

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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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 26TH & 27TH APRIL, 2025

The Cycle of Prayer

Eastertide

During Eastertide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; Survivors of Sexual Abuse; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

POPE FRANCIS, RIP

As a diocesan family we pray for Pope Francis who was called to the Lord on the morning of the 21 April. In this Easter Octave where every day is celebrated as Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of the Resurrection over death. We pray Pope Francis now shares in that victory and enjoys eternal life. We give thanks for Pope Francis' ministry as a Jesuit priest, Bishop in Argentina and finally as the successor of St. Peter. As Pope he always looked at situations through the eyes of the poor following the example of his Patron, Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a joy to meet in person and an inspiration to so many, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We commend Pope Francis to the Lord, eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in peace. +Stephen Wright, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Messages of condolence can be emailed to the Holy See at:

franciscus.angb@gmail.com.

EASTER THANKS – OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA & ST MARY'S

Our thanks go to all those from our three churches who made this Lent, Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and memorable. For the welcomers and flower arrangers, the musicians and cantors, the servers and readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the Journey in Faith catechists and those who prepared the Holy Thursday Altar of Repose and the refreshments after the Easter Vigil. Welcome and congratulations to Amelia, George, Max, Oliver, Richard, Stephen and Sue Anne who were brought into the full communion of the Church this Easter. Mgr Andrew

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CHRIS HUGHES

I would like to express my thanks to the community of St Oswin's for all your hard work for Holy Week and for being so welcoming, supportive and co-operative with the communities of St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's. Easter Joy to you all.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Scanlon of Redesdale Court Care Home, North Shields, who died on 11 April, aged 94 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.15pm on 9 May at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alex Brady of Hillcrest, Monkseaton, who died on 20 April, aged 86 years. A Funeral Service and committal will be celebrated at 1.30pm on 16 May at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year is a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. Information at: <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>. The link to The Jubilee Prayer is: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025-prayer/>.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 27 APRIL — ST MARY'S CHURCH

This Sunday the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, at 2.30pm. Thanks to Fr Noel Colahan who will lead the service. All are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Holy Communion under both kinds has been reintroduced at Sunday Masses at St Edward's, Immaculate Heart, St Mary's and St Oswin's. The chalices will hold a small amount of the Precious Blood to gauge the number of people receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. Once a chalice is empty, the minister will return it to the side table and Holy Communion will continue with the Consecrated Host only.

FROM THE FAMILY OF LUKE MCANDREW

We send our deepest thanks for all the Masses, prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy we have received following Luke's sudden death at the age of eighteen. We have felt the warmth and love of the wider community uplift us in the sad days following his passing. A special word of thanks to Fr. Chris for his gentle guidance and wisdom.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND COLLECTION

The collection for Sick and Retired Priests closes this Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES AT ST MARY'S

We welcome the children and parents at Mass today.

CARETAKER, PAUL MALCOM — ANNUAL LEAVE

Paul our caretaker is on annual leave from Friday 18 April and he returns to work on Thursday 8 May. In his absence, volunteers are required at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 30 April after Mass to clear the church in preparation for Polling Day the following day. The church will need to be returned to usual use before the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Many thanks for all your help.

ST MARY & ST OSWIN'S BUFFET & QUIZ — VE DAY CELEBRATION

This is on Friday 9 May in St Mary's Hall from 6.30pm - 9.00pm. Also a Ukulele Band will be joining in with the music. All tickets are now sold. Feel free to 'bring a bottle'. We will also be holding a raffle on the night so would be very grateful for any donations. These can also be dropped off after Mass on Sundays.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — SOCIAL EVENTS

On Friday 9 May there will be an evening of Irish music and song at Immaculate Heart Church from 7.00pm onwards. Tickets are £5 each or £10 per family (bring your own food and drink) and will be on sale at both churches this weekend. All proceeds to the CAFOD Health Clinic fund. Contact Chris for further details on 07984963769.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 MAY

The next meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 14 May at 6.30pm. This will be an open meeting at Immaculate Heart for any parishioners wishing to attend. If anyone wishes to raise a matter for the Council's attention could they please contact the parish office on olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 15 May. Helen Young will lead a 7 mile route in the Tanfield and Causey Arch area. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 2512917.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA DATE FOR YOUR DIARY — SUMMER FAIR, SUNDAY 8 JUNE

We would love contributions to the cake, books and plant stalls please, and if you have any bottle bags, old or new, we would love to have them for our bottle stall. Also required are items for an 'Accessories Stall' so we would be grateful for any scarves, costumer jewellery, handbags etc. in good condition. Please place in the large plastic boxes at

the back of Immaculate Heart and St Edward's churches. If you can help in any way contact Chris on 07984963769. Thank you.

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, long life milk, meatballs, coffee & toiletries – soap/shower gel etc. Thank you.

THANKS FROM JULIE

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone for the gorgeous flowers, gifts and cards I have received on my retirement. I have loved working here for the past almost 6 years and it is a wrench to leave but you are in the capable hands of Helen Deane who will be marvellous I'm sure. Thank you to Father Andrew who has been so easy to work with and to all the volunteers who have kept me on my toes at times. Again, many thanks. Julie.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FINANCE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for someone with experience in finance and accounts who would like to help out with some work relating to month-end accounts on our OPAS Parish finance system. If you think you could help please contact the Parish Office on 0191 2527066 or email olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER ARRANGING

Calling all budding flower arrangers out there (excuse the pun!). We are looking for one (or more) parishioners to help with dressing the Altar with fresh flowers on a regular basis. The flowers will be paid for by the Parish. Please speak to Kath Kelly if you would like to help.

OTHER NOTICES

CHARITY CONCERT ON BEHALF OF THE BAY FOODBANK

This takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday 26 April at Holy Saviour Church, Tynemouth. Enjoy a wonderful evening of singing with the choirs 'Tyneside A Cappella' and 'Compass Acapella'. Tickets cost £10, to be paid on the door. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE 1 MAY 2025

The next lecture is on Thursday 1 May at 2pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. Liam Temple: The Capuchins and the centenary celebrations of 1924. Guests are welcome and refreshments are available.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Cluster Website	www.norhtynesidecatholic.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
Easter Saturday 26th April		6.00pm Betty Harrison (TR)	10.00am Cath Peffers (MS)	
Sunday 27th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Noel Woodfine (AM) 2.30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 28th April ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	NO MASS			
Tuesday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)			10.00am Cormac Gray (MD)
Wednesday 30th April ST PIUS V		9.30am Catherine Sharpe (HS)		
Thursday 1st May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER			10.00am John Ollerenshaw (MS)	
Friday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS	9.30am Jacqueline Guillemain (MC)			
Saturday 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES		6.00pm Russell Starford (DK)	10.00am Brendan Nolan	
Sunday 4th May 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Isabella Mason (MC)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 27th April, 12.30pm	Devon Spark
Sunday 4th May, 12.30pm	Emelia Aurora Thompson-Korsbo

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Terry Luckey, Lynda Knight, Maureen Ruddick, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Wendy O'Toole, 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 & Madelain O'Donnel who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Cath Peffers, Irene Suttie, Patricia Allen, Monica Ramsay, Jonathan Legg, Cormac Gray, Betty Scanlon, Alex Brady & Pope Francis. 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
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 26TH & 27TH APRIL, 2025

First reading

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1

Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

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| 1. Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' | 2. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. |
| 3. We beseech you, O LORD, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O LORD, grant success.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD;
the LORD is God, and has given us light. | |

Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.' Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.' The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**