

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

St Edward's Church, Coquet Avenue
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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
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 4TH & 5TH JANUARY, 2025

The Cycle of Prayer

Advent & Christmas

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

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. The Jubilee Year began in our Diocese on 29 December with Bishop Stephen opening the Holy Doors at St Mary's Cathedral and St Joseph's Church in Hartlepool. Information about the Jubilee Year is on the diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — JOURNEY IN FAITH

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 STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The walk on the 17 January will be a short walk followed by lunch in The Cannon, Earsdon. Please contact Peter Weighill if you want a lunch, either by telephone on 0191 2512917 or email at peterweighill@aol.co.uk.

PEACE SUNDAY — 19 JANUARY 2025

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace was published last week and his theme is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The message speaks of our obligation to listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the Year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. Pope Francis asks us to seek the true peace granted by God to disarmed hearts and reminds us that disarming hearts is a task for everyone.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6:00 pm, 11 & 18 January.

St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10:00 am, 12 & 19 January.

All of our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

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.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — VOLUNTEERS

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.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S CHURCH — VOLUNTEERS

Our Lady and St Oswin's would welcome more volunteers at Sunday Mass in the following roles: Steward/Welcomers, Readers and servers of tea/coffee after Mass. If anyone is interested in any of the above roles please see Bob Kerr, Ben Hanratty or Maureen Dove in the meeting room after Sunday Mass.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — VOLUNTEERS

St Mary's would welcome more volunteers at Sunday Mass in the following roles: Steward/Welcomers, Readers, Bidding Prayers Writers, and servers of tea/coffee after Mass. If anyone is interested in any of the above roles please see Kath Kelly in the meeting room after Sunday Mass.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK

Thank you for all of your donations to the food bank in 2024. Our Parish is known for its generosity and you have not disappointed. The next collection is on Monday 6 January and the Food Bank is currently in need of long life milk, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, pot noodles & baby food – tins/packets/jars etc. Thank you.

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

The Christmas Collection taken at Masses will be shared amongst 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions as to suitable charities please let Kath Kelly know or put your suggestion through the Presbytery door. *Thank you.*

SLEEPING BAGS WANTED

Do you have any sleeping bags you no longer need? If so, they would be much welcomed by users of Mary's Place Cafe in Newcastle, most of whom are homeless and rough sleepers. If you can help, just email Derek Hooper at derekhooper707@btinternet.com or, alternatively, see Derek or Jenny Hooper (on the Piety Stall) at St Edward's Church after Sunday Mass.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, SAN GIOVANNI ROTUNDA & ASSISI, 12—18 OCTOBER 2025

A pilgrimage for 2025 is being arranged by St Mary's Cullercoats and St Oswin's Tynemouth. The cost is £990 per person based on two people sharing, plus flights. Please contact Sue Oxley at sueoxley3030@gmail.com.

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

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

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear John Murray speak about Mgr Kevin Nichols: the poem. The meeting will be at Holy Name Parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Thursday 14 November at 2.30pm..

DIocese OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE

We invite you to the Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 2025 - For a Better Future. Guest Speakers are Mr David Gold & Mr Smajo Bešo OBE. This is to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau 1945-202 and the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide 1995-2025. The event is on Wednesday 22 January, 2025 at 7pm at St Mary's Catholic School, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7PE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Please email interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316.

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	

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office Opening Hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4.00pm & Friday 9.15am - 2.00pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 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 4th January		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Eric Holbourne (JG)	
Sunday 5th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)		11.00am John Convey (PA)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 6th January				
Tuesday 7th January ST RAYMOND OF PENAFORT	9.30am Enzo Di Mascio (MA)			10.00am Jean Conlon
Wednesday 8th January		9.30am Mary Graham & Peggy Lazzari (MME)		
Thursday 9th January			10.00am School Mass, Year 2. Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	
Friday 10th January	9.30am Word & Communion			
Saturday 11th January ST AEIRED OF RIEVAULX		6.00pm Edward & Enis Meenaghan (MM)	10.00am Elizabeth Briggs	
Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Maria Mason (JD)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST MARY'S CHURCH	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday, 4th January, 11.30am	Joseph Anthony Brian Legg	
Saturday, 11th January, 11.30am		Matteo & Marco Cordova-Cook

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: 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

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READINGS AT MASS
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 4TH & 5TH JANUARY, 2025

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement. | 2. In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth. |
| 3. The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. | 4. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. |

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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