



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th September 2026

Saturday	26th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parishes
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Olive Blackmun (anniv)
Sunday	27th	Bridlington	9:00am	26th Sunday in OT Harvest Sunday	Gregoria Anagaran (anniv)
		Filey	11:00am		November List
Monday	28th	Eastfield	10am	SS Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (Martyrs of Japan)	November List
		Bridlington	10am		Suzanne Le Pirronec
Tuesday	29th	Filey	10am	SS Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	November List
		Bridlington	10am		Robert William Whitton
Wed'day	30th	Bridlington	10am	Morning devotions and service of the Word	
Thursday	1st	Filey	10am	St Therese of Lisieux (Healing)	November List
Friday	2nd	Eastfield	10am	Holy Guardian Angels (Healing)	Jean Warde (Recovery)
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
			4pm	Holy Guardian Angels (Healing)	November List
Saturday	3rd	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eileen Shakespeare
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Chitra Antonraj
Sunday	4th	Bridlington	9:00am	27th Sunday In Ordinary Time	The Parishes
		Filey	11:00am		Maureen Nitrato-Izzo

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 - AI's Growing Water Footprint: A Critical Challenge for the UK

Artificial intelligence is a transformative force bringing economic growth and innovations in the workplace, education, and healthcare. However, a report from the Government's Digital Sustainability Alliance warns that AI's environmental footprint—particularly its fast-escalating water demand—poses a significant threat to UK water security. The report highlights a stark projection: global AI-related water use is expected to rise from 1.1 billion to 6.6 billion cubic metres by 2027, a volume *"equivalent to more than half of the UK's total water usage."* This surge comes at a time when the UK already faces a daily water deficit approaching 5 billion litres by 2050, driven by climate change, population growth, and ageing water supply infrastructure.

AI systems rely on vast data centres, and these facilities consume enormous quantities of water for cooling. Most cooling systems use potable (drinkable) water to avoid contamination, but 80% of this water is lost to evaporation, and the remainder becomes contaminated with minerals and chemicals, making it unsuitable to reuse for cooling again. Beyond cooling, AI's water footprint extends into electricity generation which is highly water-intensive, and semiconductor manufacturing. Although these impacts occur globally, they contribute to the environmental burden of AI. Despite the scale of the challenge, current UK water planning frameworks don't account for the rising water needs of AI infrastructure. Water companies' 2025 Management Plans, do not even include data centre water demand, creating a blind spot in national water security planning. Meanwhile, the EU has moved ahead with measures to protect vital water supplies during the rapid growth phase of the Artificial Intelligence industry. The report emphasises that the UK has not yet followed suit, even though experts—including the National Engineering Policy Centre—are urging the government to require "trustworthy data" on energy, water use, and emissions from private companies in the AI sector.

The UK designated AI data centres as Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) in 2024. This reduces planning barriers and so boosts investment, but it could weaken our environmental safeguards, particularly in water-stressed regions. With 68% of UK data centres located near protected or biodiversity-rich areas, the risks to ecosystems and communities are substantial. The report makes it clear that unchecked AI growth could tip the UK's existing water vulnerabilities into crisis, undermining environmental goals and impacting our communities. As consumers of this new product, we should remember that we have the power to shape this industry as it grows by making sensible, informed, choices. Our voices matter. When communities ask for responsible practices, companies listen.

Responsible Use of AI: By making small, thoughtful choices, we can enjoy the advantages of AI while caring for creation and protecting our shared resources. **Use AI Mindfully:** AI has great novelty value, and we might sometimes find ourselves interacting with it for that reason alone. Make use of AI when it will really make a difference to the task you are doing. Avoid using it just for fun or when you could complete the task easily without it. AI tools vary in how much energy and water they use so pick the simplest mode that will meet your needs. Turn off AI features we don't use.

Support the call for Transparency and Good Stewardship: Many organisations now use AI, but not all report how much water or energy their systems consume. Asking for transparency encourages better environmental practices. Choose companies and services that openly share their environmental impact. Ask organisations we interact with—banks, charities, healthcare providers—whether their AI systems report water and energy use. Support efforts calling for clearer environmental reporting.

A Shared Commitment to Care for Creation: By using AI thoughtfully, we can embrace new technology while protecting the water, land, and ecosystems that sustain us all.

PARISH NOTICES

- **Office hours are on Wednesday, 30th September between 2 and 3pm.**
- **Healing Masses: 1 & 2nd October** (*with the Sacrament of Anointing the sick*)
 Filey - Thursday, 1st October at 10am
 Eastfield - Friday, 2nd October at 10am
 Bridlington - Friday, 2nd October at 4pm
- **Holy Rosary in October:** During the month of October, the Holy Rosary is recited 30 minutes before Masses.
- **Eastfield: Holy Hour, music, reflection and prayer Meeting:** Our next meeting on **Thursday, 1st October**, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **St John of Bridlington Assist Group: Pie & Pie Quiz night** on Saturday, 3rd October at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale for £7.50 each.
- **Bridlington:** Art and Crafts group in Bridlington, starting on **Tuesday, 6th October** from 1300 to 1700hr. We continue to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- **Bible Course:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, **7th & 14th October** (*The Gospel of Matthew*), followed by Wednesday, 4th November and then every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon.
- **22 Mother's Group:** Our next prayer meeting is on Thursday, **22nd September** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.

Church Collections during weekend 12-13th September & 2nd coll. for Home Mission Sunday

Bridlington: attendance - 175; collection - £451; 2nd collection - £175
 Eastfield: attendance - 57; collection - £236.40; 2nd collection - £85
 Filey: attendance - 84; collection - £337.15; 2nd collection - £195.70

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington:** Donations of quality prizes for our Grand Raffle will be very welcome over the coming month. We will need to have the list finalised before the tickets go to print on the 1st week of October. So please contact the parish office.
- **Filey:** Thanks to all those who attended the **4P** meal in Filey. We raised £430 for the building fund.
- **Filey & Bridlington:** Clean, empty, one pound jam jars, for parish made chutney and jam.
- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 19th September was **45**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 20th September was **79**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of September - October

Today, 26-27th September: Building Fund
3-4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection
17-18th October: MISSIO-World Mission Sunday
31st Oct - 1 Nov: Building Fund



Annual Care of Creation Season— We can:

1. Coastal **Clean-up** dates www.ywt.org.uk/our-events/beach-cleans
2. **Novena to St Francis** on the care of creation starts on 26th September.
3. Friday 2nd October—**CAFOD** Harvest Fast Day
4. Saturday/Sunday 26-27th September: **Harvest Day:** Parishioners are invited to bring tinned and dried foods in thanksgiving for God's creation. These will then go to the local foodbanks. Please give generously so we can share our plenty with those who have so little.
5. Saturday 3rd October **Blessing of Pets:** Filey 11am, Bridlington 12 noon, and Eastfield 1pm

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Safeguarding: please visit website page: <https://catholicstarofthesea.co.uk/safeguarding>. Our parish representatives are: Elizabeth Mascarenhas (Bridlington); Maria Foxton (Filey); Ann Barber (Eastfield). If concerned about safeguarding, please contact the representative or call **01642 850505** or email: safeguarding@rcdmidd.org.uk



**Pope Leo XIV prayer intention for October is for mental health ministry.
 Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping
 to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.**

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

Nature herself does not distinguish between what seed it receives. It grows whatever seed is planted; this is the way life works. Be mindful of the seeds you plant today, as they will become the crop you harvest.

(Adopted from Mary Morrissey)

