

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

St Edward's Church, Coquet Avenue

Whitley Bay NE26 1EE

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Church Close

West Monkseaton NE25 9PG

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

St Mary's Church, Farringdon Road

Cullercoats NE30 3EY

Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Front Street

Tynemouth NE30 4BX

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 21ST & 22ND 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!

24 December, 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats - Fr Noel Colahan

24 December, 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay - Fr Christopher Warren

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

25 December, 9.30am Mass, St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth - Fr Chris Hughes

25 December, 9.30am Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay - Mgr Andrew Faley

25 December, 11.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats - Canon Christopher Jackson

1 January, 11.00am Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton (no shared lunch) - Mgr Andrew Faley

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stanley Calvert of Chathill, Northumberland, who died on 7 December aged 92 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 10.30am on 23 December at Tynemouth Crematorium, followed by committal. May he 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. The final date for any names to be included for St Edward's, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Mary's and St Oswin's will be 31st December 2024.

CHRISTMAS MASSES — GUEST CELEBRANTS

Welcome to Fr Noel Colahan who will celebrate the 6.00pm Christmas Mass at St Mary's, Cullercoats, on Christmas Eve, and to Fr Christopher Warren, Vice-Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, who will celebrate the 6.00pm Christmas Mass at St Edward's on Christmas Eve. Welcome also to Canon Christopher Jackson who will celebrate the 11.00am Christmas Day Mass at St Mary's, Cullercoats.

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.

CHRISTMAS THANKS AND PRAYERS

Thank you all very much for your many lovely Christmas cards and gifts, and messages of gratitude and support. We also say thanks to those who so generously decorated our churches and prepared the Christmas Masses. We also pray for our visitors, families and friends. May Our Lord fill you with His love this Christmas and shower you with His blessings for the New Year. Monsignor Andrew.

THANKS FROM WOODLAWN SCHOOL

Many thanks to all who contributed to Woodlawn School at Immaculate Heart Church at the Vigil Mass last Saturday. The total raised was £120.00.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — SVP 200 Club

Subscriptions to cover January to December 2025 are now due. The cost is still £12 per number and can those members still wishing to participate please arrange to provide this amount in cash or cheque payable to "SVP 200 Club" by contacting Bill Crumbley (07889 969639). If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Bill.

CONSOLATION TEAM — NEW MEMBERS

If any parishioners from St Mary's would like to join the Our Lady Star of the Sea Consolation Team, please contact Joe James at jjames9241@aol.com or Mgr Andrew.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST EDWARD'S

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST MARY'S

We would welcome some more helpers to serve tea and coffee after 11.00am Mass at St Mary's. Please add your name to a date on Hall notice board if you'd like to help. Thank you.

JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation and we'll be opening the Jubilee Year in our Diocese with celebrations at our two Jubilee Hub Churches on Sunday 29th December. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass and opening the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 11.30am and at St. Joseph's Hartlepool at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S & ST MARY'S — PARISH DINNER DANCE

A big thank you to all who attended last week. A great night was had by all and a special thank you to the Social Team and those who generously contributed to the Raffle.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — 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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — JOURNEY IN FAITH

CORRECTED DATE

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 January in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S & ST MARY'S

Please note the change of email address in the contact box below.

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Stephen will preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass** in the **Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2025 at 12:00pm**. As you will be aware Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee with the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Appropriately we have designated our Marriage Mass with the theme: "*Faith, Hope and Love*"; as 1 Corinthians tells us, and relating it to marriage, 'So now Faith, Hope and Love abide'. Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details: <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass> or scan the QR code on the poster using a smartphone camera; this will take you directly to the form or ring 0191 2433316 or email marriage@diocesehn.org.uk. Such certificates will be presented to couples by Bishop Stephen within our Mass. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.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 21st December		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Maureen Price-Smith	
Sunday 22nd December 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)		11.00am Teresa and Tom Witheridge	9.30am Isabella & William Mason (MC)
Monday 23rd December	NO MASS			
Tuesday 24th December	5.30pm Carols & Christmas Mass People of the Parish	7.30pm Carols & Christmas Mass Jeanette Forsey (PR)	5.30pm Carols & Christmas Mass Priest's Intention	
Wednesday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.30am The Kimmitt Family (JK)		11.00am Priest's Intention	9.30am People of The Parish
Thursday 26th December ST STEPHEN			10.00am Allan Muir (VM)	
Friday 27th December ST JOHN	9.30am Greta Worthen (PR)			
Saturday 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Patrick McCumiskey (TMCC)	
Sunday 29th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Maureen Cairns (AC)

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
Saturday, 28th December (during Mass)	Florence, Edward and Benjamin Laing

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, Martin 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, Peter, Maz, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Edwin Whalley, Rose & Tim Madden, Mary Smith & 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, Vi Cranmer, Stanley Calvert & Maria Mason. 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
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 21ST & 22ND DECEMBER, 2024

First reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the LORD: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. R4

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

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| 1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. | 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. |
| 3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. | |

Second reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." ' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

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