

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY, 2025

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year is a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. The Jubilee began on 29 December with Bishop Stephen opening the Holy Doors at St Mary's Cathedral and St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool.

Information about the Jubilee Year can be found at: <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>. The link to The Jubilee Prayer is: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025-prayer/>

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grant Lawrence Mooney of Millais Gardens, South Shields, who died on 2 January aged 38 years. A funeral service will take place at 10.00am on 5 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Higgins of Coble House, Whitley Bay, who died on 16 January aged 91 years. Reception and Prayer Vigil will take place at 4.30pm on 6 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 7 February at St Edward's Church followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 3 February. Helen Young will lead a 6 mile route from Franklin to Durham City and back. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 11 February at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — POSTPONED UNTIL 21 FEBRUARY

It is hoped that the popular coffee morning that used to take place after Thursday morning Mass can be reinstated after the Friday morning Mass. To meet and discuss the possibilities there will be a coffee morning on Friday 21 February in the Parish Rooms after Mass. All welcome.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK

Thank you for all of your donations to the food bank in 2024. This week the Food Bank is currently in need of long life milk, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, pot noodles, meatballs & toilet rolls. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Forms for enrolment on this year's programme are available in the Narthex of both St Edward's Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. A return envelope is provided with full eligibility criteria and guidance. The forms can be returned by hand to a catechist before or after weekend Mass on 8/9 & 15/16 February. Please direct enquiries to 1holychommunionlss@gmail.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The total raised towards the CAFOD Health Clinic in 2024 was £2294.20. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this worthwhile cause. Watch this space for proposed events for 2025!

ST MARY'S CHURCH — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

A reminder that Children's Liturgy takes place at the 11am mass every Sunday (during school term-time) for all children of primary school age. For those children not yet old enough to take part in Children's Liturgy there are toys and books available in a basket at the back of church.

ST MARY'S SUNDAY MORNING TEA AND COFFEE — VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

In the 12 months from 14 January 2024 to 26 January 2025 your voluntary donations for refreshments after 11am mass on Sundays has raised **£1141.99** for charity. Details of where these donations have been sent are available on the notice board.

ST MARY'S, & OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S — CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

A reminder that the remaining preparation sessions will be on 16 February, 23 March and 11 May. The First Holy Communion Mass will be at St Mary's Church on Saturday 17 May at 10am.

ST MARY'S BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

The Rosary is prayed every weekday (Mon-Sat) at 9.30am. *Everyone welcome.*

SLEEPING BAGS WANTED

MORE sleeping bags!?! Yes, the organisers of Mary's Place would like to express their sincere thanks to our parishioners for their generosity. Around 20 sleeping bags and mats were delivered from the Parish last week - and all went within 3 hours! More would still be welcome and the question is:- are there more out there, unused, in cupboards and lofts, maybe since children have left home and camping holidays have passed? Anyway, if so, again contact Derek at derekhooper707@btinternet.com or see Derek or Jenny Hooper at 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Edwards, if possible by 21st February. Thanks so much.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — VOLUNTEERS

St Mary's would welcome more volunteers at Sunday Mass in the following roles: Hall Committee, Stewards/ Welcomers, Readers, Bidding Prayers Writers, and Servers of tea/coffee after Sunday 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 — PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15 JANUARY

The Pastoral Parish Council met on 15 January. This was an open meeting for parishioners to attend. Items discussed included St. Edmund's Backworth where the question of the existing pews was mentioned. They are in good condition and whether they could replace some of the pews at St Edward's in need of refurbishment is under consideration. An estimate of the costs of refurbishment is being obtained.

A Social Committee report confirmed the amount raised last year towards the CAFOD Medical Centre was £2,294 with the target to reach being £4,000. Several events are under consideration for 2025.

The new Buildings and Grounds Committee has been formed and will be meeting shortly.

As Julie our Parish Secretary is retiring in April the Parish are liaising with the Diocesan HR Department with a view to advertising for the position. A Working Party from the Parish will be involved in the interview process.

Parishioners who attended the meeting raised a number of points concerning advertising of Church services at Advent and Easter, the extended use of social media by the Parish, greater provision for families at our services and the potential use of card readers at services. All of these will be considered further.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH — KEYS/FOBS

We no longer have spare front door keys or alarms fobs for Immaculate Heart Church. These are expensive to buy so if you have either of these and don't need them any longer, please bring them to the Parish office, or let us know and we can arrange collection. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

If you lead a group or activity in the Parish, please remember that new volunteers need to complete a Volunteer Registration form. These can be obtained from any of the Parish Safeguarding Representatives (Margaret Scott, Carol Myers, Derek Hooper, Maureen Dove or Sheelagh Cassidy) who can indicate whether the role requires a DBS check. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

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. In this year of Jubilee the theme of our Marriage Mass is: "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 at <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass>, or scan the QR code on the poster, or telephone 0191 2433316, or email marriage@diocesehn.org.uk. Certificates will be presented by Bishop Stephen within the Mass. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

A LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL LEADERS FOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Date: Saturday 15 March 2025. **Times:** 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am.

Location: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. **Cost:** £15.00 per person.

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. **Booking Deadline: Friday 7 March 2025. Booking:** please book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents or via the Parish office sign-up sheet. For further information please email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 1st February		6.00pm In Thanksgiving (MR)	10.00am Joan Bain	
Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Fred Stimpson (MS)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 3rd February ST BLAISE	NO MASS			
Tuesday 4th February	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)			10.00am Mavis Rennolds
Wednesday 5th February ST AGATHA	10.00am Requiem Mass Grant Mooney			
Thursday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	4.30pm Reception & Prayer Vigil - Sheila Higgins		10.00am School Mass Year 4 Kathleen Loxley	
Friday 7th February	11.00am Requiem Mass Sheila Higgins			
Saturday 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Kathleen Brannon	
Sunday 9th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mary Storey (PR)		11.00am Angelo & Amelia Di Mascio (TM)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Saturday 1st February, 11.30am

Conor Caolan Marlow-Krzyzyk

Saturday 8th February, 11.30am

Delphi Buchanan

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, Gay Keenaghan, Maureen Ruddick, George Grealy, Lisa Stimpson, Tim & Rose Madden, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Grace & Oliver Robson, Samantha Butler, Martin Sanderson & Brendan Nolan who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Stanley Calvert, Maria Mason, Grant Mooney, Jim Hudson, Sheila Higgins, Mavis Rennolds, Tony Ellenbroek, Miekky Korsten & Luke (19 yrs old). 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
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY, 2025

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

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| 1. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! | 2. Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;
the LORD, the valiant in war. |
| 3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! | 4. Who is this king of glory?
He, the LORD of hosts,
he is the king of glory. |

Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

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