

CARE OF CREATION 2024

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI - 4th OCTOBER

St Francis was born in Assisi in 1181 into a wealthy family. As a young man he sought the pleasures of life. He became the leader of a crowd of young people who spent their life in wild parties. Francis wanted to be a noble, a knight, and the best route to this was to win glory and prestige in battle. So, at the age of 20 he offered to fight when Assisi declared war on neighbouring Perugia. He was captured and imprisoned for a year. Upon his release he became extremely ill. Thereafter God planted in him the first seeds of conversion and he began to question what were the most important things in life. His dreams of becoming a knight shattered, he decided to embark on an enduring spiritual adventure.

He began to realise that the most important things in life were the God-given ones, offered in the gifts of Creation. He renounced worldly goods and family ties to embrace a life of poverty. He loved nature and considered all nature as the mirror of God and, as such, so many steps to God. He loved to communicate with the birds and could quieten a flock around him, telling them to "praise your Creator and always love him as he gave you feathers for clothes and wings to fly and all other things that you need." He called all creatures his brothers and sisters.

As we celebrate the feast of St Francis, the patron saint of ecology and the poor, we can aspire to be like him. As stewards of our planet Earth, our responsibility as Christians begins with an appreciation of what God has created and to offer our thanks and praise to Him for His gift of Creation. We must pray, hope and work for a sustainable world in balance and in harmony with nature. We must work to preserve the beauty of God's Creation for generations to come.

St Francis, joyful steward of creation, you lived in peace with nature and with God.

Inspired by your witness, may we defend our common home.



Some suggestions for this week:

- 1. Continue to pray the Care of Creation Novena to St Francis (included in last week's newsletter).*
- 2. Take a walk in your local area and appreciate the beauty of the changing season. Maybe join a litter pick on the beach or in the forest or park.*
- 3. Give praise and thanks to God for his creation and consider things you can do, starting now, to protect and value all creation, to learn to live with less, to give and not to take.*
- 4. Share the fruits of the Earth with those who are struggling by donating regularly to the local food bank box placed in each of our parishes.*

Harvest Sunday and CAFOD Family Fast Day - 5th/6th October

Our parishes will be celebrating Harvest Sunday on the 5th/6th October. Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect and show gratitude for the food that they have. It dates back a long time in British history, to when people relied on crops for food and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest. We can bring food products to our Churches that will be distributed to those in need.

CAFOD also organise the **Harvest Family Fast Day** and this year is on Friday 4th October. This year emphasis is to fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope provided in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. There will be a 2nd Collection in Church for CAFOD Family Fast Day on Sat/Sunday 5/6th October.



Pius's (our church cat) reflection:

Individual actions may seem insignificant but together the small steps of many people (and cats) can have an astonishing impact.





OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th September 2024 (week 2)

Saturday	28th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of 26th Sunday in OT	Cassian (T'giving)
		Bridlington	6pm		Godwin Escobar
Sunday	29th	Bridlington	9am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nestor Tagle
		Filey	11am		Canon. Joe Taylor
Monday	30th	Eastfield	10am	<i>St Jerome</i>	Joan Turner
Tuesday	1st	Filey	10am	<i>St Therese</i>	Jane Sieviewright (Health)
Wed'day	2nd	Bridlington	10am	<i>The Rosary (No mass)</i>	
Thursday	3rd	Filey	10am	<i>The Rosary (No Mass)</i>	
Friday	4th	Bridlington	3-4pm	<i>Holy Hour, Confessions (Fr Steven)</i>	
			4pm	<i>S. Francis of Assisi</i>	The Parishes
Saturday	5th	Eastfield	4pm	Vigil of 27th Sunday in OT	Peter Kennedy
		Bridlington	6pm		Nicomedes Pinca
Sunday	6th	Bridlington	9am	27th Sunday in OT (Harvest Sunday)	Dixon Family
		Filey	11am		Julie Marris

PARISH NOTICES:

- **Please notice the change of Mass time this Friday.**
- Fr Albert is away from the 1st till the 8th October (visiting Malta). Fr Steven will be saying Masses from Friday 4th, till Sunday 6th October).
- During the Month of October, the Month of the rosary, **the prayer of the rosary** is recited after weekday Masses and before weekend Masses.
- **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is on Friday, 4th October.** Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. There be 2nd collection for CAFOD coming weekend.
- **Filey:** Devotion to the **Divine Mercy** every Thursday at 3pm.
- **FILEY CHOIR:** join the choir in St Mary's Church in Filey. Rehearsals every Sunday, at church, from 10am till 10:35am. Mr Eric Hewes will be leading.
- **Pie & Quiz night** organised by *Yorkshire Regiment Association* on Saturday, 12th October, at OLSP Hall, at 7:15pm. Tickets on Sale for £5.
- **Big thankyou** for all who contributed in the 2nd collection, last weekend, for our Twin parish of St Matthew, in Basa II, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We collected **£1414** (£292 from Eastfield, £452 from Bridlington & £670 from Filey). Thank you for your generosity.
- Diane Whitehead is helping fill the Samaritan's Purse **Shoebboxes** again this year, any donations towards transportation would be wonderful. They are collected at the end of October, so very soon!
- **SVP BRIDLINGTON:** Join SVP as a **FRIEND of SVP** and be invited to our activities. To join leave a message to Theresa O'Hagan on mobile number: 07554336984. Our 1st activity is a Harvest Meal on Wednesday, 16th October at OLSP Hall, from 6pm till 8:30pm. More activities to follow.
- **Pope Francis Prayer** intention for the month of **October** is for a **shared mission**. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Second collections in September/October

28/29th September - for Saint Vincent de Paul Society

5/6th October - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

19/20th October - MISSIO - World Mission Sunday

26/27th October - Building Fund

Fundraising

- The winning number of the **Bonus Ball Eastfield** on Saturday, 21st September was **56**. The **Club 200** Bridlington drawn on Sunday, 22nd September, was **93**. Congratulations for the winners and thank you all for participating.