

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,
West Monkseaton, NE25 9PG

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

St Mary, Farringdon Road
Cullercoats, NE30 3EY
Our Lady & St Oswin, Front Street,
Tynemouth, NE30 4BX

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 7TH & 8TH 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. The Jubilee 2025 hymn sums up our Advent 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!

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

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

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

25 December, 9.30am Mass, St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth

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

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

FUNERALS

- 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vi Cranmer of Appleby Nursing Home, North Shields, who died on 1 December aged 84 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 3.00pm on 18 December at Whitley Bay Crematorium, followed by committal. May she rest in peace. Amen.

NEW LECTIONARY

The First Sunday of Advent marked 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. 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 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am before 9.30 Mass each weekday during Advent.

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.

READERS — RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Readers please read out loud the response after each verse in the Responsorial Psalm at Mass. Many thanks.

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 December in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE TEA — ST MARY'S CHURCH

We will be hosting a Christmas Festive Tea this Sunday after 11.00am Mass at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats. Any cakes etc would be appreciated.

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 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19
Tinned Meat/ stew/chilli/curry	Biscuits	Hot Dogs	Tinned Fruit

Day 20	Festive Extras
Tinned Pies	Christmas Crackers

LAST WEEK'S APPEAL AT ST MARYS Through your generosity, the collection and proceeds of the Christmas cake stall raised **£357.60** for which I am very grateful. This will be a huge help to my raising enough to allow me to volunteer at Lourdes. I will light a candle in the Grotto on your behalf. Thank you. *Lauren Hastie*.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL — YEAR 5 PUPILS AT MASS

We welcome Year 5 pupils at the 10.00am Mass at St Mary's Church on Thursday.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY STUDENTS AT MASS

Welcome to Year 10 students from St Thomas More Academy who will join us for 9.30am Mass at St Edward's Church on Friday.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE is this Friday (13th), 7.00pm for 7.30pm. There is still time to contribute to our Raffle.

ST MARYS & ST OSWINS RECENT COLLECTIONS

World Mission Sunday - **£245.86**, Clergy Training Fund - **£282.31** and Youth Sunday - **£174.50**. Thank you for your generosity.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
Our Lady & St Oswin & St Marys	cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk	0191 2513770
Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

CAFOD HEALTH CLINIC FUND

Thanks to everyone who came along to the cheese and wine fundraiser last Friday. We made £572 which brings the total raised so far to £2268.50.

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST EDWARDS

We would welcome some more helpers for two roles at St Edward's Church. One is Welcoming at Mass on Sundays and the other is to helping to count the collection. If anyone is interested, please see Derek Hooper for Welcoming and Bill Crumbley for the collection counting; both are usually at Sunday Mass.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 3 January. Pauline & David Warren will lead, so please meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 9.30am. We will go to North Shields on the metro and look at the art installations in the area. The walk will be approximately 5 miles and on good paths and tracks and we will return by metro. For further information contact Pauline or David on 07707894703 or 0191 2515404.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

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 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 Sylvia Reay (SK)
Monday 9th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE	9.30am Special Intention (BL)			
Tuesday 10th December OUR LADY OF LORETO	9.30am Cyril Wilson (AA)			10.00am Julie Phillips (KJ)
Wednesday 11th December ST DAMASUS		9.30am Teresa Murray (MHD)		
Thursday 12th December OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE			10.00am O'Keefe Family (JG)	
Friday 13th December ST LUCY	9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC)			
Saturday 14th December ST JOHN OF THE CROSS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am John Brennan	
Sunday 15th December 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am For Vocations (The Catenians)		11.00am Barbara Shippen	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, Grace & Oliver Robson, Sheila Clarke, Catherine & Ricci Hudson Storey, Maureen Smith-Price, Samantha Butler, Cath Peffers & Susan Ellis 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

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

READINGS AT MASS
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 7TH & 8TH DECEMBER, 2024

First reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R 3

What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

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| 1. When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. | 2. Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. |
| 3. Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. |

Second reading

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

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