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola)