

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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PARISH OF ST MARY, CULLERCOATS & OUR LADY & ST OSWIN, TYNEMOUTH

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER, 2024

The Cycle of Prayer

Advent & Christmas

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

This Advent, we stand close to the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year of 2025 announced by Pope Francis. We hear the Jubilee call to set out on a journey. The journey moves us away from our comfort and our surroundings. Christian hope rings through the Advent scriptures and gives light to our pilgrimage. Hope shows the faces of our pilgrim companions who are confident and joyful. The Holy Spirit brightens the approaching dawn of Jesus' birth. Our heavenly Father tenderly watches over us and opens the way to Jesus, his Son, the pathway to eternal life. This Advent, our pilgrimage is gradual, with moments of reflection and celebration. Our companions enrich us with new ways of understanding. Advent is a time for conversion to the blessedness of God, in Jesus. Advent is a time to share in prayer and action with those forced to leave their homelands and seek a better life for them and their families. The Jubilee 2025 hymn sums up our hope: *Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you. Every nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heaven and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time. Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.* (Jubilee 2025 Hymn written by Pierangelo Sequeri) Happy Advent!

3 December, 5.30pm Star of the Sea School Years 5 & 6 Advent Service, St Edward's Church

5 December, 7.00pm Advent Service, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

9 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 9.00am Exposition and Benediction & Mass, St Edward's Church

24 December, 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Mass, St Mary's Church

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24 December, 7.30pm Carols & 8.00pm Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

25 December, 9.30am Mass, St Edward's Church

25 December, 11.00am Mass, St Mary's Church

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Smurthwaite of Fellingate Care Home, Gateshead, who died on 9 November aged 94 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 3.00pm on 3 December at Tynemouth Crematorium, followed by committal. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison of Monks Drive, Monkseaton, who died on 26 November aged 95 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 18 December at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

NEW LECTIONARY

This First Sunday of Advent marks the proclamation of the readings and gospel at Mass from the new Lectionary. Thanks for your generous donations towards the cost of the

new 4-volume Lectionary and to our readers who attended the preparation course. The names of deceased loved ones are recorded in the Lectionary in the churches of St Edward's, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady's and St Oswin's and St Mary's.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced this year's booklet of reflections for the Season of Advent. It is available to view and download from <https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2024>. Printed copies are available at the back of the church.

NEW TWO-PARISH BULLETIN

Welcome to this new bulletin shared by the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea Backworth, Monkseaton and Whitley Bay and Our Lady's and St Oswin's Tynemouth & St Mary's Cullercoats. Bulletin items can still be sent to olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk and cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk.

HOLY LAND — PRAYERS FOR PEACE

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all war-torn areas of the world. The CAFOD emergency appeal is at: cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

On 18 November our Reverse Advent Calendar started. The idea is that we give an item on each of the 24 days in the run up to Christmas. Each week there will be 5 everyday items and 1 'festive' item. We begin early so the Food Bank has time to get things sent out before Christmas. As always we are grateful for anything you can give.

Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Festive Extras
Tinned Custard	Meat Balls	Coffee/ Tea Bags	Washing Up Liquid	Hot Dogs	Selection Box

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S PARISH SOCIAL & DINNER

Menus and payments must be placed in the box at the back of church, or posted through the Presbytery door by Monday 3 December as information needs to be sent to the Golf Club. Donations for the Raffle would be appreciated. Leave at the back of church for collection.

ADVENT READINGS & REFLECTION

All are welcome to the Parish Rooms, St Edward's Presbytery, Coquet Avenue, Whitley Bay, from 2.00pm - 3.00pm, on Wednesday 4, 11 & 18 December 2024. As we prepare in Advent for Christmas, the commercial and social expectations can take over. This hour is an opportunity to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN to Our Lord as we prepare for the celebration of His birth! Come and join us.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 5 December. Helen Young will lead a 6 mile walk from Franklin Prison to Durham City and back. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

ADVENT SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS

There will be an Advent Service of readings and hymns at 7.00pm on Thursday 5 December at Immaculate Heart Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this reflective time to celebrate God's promise of Jesus, our Redeemer, and in prayerful expectation and preparation.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE TEA — ST MARY'S CHURCH

We will be hosting a Christmas' Festive Tea after mass **next** Sunday, 8 December after 11am mass at St Mary's. Any cakes etc. would be appreciated.

FUNDRAISING AT ST MARY'S & OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S — TODAY

Lauren Hastie, 6th form student at St Thomas More Academy will be making an appeal after Mass in both churches to cover her costs as a volunteer to assist the sick and disabled pilgrims in Lourdes. She has to raise her own air fare and expenses and would welcome donations. She will also have cakes and a Christmas novelty stall in St Mary's Hall after the 11.00am Mass. Emily Ainscough from St Thomas More is holding a Book and Bake Sale for the same reason in St Oswin's Meeting Room after the 9.30am Mass. *Please support these fund raisers.*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PARISH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Parish Council has agreed that a separate Committee dealing with church buildings and grounds will be formed to report its work to the Parish Council and Finance Committee. If you have experience in these areas and are interested in joining this Committee, please email the Parish Office at olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk and leave your contact details. You will be contacted in due course.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Mission Today 2025 Calendar is freely available in both of our Churches. Supporters wishing to make donations for the December quarter can contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated to the September quarter.

OTHER NOTICES

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle on 7 December 2024 at 7.00pm. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and available from the Home. Please phone 0191 2731279.

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE — ADVENT ALMS

Please support those in our communities who are in greatest need. The focus is the free meal initiative at the Alan Shearer Centre. There will be an Advent Alms basket beside the Advent Wreath for donations.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Our Lady & St Oswin & St Marys	cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk	0191 2513770
Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

OLSS Parish Office opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4pm and Friday 9.15am - 2pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.
For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2527066.
Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

Confessions: Saturdays - 10.30am St Mary's, 5.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary
St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 30th November ST ANDREW, APOSTLE		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Charles Ward (KW)	
Sunday 1st December 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Sylvia Reay
Monday 2nd December	NO MASS			
Tuesday 3rd December ST FRANCIS XAVIER	9.30am Enzo DiMascio (MA)			10.00am Priest's Intention
Wednesday 4th December ST OSMOND		9.30am Marian Dimascio (PO)		
Thursday 5th December			10.00am Word & Communion	
Friday 6th December ST NICHOLAS	9.30am Word & Communion			
Saturday 7th December ST AMBROSE		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Catherine Joyce (SD)	
Sunday 8th December 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am CF (DV)		11.00am Zophia (GH)	9.30am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Monica Ramsay, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, John Kimmitt, Don Williams, Maureen Ruddick, Andrew Storr, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Pat Scott & Win Brown who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Mary Storey, David Hough, Gilmer Joseph Page, Patricia Smurthwaite, Theresa Lewis & Betty Harrison. May they rest in peace. Amen.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington: Contact the Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476. **RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, on 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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READINGS AT MASS

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER, 2024

First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R 1b

We say the Psalm together

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.
2. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.
3. All the LORD'S paths are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The LORD'S secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. 'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**