



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BRIDLINGTON – EASTFIELD – FILEY

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 11th January 2026 (week 1)

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| 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 |
| Monday | 12th | Eastfield | 10am | <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i> | Andrew & Doris Schembri |
| | | Bridlington | | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | 13th | Filey | 10am | St Hilary | Tony Halifax (Health) |
| Wed'day | 14th | Bridlington | 10am | Feria | Leo Mascarenhas |
| Thursday | 15th | Filey | 10am | Feria | T'giving Fr Albert & Fr Paul |
| Friday | 16th | Bridlington | 10am | <i>Requiem Mass for the late Mr Antony Cole</i> | |
| | | | 1:30pm | Mass at Our Lady & St Peter School | |
| | | | 3-4pm | <i>Divine Mercy, Holy Hour and Confessions</i> | |
| Saturday | 17th | Eastfield | 4pm | <i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time</i> | Peter Haward |
| | | Bridlington | 6pm | | Brenda Foster |
| Sunday | 18th | Bridlington | 9am | <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary time (Peace Sunday)</i> | For Parishes |
| | | Filey | 11am | | Pauline Halifax |

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the foundational sacrament of the Christian life, the gateway to spiritual life and entry into the other sacraments. Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of the forgiveness of sins: it unites us to Christ, who died and rose, and gives us the Holy Spirit. It frees individuals from original sin and all personal sins, granting **baptismal grace**—a profound reality that includes rebirth as adoptive children of God, membership in Christ's Body, and becoming a temple of the Holy Spirit. In accordance with Christ's will, **Baptism is necessary for salvation**, just as the Church is, which one enters through this sacrament.

Conversion to Christ is intrinsically linked to Baptism, which signifies and effects rebirth from the Spirit, establishing unbreakable bonds with the Trinity. Jesus Himself teaches: "*Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*" (Jn 3:5). It is not merely a symbol but the fullness of new life in Christ.

Baptism constitutes the **foundation of communion among all Christians**, even those not in full communion with the Catholic Church. Properly baptised believers are incorporated into Christ, called Christians, and accepted as brothers and sisters. For all who believe in Christ and have been properly baptised are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church. It makes the baptised **members of the Church**, sharers in her mission and priesthood, and soldiers of Christ through subsequent Confirmation.

For Baptism to be valid, four essential elements are required: 1) proper matter (true natural water, which must flow and touch the skin), 2) form (the Trinitarian invocation: "*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*"), 3) intention of the minister (to do what the Church does), and 4) right disposition of the recipient.

The Rite of Baptism invokes **the name of the Trinity**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—upon the catechumen, synthesizing the faith journey and bestowing a new filial identity. Immersion in water symbolises death to self and rebirth, penetrating the depths of being and transforming relationships.

So, Baptism is the **sacramental rebirth** essential for salvation, forgiving sins, infusing grace, and uniting the faithful to Christ and the Church. It demands a lived faith within the ecclesial community, preparing souls for eternal life.

No rebaptism is ever permitted. One is only conditionally Baptism if doubt exists.



PARISH NOTICES

- **The Parish office hours** are Wednesday, 14th January between 2 and 4 pm.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mr Antony Cole and Ann Marie Harran**. Our sincere condolences and prayers to their respective families. The Requiem for the late Antony Cole is at Our Lady and St Peter's Church, Bridlington, on Friday, 16th January, at 10am. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord...
- 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.
- **Lectors** (Readers of the word): On the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24-25th January, we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. On all masses that weekend Lectors are invited to renew their commitment and receive the Mandate as Lectors.
- **Filey:** Soup lunch this Thursday, 15th January at 12noon at St Mary's Hall. Confirm that you are attending to Diane Whitehead or Maria Foxton.
- **Filey:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: *One Body, One Spirit*. The Ecumenical service is at St John Church, Filey, on Sunday 18th January at 3.30pm. All encouraged to attend.
- **Eastfield: Prayer group** will be meeting at St George's Church from 6pm till 7:30pm on **5th February**; 19th February; 5th March; 19th March; 16th April; 30th April.
- **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 - 85; collection- **£ 117**

Eastfield: attendance- 19; collection- **£75.25**

Filey: attendance - 50; collection - **£124.00**

Church Fundraising

The winning number of the **Bonus Ball** Eastfield & Filey on Saturday, 3rd January was **4**. The **Club 150** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 4th January was **111**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.

Collections in the month of January

24-25th January - For LEPRA (Leprosy)

31-1st February - Building fund

Bible Course: Come to know the Bible - We will start a group on coming to know the Bible every Wednesday fortnight at St Peter Hall, Bridlington, between 10:45am till 12noon. Our 1st meetings are Wednesdays :



21st January (the Canon of the Bible)
4th February (Genesis- Creation)
18th February (Genesis - the Fall)
4th March (The Story of Salvation)
18th March (Isaiah - the Suffering Servant)
1st April (The Passion narratives)
and continue every fortnight after.

From Pius, our church cat, reading this week:

Fear is far less powerful when we realize we are
not alone.

