

# 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 LENT, LAETARE SUNDAY, YEAR C, 29TH & 30TH MARCH, 2025

### The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

### LENT 2025

**Tuesday 1 April**—No Stations of the Cross & Mass due to Requiem Mass at 11.00am at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

**Wednesday 2 April - Lent Study Group:** Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am (after 9.30am Mass)

**Thursday 3 April - Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

**Friday 4 April - Stations of the Cross:** St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, 6.30pm

### JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year is a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. 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 Monica Ramsay of Tynedale Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 9 March aged 90 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 1 April at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jonathan Legg of Heybrook Avenue, North Shields, who died on 10 March, aged 32 years. Reception and Vigil will take place at 4.00pm on 3 April followed by a Funeral Service at 10.30am on 4 April at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### THE NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND COLLECTION 5-6 April 2025

Please support this Collection so the Northern Brethren Fund can continue to financial support to the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. The Fund is open until 27 April. Private and one-off donations and Gift Aid donations can be sent to the Fund Treasurer, Father Ian Jackson, St Joseph's Presbytery, Coast Road, Blackhall, Co. Durham, TS27 4HW. Tel 0191586 4319, email [ian.jackson@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:ian.jackson@diocesehn.org.uk) or contact Fr Peter Stott, Tel 01670513410, email [peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk). Thank you for your support.

### LENT 2025

During Lent there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses from 9.00am. Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (unless there is a Requiem Mass) and a Lent reflection group will meet after 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

On Saturday mornings there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30am and Mass at 10.00am. The middle two weeks of Lent are at **St Cuthbert's, North Shields** - 22 and 29 March. The last two weeks of Lent will be at **St Joseph's, North Shields** 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.

### BAPTISMS AT ST OSWIN'S

Beatrice Smallwood will be baptised at St Oswin's, Tynemouth on Sunday 30 March. We pray for Beatrice and her parents as she is united in Christ and joins the family of our Catholic Community.

### OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — LENTEN ALMS FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CARE

You can find out how best to support this charity by visiting [www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk). A collection plate is available at the back of church for your donations. Also envelopes are available for those who might wish to gift aid their donation.

**NEW GIFT AID PLANNED GIVING, ST MARY'S & ST OSWIN'S**  
Envelopes will be available at both churches **today**. Please collect your box as you leave church. If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Michael Cassidy, the chair of parish finance.

## **OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Please return your envelopes as soon as possible.

## **GRATEFUL THANKS**

The family of Maura Lyons is grateful to the parishioners who attended her Requiem Mass on 25 March at St Edward's Church and, with members of the Consolation Team, gave them great support, which was very much appreciated. Many thanks.

## **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will take place on Wednesday 2 April. Jim Gunning will lead a 7 mile walk from Souter Lighthouse to Marden via Whitburn and Cleadon Hills. Meet at immaculate Heart Church car park at 9.30am. Further details from Jim on 07538327784.

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

Enrolment for this year's programme is now complete. Father Andrew and the catechist team are looking forward to introducing parents to the programme at their first meeting on Thursday 8 May at 7.15pm. The children will join us for their first preparation session at 5.00pm on the following Monday 12 May. Both of the above will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monkseaton.

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY — ST MARY'S & ST OSWIN'S SOCIAL GROUP**

We are holding a buffet and quiz night to celebrate VE Day on Friday 9 May in St Mary's Hall from 6.30pm - 9.00pm. Tickets will be on sale this week after the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's. Adults £5 per ticket, children £1. Due to the hall's capacity everyone attending, including children, must have a ticket in advance. Everyone is welcome and feel free to 'bring a bottle' if you would like a drink. We will also be holding a raffle on the night so would be very grateful for any donations of prizes. These can also be dropped off after Mass on Sundays.

## **OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK**

Thank you for all of your recent donations. This week the Food Bank is in need of tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, hot dogs, long life milk, sweet snacks – chocolate etc. & tinned fish – tuna etc. Thank you.

## **TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WITH DBS CERTIFICATES REGISTERED ONLINE**

If you get an email entitled 'Action Required to Renew your Update Service Subscription', it is important that you do this. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team tells us that many

people have ignored the email, which means you will no longer be registered online and, at the next renewal date, will have to present all your documents again. If you have any queries, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives - Margaret Scott, Carol Myers, Derek Hooper, Sheelagh Cassidy or Maureen Dove.

## **OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PPC MEETING 12TH MARCH - ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION**

The Pastoral Parish Council met on 12 March. Items discussed included the recent very positive report of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency in relation to improvements in Safeguarding in the Diocese. This is available to view on the Diocesan website. The pews at St. Edmund's will not be required at St. Edward's as the existing pews will now be refurbished in stages this year. The Social Committee are planning events for this year and details will follow in the bulletin. Applications for the post of a new Parish Secretary have now been received and interviews took place this week. The Eucharistic Ministers have agreed the proposal put forward by Mgr. Andrew to introduce Holy Communion under both kinds which will start from the Mass on Holy Thursday and will then be offered at our weekend services. The Committee is investigating the possible use of card readers in the parish and further information will be provided in due course. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 14 May at 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church and this will be an open meeting for any parishioner to attend. A reminder will be placed in the bulletin early in May. Thank you.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **OLD POSTAGE STAMPS, JEWELLERY & MEDALS**

David & Theresa O'Neill have been raising funds to assist the nuns of Little Sisters of the Poor carry on their wonderful work. They are not asking for financial help but rather by your donations of used postage stamps (any country or period), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country), broken or unwanted pieces of gold/silver jewellery & military medals from any conflict. If you have any old stamp albums or other items let David & Theresa know. Please telephone 0191 2645771 or email [david-oneill3@sky.com](mailto:david-oneill3@sky.com).

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School	<a href="mailto:stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk">stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk</a>	0191 2518080
Cluster Website	<a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	

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](mailto: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 29th March		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Theresa Lukey	
Sunday 30th March <b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.30am In Thanksgiving (RS)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Mary & Francis Wrightson (KJ)
Monday 31st March	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Tuesday 1st April	11.00am Requiem Mass Monica Ramsay, RIP			10.00am Brendan Nolan
Wednesday 2nd April		9.30am Eugene Mather (MH)		
Thursday 3rd April	4.00pm Reception & Vigil Jonathan Legg, RIP		10.00am Peter Leavy (MS) School Mass Year 1	
Friday 4th April	9.30am Paul & Patricia McGonnell (LMcG)  10.30am Funeral Service Jonathan Legg, RIP			
Saturday 5th April		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Nuala Byron (MS)	
Sunday 6th April <b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.30am Norman & Julia Judge (The Judge Family)		11.00am Anne Headley (CT)	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, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Terry Luckey, Maureen Ruddick, Peter, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Grace & Oliver Robson, Roger Burton, Freda Mastaglio, Sheila Clarke, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Dave Child, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Lisa Stimpson, Sandy & Tim Madden & Wendy Parker who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Maura Lyons, Brendan Nolan, Cath Peffers, Irene Suttie, Patricia Allen, Monica Ramsay & Jonathan Legg. 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**  
**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 29TH & 30TH MARCH, 2025**

**First reading**

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R cf. 18b**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good*

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,<br>praise of him is always in my mouth.<br>In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;<br>the humble shall hear and be glad. | 2. Glorify the Lord with me;<br>together let us praise his name.<br>I sought the Lord, and he answered me;<br>from all my terrors he set me free. |
| 3. Look towards him and be radiant;<br>let your faces not be abashed.<br>This lowly one called; the Lord heard,<br>and rescued him from all his distress.         |   |

**Second reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

**Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' " 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." '

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