



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st February 2026 (week 4)

Saturday	31st	Eastfield	4pm	<i>Vigil of 4th Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Andrew, Peter & Jennifer Mary
		Bridlington	6pm		The Parishes
Sunday	1st	Bridlington	9am	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Wilfredo Gregorio
		Filey	11am		Maureen Nitrato-Izzo (Health)
Monday	2nd	Bridlington	10am	<i>Candle Mass-Presentation of the Lord</i>	Peter Bourne
		Eastfield	10am		Sheila Swales
Tuesday	3rd	Filey		No Mass (Priests meeting with Bishop Marcus)	
Wed'day	4th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	Malcolm Robinson
Thursday	5th	Filey	10am	St Agatha	The Parishes
		Eastfield	6-7:30pm	Prayer Meeting	
Friday	6th	Bridlington	10am	Ss.Paul Miki & Comp	Veronica Shackleton(Health)
			3-4pm	<i>Divine Mercy, Holy Hour and Confessions</i>	
Saturday	7th	Eastfield	4pm	<i>Vigil of 5th Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Jake Roberts
		Bridlington	6pm		Chakkachan Aypunny
Sunday	8th	Bridlington	9am	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Chitra Thoppan (1st anniv)
		Filey	11am		Kathleen Anne Richardson



2nd February - Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to "redeem" their first born son: "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me'" (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This "redemption" was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

On the Feast of the Presentation Christ is proclaimed – **Messiah, Priest, Lord and Saviour**. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the 7th century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."

In many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, St John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter's square until February 2nd. Candlemas Day has also some old English traditions, especially for farmers. An old English song went as follows: *If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again.* So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In Scotland, there is a charming custom called "creeping of the candles." A member of the household, often the youngest, carries a candle while walking around the darkened house. This act symbolizes the return of light and the banishment of shadows. In France, the association of crepes with Candlemas has both historical and practical origins. Legend has it that Pope Gelasius I, in the 5th century, distributed crepes to pilgrims who visited Rome on Candlemas day. These crepes symbolized the round and golden sun, signifying the end of winter and the arrival of spring.

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

**In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe
and enough shadows to blind those who don't.**

(from Blaise Pascal)



PARISH NOTICES

- **The Parish office hours** are Thursday, 5th February between 2 and 4 pm.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Wise. Condolences to all his family and dear ones. The Requiem Mass for the late **Peter Wise** is at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, Bridlington, on Friday, 13th February, at 11am. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord...
- **Blessing of St Blaise:** As on the 3rd February, there be no Masses as we priests are meeting our new Bishop, the Blessing of St Blaise (throats) will follow the Candle mass on Monday, 2nd February.
- **Bible Course:** We continue this **Wednesday**, 4th February, at St Peter's Hall, Bridlington, from 10:45 till noon. This week we reflect on the Book of Genesis chapter 1 & 2 (Creation narratives)
- **Eastfield: Prayer group** will be meeting at St George's Church from 6pm till 7:30pm on **5th February**; 19th February; 5th March; 19th March; 16th April; 30th April.
- **SVP:** If you wish to learn more about the work of the SVP or how to become a member, please join us for a Zoom information session on one of the following dates: Monday 2nd February 11a.m.–12 noon, Tuesday, 3rd February 7p.m.–8p.m., Thursday 5th February, 4p.m.–5p.m. To receive a link please email Teresa O'Hagan teresao@svp.org.uk with the date and time you prefer.
- **Eastfield:** Work started last Monday to replace the toilets at St George's Church. Work is expected to be completed by the end of February. There will be no available toilets at St George's during this time. The expected cost is of £25,000 (including VAT) of which we were given a grant of £19,200 from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Institute of Our Lady of Mercy - **JOB VACANCIES** - are advertising for 2 Care Services Manager roles at their Convents with Care in Hull and Whitby. Salary £37,500 – £40,000 per annum, dependent on experience. Please contact Rhiann Ferguson: Rhiann.ferguson@iolmercy.org.uk
- **Beauty for Ashes:** Holy Spirit Day of Reconciliation and Healing for Lent, organised by Middlesbrough Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, on Saturday, 21st February from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm, after 9.30 am Mass. Booking is not required, and a collection to cover expenses will be taken. Lunch will be provided, but special dietary requirements cannot be catered for. Roadside parking only. For further information, email: cdscmiddlesbrough@gmail.com or contact Sharon on 07932 420809 or Gerry on 07877 185219
- Bishop John Crowley's 3-day preached retreat: from 17th - 19th March at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. One can attend the retreat entitled "Rest, and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise" (St Augustine) for £230pp fully inclusive. For more details and to book, call 01943 607287, email admin@briery.org.uk, or visit www.briery.org.uk.
- Pope Leo XIV **prayer intention** for the month of February is for children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Church Collections during weekend 24-25th January & 2nd Collection for Lepra

Bridlington: attendance - 168; collection- **£364**; 2nd Collection: **£138**

Eastfield: attendance- 70; collection- **£129.70**; 2nd Collection: **£112.50**

Filey: attendance - ; collection - **£ 290.41**; 2nd Collection: **£102.51**

Church Fundraising

- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 24th January was **29**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 25th January was **100**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

Collections in the month of February

31st/1st February - Building Fund

21/22nd February - Building Fund

Friday - 27th February - CAFOD Fast Day

28th/1st March - Lent Fast day collection (CAFOD)

11th February: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (1st Apparition)

Healing Masses: Monday, 9th February - St George's Church Eastfield at 10am; Tuesday, 10th February - St Mary's Church, Filey at 10am; Wednesday, 11th February - Our Lady & St Peter Church, Bridlington at 12noon.

On the 11th February, Mass in Bridlington will be at 12 noon, including the sacrament of the Sick, followed by a small inside church procession and the rosary. SVP will like to invite all attending for a soup lunch at the Hall, following the celebration. The Church of Our Lady and St Peter will be open on that day from 8am till 6pm for anyone who likes to visit, put flowers in front of our Lady, and/or pray the Rosary.

