



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM -16th August

Saturday	15th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Parishes
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Charmin Micabalo (T'giving)
Sunday	16th	Bridlington	9:00am	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Marcelina Anagaran
		Filey	11:00am		C Barrowcliff
Monday	17th	Bridlington	10am	Feria	King & Eva Lim (T'giving)
		Eastfield	10am	Service of the Word & Morning Prayers	
Tuesday	18th	Filey	10am	Feria	Josephine Albin
		Bridlington	6:00pm	Mass celebrating Silver Jubilee of Fr Albert	
Wed'day	19th	Bridlington	10am	St John Eudes	The Parishes
Thursday	20th	Filey	10am	St Bernard	Kath (Health)
Friday	21st	Bridlington	10am	St Pius X	Patrick Lenehan
			3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
Saturday	22nd	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Shebby Campbell (Health)
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Adriana Ann Moorhouse
Sunday	23rd	Bridlington	9:00am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Carl Cooke
		Filey	11:00am		Maureen Nitrato-Izzo (Health)

The dogma of the Assumption Of Mary in Heaven - Body and Soul

The dogma of the Assumption was defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950, in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. It states that Mary, “*having completed the course of her earthly life,*” *was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory*. The dogma should be understood within the wider Catholic faith concerning Christ's Resurrection, Mary's divine motherhood, the unity of body and soul, and the Church's final resurrection.

The definition occurred after two world wars, mass death, genocide, displacement and profound social upheaval. *Munificentissimus Deus* opens by acknowledging the anxieties and calamities of the age, while also observing the flourishing of devotion to Mary. Pius XII presents the Assumption as a mystery capable of strengthening Christian hope amid suffering and death. This historical context does not mean that the dogma was invented as a response to modern crisis. Rather, the definition proclaimed an ancient Christian belief with renewed significance for a world confronting the destruction and dehumanisation of the human person.

The Assumption declares that the human body is destined not for annihilation but for glorification. Mary's bodily glory is therefore particularly meaningful in an age in which the dignity of the human person and the value of human life had been and are grievously violated.

According to *Munificentissimus Deus*, Christ's victory over sin and death is fully manifested in Mary. Since Mary was preserved from original sin by a unique grace, God also willed that she should not remain subject to the ordinary corruption of the grave or wait until the end of time for the glorification of her body. The New Testament does not give a direct narrative of Mary's Assumption. The Church therefore does not claim that there is a verse stating explicitly, “Mary was assumed into heaven.” Pope John Paul II acknowledged this point while explaining that Scripture nevertheless provides a theological foundation for the doctrine. The central biblical principle is Mary's complete union with Christ. From the Annunciation, through the birth of the Saviour, his public mission and his suffering beneath the Cross, Mary is uniquely associated with her Son. Her participation in Christ's earthly life and redeeming mission points toward her participation in his heavenly destiny. The doctrine is thus not based on an isolated proof-text but on the Church's reading of Scripture as an integrated whole. Mary's Assumption illuminates several biblical truths: 1) Christ's victory over sin and death; 2) the dignity of the human body; 3) the resurrection of the flesh; 4) Mary's unique role as the Mother of the Incarnate Word; 5) the Church's destiny as the Bride of Christ.

The New Testament's teaching about Mary's fullness of grace and divine motherhood provides the immediate theological basis for understanding why her glorification belongs within the economy of salvation. Pius XII's definition did not create a new Marian privilege. It solemnly confirmed that the Church had long received and professed this truth: Mary, united perfectly to Christ, has already entered in body and soul into the glory of the Resurrection, which the Church awaits at the end of time.



PARISH NOTICES

- **The Parish office hours are Wednesday, 19th August between 2 and 4pm.**
- **Holy Hour and Prayer Meeting - Eastfield:** Our next meeting is Thursday, **20th August**, and to continue meeting every Thursday fortnight, from 6pm till 7:30pm at St George's Church, Eastfield.
- **22 Mother's Group:** Our next prayer meeting is Saturday, **22nd August** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.
- **Bible Course:** continues on Wednesday, **26th August** (*1st Letter to the Thessalonians*), and every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45 and noon
- **Bridlington:** A new group is starting at St Peter's Hall in Bridlington, for anyone who would like to share a quiet creative space for **art and crafts**. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 1300 to 1700. We will be a supportive, peaceful, and encouraging group under the protection of St Catherine of Bologna, patron saint of artists. If you are interested in joining us, please drop in (we will be in the room behind the stage) or speak to Joan or Petra if you would like to know more.
- **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley:** on the Solemnity of the Assumption, will take place **this Sunday**, 16th August 2026. The Rosary will be recited from 2:30 pm, and Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Marcus Stock and will begin at 3 pm. Any parishioners coming to the Lady Chapel in Osmotherley to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, if you would like to bring cakes for the stalls, that would be much appreciated. It is also advised to bring seating, suitable clothing and footwear and a picnic.
- **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.
- **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 8-9th August

Bridlington: attendance - 186; collection - £755

Eastfield: attendance- 49; collection - £185.50

Filey: attendance - 110; collection - £ 393.00

Church Fundraising

- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 8th August was **43**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 9th August was **15**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of August

29-30th August: Building Fund

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



**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

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

*O Holy Mother of God, pray for the Priests thy Son has chosen to serve His Church.
Help them by thy intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste. Make them models of virtue, in the
service of God's people. Help them to be prayerful in meditations, effective in preaching and
enthusiastic in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
Help them to administer the Sacraments with joy, O Holy Mother of God. Amen*

(prayer by St Charles Borromeo)

