



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th October 2026

Saturday	3rd	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 27th Sunday in OT	Eileen Shakespeare
		Bridlington	6:00pm		Chitra Antonraj
Sunday	4th	Bridlington	9:00am	27th Sunday in OT <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	The Parishes
		Filey	11:00am		Maureen Nitrato-Izzo
Monday	5th	Eastfield	9-10am	Holy Hour & Confessions	
			10am		
		Bridlington	10am	St Faustina Kowalska	November List
Tuesday	6th	Filey	10am	St Bruno	Josephine Albin
Wed'day	7th	Bridlington	10am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Patricia Lenehan
Thursday	8th	Filey	10am	Feria	November List
Friday	9th	Eastfield	10am	St John Henry Newman	Ursula Campbell (Health)
		Bridlington	3-4pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	
			4pm		
Saturday	10th	Eastfield	4:00pm	Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Paul Intentions
		Bridlington	6:00pm		The Parishes
Sunday	11th	Bridlington	9:00am	28th Sunday In Ordinary Time	Charles Valentine (Health-t'giving)
		Filey	11:00am		Lorraine Halley

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Season of Creation ends this Sunday, on 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Known as the patron saint of animals, the environment and ecology as well as one of the patron saints of Italy, this 13th century friar is remembered for his deep humility and life of prayer and for founding the Franciscan order. This man of peace, died 800 years ago, on the 3rd of October 1226. Designating 2026 as a special Jubilee Year of St Francis, Pope Leo has given us an opportunity to celebrate the life of a man who, in obedience to God's will in his life, cultivated a life-giving relationship with all of Creation. This special Jubilee Year for St Francis runs from 10th January 2026 until 10 January 2027.

Before giving his life over to the Lord, Francis lived a carefree, pleasure-seeking life in his youth.

He was known for partying, fine clothes, and dreams of glory on the battlefield. It wasn't until he was captured during a war between Assisi and Perugia - and spending a year in prison - that he began to reflect on a different path. Francis voluntarily gave up his wealth. After hearing God's call to 'rebuild my church', Francis renounced his family's wealth in a dramatic and public fashion. In front of the bishop and townspeople, he stripped off all his clothes and gave everything back to his father. Upon responding to the call to renounce earthly wealth and restore his relationship with God, Francis' relationship with all of Creation was transformed.

Many stories about St Francis are taken from an account of his life by St Bonaventure. One beautiful story is that of St Francis preaching to the birds. In St Bonaventure's account, he recalls St Francis' dilemma: having turned his life around, embraced a restoration of relationships with all, should he now devote himself entirely to prayer or go out and proclaim the Good News of Christ? The answer comes from his closest friends, including St Clare of Assisi, who prayerfully discerned that God's will for Francis was to continue proclaiming the Gospel. So, where does Francis go? Who does he first encounter? Francis saw a large flock of birds, a group of all different kinds sitting together. He went right up to them and preached the word of God to them. He urged them to praise their Creator, who clothed them in feathers and provided them with pure air in which to fly. This was a significant point in Francis' newfound faith because, for Francis, a relationship with nature was not an end in itself. Instead, the beauty of Creation gives praise to the beauty of the Creator. In the words of Pope Francis, whose encyclical, 'Laudato Si' draws on the life of St Francis, "St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty."

Towards the end of his life, St Francis wrote the 'Canticle to the Sun'. This prayer is a great hymn of praise to "Brother Sun", 'Sister Moon', 'Brothers Wind and Air' and 'Sister Earth', who sustains us with her fruits, coloured flowers and herbs.' In the evening of his life Francis came to embrace 'Sister Death', leaving behind a legacy of peace and renewal, underpinned by trust in God. In the words of Pope Leo, St Francis recognised that "peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call for universal reconciliation." In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, let us follow his example.

Most High, glorious God, you called Francis to live in poverty, peace, and joyful communion with all your creatures. Renew our respect for the earth and deepen our love for the poor. May we seek peace with all those who share the world with us, embracing the call to reconciliation and joyfully proclaiming the Gospel by our lives.



PARISH NOTICES

- **Office hours** are on **Wednesday, 7th October** between 2 and 3pm.
- **Holy Rosary in October:** The Holy Rosary is recited 30 minutes before Masses.
- **We pray for the souls of Patricia Lenehan** (Bridlington), **George Spink** (Leeds - Father of Trish Bullen), **Maureen Nitrato-Izzo & Lorraine Halley** (sister & sister-in-law of Patrick Mitchell) who recently died. The Requiem Mass for the late Mrs Patricia Lenehan is at Our Lady and St Peters Church Bridlington on Thursday 15th October at 12 noon. Our condolences to their respective families. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...
- **OREMUS (LET US ADORE) 2026 National Eucharistic Congress** takes place on Saturday, 10 October in London. Local Masses, processions of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Hours will unite local parishes with the national gathering. We are organising Holy Hours in Front of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday, 10th October: **Bridlington and Filey 12noon till 1pm; Eastfield 3pm-3:50pm.**
- **Bridlington: Liturgy Group** meeting at Parish Office on Monday, 12th October, at 5pm.
- **Filey & Eastfield: Liturgy Group** meeting at St Mary Hall, Filey, on Monday, 12th October, at 5pm.
- **Admissions to local Roman Catholic schools for September 2027:** Applications are now open for places across the diocesan Roman Catholic schools. Go to St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust website at www.scr.cat.org/Learning. Application deadlines: Primary: 15 Jan 2027; Secondary: 31 Oct 2026. Those applying should be baptised in the catholic faith.
- **St John of Bridlington Assist Group: Pie & Pie Quiz night** this 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, at 10:45am.
- **Eastfield: Holy Hour, music, reflection and prayer Meeting:** Our next meeting on **Thursday, 15th October**, 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 on Thursday, **22nd October** at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, between 3 & 4pm.

Church Collections during weekend 26-27th September & 2nd coll. for Building Fund

Bridlington: attendance - 167; collection - £458.32; 2nd collection - £194.46

Eastfield: attendance - ; collection - ; 2nd collection -

Filey: attendance - 100; collection - £341; 2nd collection - £ 135.00

Church Fundraising

- **Bridlington:** Donations of quality prizes for our Grand Raffle will be very welcome.
- **Bridlington: Christmas Faye** on Sunday, 15th November. People who like to help organizing the day are most needed. Please contact Fr Albert.
- **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, 26th September was **31**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 27th September was **64**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

2nd Collections in the month of October

Today, 3-4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

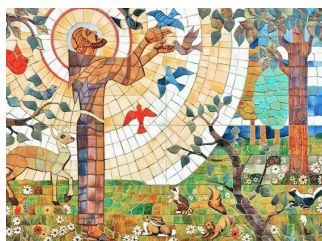
17-18th October: MISSIO-World Mission Sunday

31stOct -1 Nov: Building Fund

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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:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

(prayer by Pope Leo XIV for the Year of St Francis 2026)

