

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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7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 22ND & 23RD 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 Giovanna Hyde of Kendal House, Whitley Bay, who died on 13 February aged 99 years. Reception and Vigil of Prayer will take place at 4.30pm on 6 March at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by Requiem Mass at 10.00am on 7 March, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK, SUNDAY 23

FEBRUARY 2025 — RETIRING COLLECTION

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and a second collection will be taken.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER — SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for The Unemployed.

ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — PARISHIONERS' MEETINGS

Fr Chris and Mgr Andrew would like to meet with parishioners who attend St Oswin's in the church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 February and with parishioners who attend St Mary's in the hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26 February. The meetings are to give parishioners the opportunity to share their views about how parish life is going and to look to the future. All are welcome to attend.

MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS — 26 FEBRUARY

It is intended to have a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday 26 February after 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church to discuss Holy Communion being given under both kinds. It would be of assistance if as many Eucharistic Ministers as possible are able to attend.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 27 February at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 4 March. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk in the Derwent Valley. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

HMP DURHAM — GRATEFUL THANKS

Felicity Penney, the Catholic Chaplain at Durham Prison, thanks parishioners for the generous gift of the Tabernacle from Our Lady's & St Edmund's Church, Backworth, which is now in St Cuthbert's Chapel in the prison. The Bishop has given his approval for the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved in St Cuthbert's Chapel in HMP Durham.

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

A reminder that the remaining preparation sessions will be on 23 March and 11 May. The First Holy Communion Mass will be at St Mary's Church on Saturday 17 May at 10.00am.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK

Thank you for all of your recent donations to the food bank. This week the food bank is in need of tinned rice pudding, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned meat – spam etc. & baby food – tins/packets/jars etc. Thank you.

CHARITY DONATION FROM ST MARY'S & ST OSWIN

Following our parish Christmas meal we were pleased to be able to donate £100 to a local charity. The charity chosen this year was Sarah's Star. Sarah's Star was founded by Sarah Harrison, a mum of two and a member of our parish and school communities. Sarah was diagnosed with incurable breast cancer in 2019. Sarah's Star supports people living with incurable and palliative illnesses, as well as their families and NHS health professionals in the North East.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

We have taken a subscription out for the above and a small amount are available at the back of each church every month. The cost is £1.50 each and an envelope is available for your payment.

KIMMITT FAMILY THANKS

John Kimmitt would like to thank everyone who has prayed and sent best wishes for the return to health of Martin Kimmitt. Your support has meant a great deal.

OTHER NOTICES

THE DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION invites you to a workshop focussing on using the Abbey Psalms at Mass. It will be held on Saturday 1 March from 2-4pm at St Michael's Houghton-le-Spring. There is no charge for the workshop. The workshop will be led by Steven Maxson, Director of Music for Middlesbrough Diocese and is open to everyone. It will be of particular relevance to those involved in music for the liturgy in our parishes and schools. For further details and booking please go to https://bit.ly/DCMA_Psalms or email DCMA@diocesehn.org.uk.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 — "I made you wonderful"

We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 7 March. There are three services. Afternoon services at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Wallsend Road, Chirton, North Shields, NE29 7AA and 2.00pm at the Baptist Church on Park Avenue, Whitley Bay. An Evening service is 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats, NE30 3LJ. The theme is "I made you wonderful" and has been written by the women of the Cook Islands. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

WEBINAR: SEEDS OF HOPE

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) in a webinar to find out more about the DEG and what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment. Date: Saturday 8 March 2025. Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm. Details, instructions and Zoom link available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4cmj99>

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE — LENTEN APPEAL 2025

I want to thank you for your continued support. The kindness of parishes allows us to go the extra mile, enriching the care and support we offer to those who need it most. This Lent, I ask for your support for our Young Stars fostering group. Young Stars gives children in foster care the chance to connect with other children in similar situations, take part in activities and create lasting

memories. Your support will ensure these children feel valued and included, giving them opportunities they may not otherwise have. Chief Executive, Nic Gilbert. (For further information see poster at the back of church).

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

The Bible, History or Myth? Why it is important to know - The Newman Association invites you to come and hear Tony Flannery speak about this, in the church hall of Holy Name, Jesmond, on 11 March at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

YOUTH HELPER FOR THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025!

Are you interested in joining our Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2025 as a youth helper? Now is the time to register and secure your spot! By registering, you will receive all necessary forms that need to be completed as soon as possible. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to experience a unique spiritual journey. Register by the end of March 2025. Sign up at www.ymt.org. Hurry, spaces are filling fast!

DIOCESAN LITURGY COURSES

The Liturgical Formation Team will be offering a number of courses in Spring 2025 for Sacristans and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Sacristans - Gateshead

Venue: St Joseph, Walker Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 1LX.

Dates: Friday 7 and 14 March 2025.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sunderland

Venue: St Hilda, The Kings Road, Sunderland SR5 2JD.

Dates: Tuesday 25 February 2025, Tuesday 4 March 2025 and Saturday 8 March 2025.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Durham

Venue: St Patrick, Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ.

Dates: Wednesday 19 March 2025, Wednesday 26 March 2025 and Saturday 29 March 2025.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information on all courses and to register, or see the poster at the back of church.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk	0191 6432080
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 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Rita & Cecilia Di Mascio	
Sunday 23rd February 7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Deceased Members of the Riley Family (EW)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Terry Parkin (TS)
Monday 24th February	NO MASS			
Tuesday 25th February	9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)			10.00am Anna Urbanowicz (WPL)
Wednesday 26th February		9.30am Private Intention (KB)		
Thursday 27th February ST GREGORY OF NAREK			10.00am Maureen Mannering	
Friday 28th February	9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL)			
Saturday 1st March ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES		6.00pm Winifred & Bartholomew King (MME)	10.00am Mary Storey	
Sunday 2nd March 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Kathleen Dunston (AT)

Please remember in your prayers: Pope Francis, Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Monica Ramsay, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Gay Keenaghan, Maureen Ruddick, Freda Mastaglio, Brendan Nolan, Sheila Clarke, Peter, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Mary Smith, Lisa Stimpson and Tim & Rose Madden who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Grant Mooney, Jim Hudson, Sheila Higgins, Mavis Rennolds, Tony Ellenbroek, Micky Korsten, Luke McNichol, Giovanna Hyde & George Grealy. 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
7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 22ND & 23RD FEBRUARY, 2025

First reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

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| 1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. | 2. It is the LORD who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. |
| 3. The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD'S compassion is on those who fear him. |

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**