



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

4th Sunday of Easter (C) - 11th May 2025 (week 4)

Masses and Devotions are livestreamed on our YOUTUBE Channel: [Our Lady&StPeter, Bridlington](#)
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Saturday	10th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter	Eileen Shakespeare
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Dennis Parker
Sunday	11th	Bridlington	9:00am	4th Sunday of Easter	T'giving (Marylin Manzano)
		Filey	11:00am		The Parishes
Monday	12th	Eastfield	10am	Morning Prayers & Rosary	
		Bridlington	10am	Mass:	Cissy Atkinson
			4:45-6pm	1st Holy Communion Catechism at Hall	
Tuesday	13th	Bridlington	10am	Morning Prayers & Rosary	
Wed'day	14th	Bridlington	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	
Thursday	15th	Filey	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	
		Eastfield	3:45-5pm	1st Holy Communion Catechism at School	
Friday	16th	Bridlington	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	
				No Holy Hour	
Saturday	17th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter	Diana Temple
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Int. Collins & Bridges families
Sunday	18th	Bridlington	9:00am	5th Sunday of Easter	The Parishes
		Filey	11:00am		Kathlee Anne Richardson

No Office Hours this week

PARISH NOTICES

- ♦ *We rejoice on the election of Pope Leo XIV.*
- ♦ *Fr Albert will be away this week as he is attending the Diocesan Retreat for the Clergy. We keep him in our prayers.*
- ♦ *During the month of May the **Holy Rosary** is prayed 15 minutes before each Mass.*
- ♦ ***Good news** to share is that as from the 1st of September **Fr Paul Dowling** will be joining our parishes, that means that we be having 2 priests to serve in our 3 parishes. Welcome to Fr Paul and thank you to Bishop Terence Patrick Draney, for being so generous with our parishes.*
- ♦ *StJohn of Bridlington Assist Group: **Pie & Peas Quiz night** on Saturday, 17th May at 7:30pm in Parish Hall. Tickets £7.*
- ♦ ***Petitions to Lourdes:** Val Brown will be going to Lourdes mid May. There is a box at Bridlington Church for prayer petitions that Val is willing to take with her to Lourdes.*

Fundraising

- ♦ ***Filey:** Come and join us in celebrating the 80th anniversary of **VE Day** with a victory tea in St Mary's Parish Hall on this Sunday 11th May after 11o'clock Mass. All are welcome. Entry is free.*
- ♦ *The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 4th May was 9. The **Club 200** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 5th May, was 101. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.*

2nd Collections in May

10-11 th May: Priest's Training Fund
24-25th May: Building Fund

POPE LEO XIV

In the first homily of Pope Leo XIV, what stands out first is the opening, with Peter's repeated profession of faith, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" But there is also a vision of the Church, and of how any service within the Church should be exercised, which emerges in the final lines. He quotes St. Ignatius of Antioch, on his way to martyrdom: "*Then I will truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body.*" The great Church Father was referring to being devoured by beasts, and yet those words shine light on every moment and circumstance of Christian life: "*His words,*" said the new Pope, "*apply more generally to an indispensable commitment for all those in the Church who exercise a ministry of authority. It is to **move aside so that Christ may remain**, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified, to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him.*" To move aside, become small, so that He may be known. Abandon every desire for the spotlight, every worldly reliance on power, structures, money, or religious marketing strategies, and instead entrust oneself to the One who guides the Church, without whom, as He Himself said, we can do nothing. To surrender to the action of His grace, which always goes before us.



In this perspective from the new Pope, there is also a meaningful continuity with his predecessor, Francis, who often cited the *mysterium lunae*, the image of the moon used by the Church Fathers to describe the Church, which would be deluded to think it can shine with its own light, as it can only reflect the light of Another.

At the beginning of his journey, the new Pope, a missionary born in the United States and who lived on the peripheries of the world as a shepherd "with the smell of the sheep", seems to echo the words of John the Baptist about Jesus: He must increase, and I must decrease. Everything in the Church exists for the mission, that is, so that He may increase. Everyone in the Church, from the Pope to the last of the baptized, must become small so that Jesus may be known, so that He may be the protagonist. This reflects Augustine's restlessness in the search for truth, the search for God, which becomes the restlessness of wanting to know Him more and more, and to go beyond oneself to make Him known to others, so that the desire for God may be rekindled in everyone.

The choice of the name **Leo** is striking, as it directly connects him to the great and ever-relevant tradition of the Church's Social Doctrine: **the defense of workers, and the call for a more just economic and financial system.** Equally significant is the simplicity of his first greeting, the invocation of Easter peace, a peace that is urgently needed, and the openness to all that echoes Francis' "everyone, everyone, everyone." Striking as well is his desire to continue on the synodal path. And finally, touching is the Hail Mary recited with the people of God, on the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii, and the final invocation in his first homily, a grace requested "*with the help of the tender intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.*"

This conclave, something happened in the Sistine Chapel that cannot be fully explained by human logic or systems. That 133 cardinals, from every corner of the earth, many of whom had never met before, could gather to elect the Bishop of Rome and Pastor of the universal Church within twenty-four hours is a beautiful sign of unity. The witness of the Successor of Peter, which just days ago shone in the frailty of Francis and in his final Easter blessing to the people, has now passed to a gentle missionary bishop, a son of Saint Augustine. The Church is alive because Jesus is alive and present, guiding it through fragile disciples willing to disappear so that He, and He alone, may remain.

(adopted from the Editorial by Andrea Tornielli, from Vatican News Website)

Prayer: *Oh God, who in Your providential design willed that Your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom You set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Leo XIV our Pope and grant that he, whom You have made Peter's successor, may be for Your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*