

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, CULLEROACOATS &

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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8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 1ST & 2ND MARCH, 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.

LENT 2025

Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday: St Edward's - 9.30am Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary - 7.00pm Mass

Thursday 6 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

Friday 7 March - Stations of the Cross: St Mary's, 6.00pm

Sunday 9 March - Rite of Election: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 3.00pm

Tuesday 11 March - Stations of the Cross & Mass: St Edward's, 9.00am

Wednesday 12 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Grealy of The Broadway, Cullercoats, who died on 18 February aged 85 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.45am on 12 March at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER — SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

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

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.

LENT 2025

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 5 March. There will be daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses from 9.00am (apart from 7 March due to a Requiem Mass). Stations of the Cross will be available on Thursdays, Fridays and Tuesdays and a Lent Study group will meet after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays. Further details including locations and times will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

ST CUTHBERT'S AND ST JOSEPH'S NORTH SHIELDS — ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

These will be at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am and at St Joseph's at 7.00pm.

On Saturday Mornings starting from 8 March there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30 and then Mass at 10.00am. The first two Saturdays of Lent are at **St Oswin's** - 8 March and 15 March (on 8 March Mass at 9.30, then Stations). The middle two weeks of Lent are at **St Cuthbert's** - 22 March and 29 March. The last two weeks of Lent will be at **St Joseph's**, although the final week will start at St Cuthbert's and a walk to St Joseph's - 5 April and the walk on the 12 April. Fr Chris will lead the walk.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart - Saturday 6.00pm Mass, 8 & 15 March. St Edward's - Sunday 10.00am Mass, 9 & 16 March. All our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

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 pies, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, long life milk, pot noodles, meatballs & biscuits. Thank you.

CHARITY DONATION FROM ST MARY'S & ST OSWIN'S

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, and their families and NHS health professionals in the North East.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SOCIAL GROUP

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our Parish Social Group and now would be an ideal time to join! Our primary goal is to deliver a range of social activities that bring our parish community together and, to enable us to do this, we would love to hear from people of all ages, especially younger members of the parish. Meetings are held every couple of months and last about an hour. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 March at 7.15pm in the upstairs meeting room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Please come along or for an informal chat, please give Lexi Brown a ring on 07857414585, or email brown.alexis3@gmail.com

ST MARY'S & ST OSWIN'S — MISSIO RED BOXES

The boxes are now due for collection. Please leave them at the back of church for collection or contact your collector. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

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 are at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Chirton, North Shields and 2.00pm at the Baptist Church, Park Avenue, Whitley Bay. An Evening service is at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats. 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>

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.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy:

Parish Secretary, based at Immaculate Heart Church, Church Close, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay NE25 9PG. Hours are 21 a week and closing date is 11 March at 12.00pm. Please contact us on 0191 2433301 or visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details.

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE — LENTEN APPEAL 2025

Thank you for all of the support you have given us over the last year. 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).

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR — IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Join the Sisters at St Joseph's Home on Saturday 29 March at 7pm to dance the night away and feast on Irish Stew & Soda bread. There is a licensed bar and tickets are £10. Telephone 0191 2731279 for tickets and see the poster for more details.

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/>

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	office.cullercoaststynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2513770
Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

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 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)
Monday 3rd March	NO MASS			
Tuesday 4th March ST CASIMIR	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)			10.00am Anne Headley
Wednesday 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am Tom, Margaret & Paul Thomson (MS)	7.00pm Maria Mason (AA)		
Thursday 6th March	4.30pm Reception & Prayer Vigil - Giovanna Hyde		10.00am Anna & Fred Bradley	
Friday 7th March	10.00am Requiem Mass Giovanna Hyde			
Saturday 8th March		6.00pm Helen Fung (SF)	10.00am Special Intention	
Sunday 9th March 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Bernadette Joyce (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Susan Ellis, Cath Peffers, Maureen Ruddick, Peter, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Grace & Oliver Robson, Roger Burton, Freda Mastaglio, Brendan Nolan, Sheila Clarke, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Pat Scott, Win Brown, 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, Mieky 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
8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 1ST & 2ND MARCH, 2025

First reading Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. ¶ cf. 2a

It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.

1. It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
3. Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

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