



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

2nd Sunday of Christmas - 4th January 2025 (week 2)

Saturday	3rd	Eastfield	4pm	<i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>	Mark Coole
		Bridlington	6pm		Jimmy Collins
Sunday	4th	Bridlington	9am	<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>	Olive Webster
		Filey	11am		Helen Lennox (90th B'day)
Monday	5th	Eastfield	10am	<i>Of Christmas Time</i>	November List
		Bridlington	10am		Wendy Maria Hall
Tuesday	6th	Bridlington	10am	Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	T.J. Sebastian
		Filey	10am		November List
		Eastfield	12noon		November List
		OLSP School	2pm		
		Bridlington	6pm		For the Parish
Wed'day	7th	Bridlington	5:30pm	After Epiphany	Bridget Winter
Thursday	8th	Filey	10am	After Epiphany	Int of Fr Martin
Friday	9th	Bridlington	10am	After Epiphany	Margaret Baxter
			3-4pm	<i>Divine Mercy, Holy Hour and Confessions</i>	
Saturday	10th	Eastfield	4pm	<i>Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	November List
		Bridlington	6pm		For the parish
Sunday	11th	Bridlington	9am	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Kathy Miley (Health)
		Filey	11am		November list

PARISH NOTICES

- **The Parish office is closed till the 7th of January.**
- If you or your children are interested in receiving the **sacraments** of Baptism, 1st Holy Communion (age 8 upwards), the sacrament of Confirmation, or to be received in the Catholic Church, please contact immediately on email: starofthesea@rcdmidd.org.uk as soon as possible. Catechism classes will start at end of January.
- **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.
- Pope Leo XIV **prayer intention for the month of January** is for prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Church Collections during weekend 27-28th December

Bridlington: attendance - 152; collection- **£312**

Eastfield: attendance- 55; collection- **£258.70**

Filey: attendance - 75; collection - **£303.11** ; 2nd collection (Building F): **£99**

Church Fundraising

- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 27th December was **21**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 28th December was **34**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

Collections in the month of January

- 24-25th January -Building fund



From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better person.

(adopted from Benjamin Franklin)

THANKYOU BISHOP EMERITUS TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY WELCOME BISHOP MARCUS STOCK



With appointment of Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough there will no doubt be a number of questions in relation to his new role. Fr Peter Taylor (Judicial Vicar and Chancellor of our Diocese) provide us with these answers:

What is an Apostolic Administrator? There are numerous different types of Apostolic Administrator, however in our situation an Apostolic Administrator is a priest or a bishop who has been appointed by the Pope to govern a diocese when the Diocesan Bishop retires, resigns or dies. This is

different from a Diocesan Administrator who is chosen by the College of Consultors (Chapter of Canons) to govern the diocese on a temporary basis until a new Diocesan Bishop is chosen by the Pope. An Apostolic Administrator governs the diocese for as long as the Pope wishes.

How is it different from a Diocesan Bishop? For all intents and purposes an Apostolic Administrator is like the Diocesan Bishop, he has all the rights and responsibilities of the Diocesan Bishop, however he exercises his office based on the mandate given to him by the Pope. Bishop Marcus does not formally have the title as the Bishop of the Middlesbrough, but he has all the rights and responsibilities the Bishop of Middlesbrough would have.

What does this mean for the Diocese? The Diocese of Middlesbrough continues to function as a separate Diocese, as it did under Bishop Terry, this does not mean that we are immediately merged with the Diocese of Leeds. It is like two parishes which share a priest, both remain as they were before. It does mean that Bishop Marcus will divide his time between Middlesbrough Diocese and Leeds Diocese so there may be some practical changes to allow him to minister to both dioceses.

What does it mean for Bishop Terry? Bishop Terry retired from his role as Diocesan Bishop, with immediate effect, and becomes an emeritus bishop of the diocese, like Bishop John.

Will there be a Mass of Installation? No, there is no need for Bishop Marcus to be installed as he assumed his office from the moment the Holy Father appointed him. However, there will be a Mass to formally welcome Bishop Marcus to the Diocese at some point in the future.

When will we know more about how this arrangement will work? It is very early to know how a lot of things will work practically for this new situation, especially as Bishop Marcus remains Bishop of Leeds with all his responsibilities for that role, overtime things will become a lot clearer how the diocese will continue to function and what the future will hold for both the dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds.



EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR **CHALKING OF THE DOORS & HOME BLESSING**

There is a centuries-old Christian tradition (mainly in Eastern Europe), where the faithful mark the entrance to their homes with a symbol of faith, asking God's blessing upon those who live in, work in, or visit it throughout the coming year. The symbolism of the message is as follows: [first two digits of the year] + C + M + B + [the last two digits of the year]. The "C", "M", & "B" stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Malchior & Balthazar, and the "+" represents the cross. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* meaning "May Christ bless this house." A short prayer may be said as you write the inscription in white chalk.

Prayer: *Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here. Amen. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our home and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

20 + C + M + B + 26