

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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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 5TH & 6TH APRIL, 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 8 April—Stations of the Cross & Mass: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 9.30am

Wednesday 9 April - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am (after 9.30am Mass)

Thursday 10 April - Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

Friday 11 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/>.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND COLLECTION 5-6 April 2025

Please support this Collection so The Northern Brethren Fund can continue to financially support 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 or contact Fr Peter Stott, Tel 01670513410, email

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 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.

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

On Sunday 27 April there will be a service at St Mary's Church in Cullercoats at 2.30pm. This will be lead by Fr Noel Colahan. All are welcome.

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.

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. 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 are available at both churches on Sunday. Please collect your box as you leave church. *If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Michael Cassidy, the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee.*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6.00pm, 12 & 19 April. St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 9.30am, 13 & 20 April. All of our children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

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.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025

The 2025 Confirmation programme for students in Year 9 or above will begin next half-term with Confirmations to take place in the summer. Part 1 of the course will take place on Wednesday 30 April and will run every Wednesday evening until the half-term break. Part 2 will begin with a Day of Recollection on Holy Island on 21 June, and there will be one preparation/rehearsal session before the Confirmation Mass on 16 July. Unless stated on the registration form, the sessions will take place at 6.30pm-8.00pm and will take place in the different churches of our Partnership. There will also be an invitation to join us for the annual Feast Day of St Thomas More celebrations in June as part of the programme. If you have any questions or queries, please do get in touch either by contacting the school in the usual way or contacting me via email at doconnor@stmacademy.org.uk. Damian O'Connor.

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, tinned rice pudding, toilet rolls & savoury snacks-crisps etc. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH COUNCIL 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. A new Parish Secretary has been appointed and will start employment on the 9 April. 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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA- FINANCE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for someone who would like to help out with some finance 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.

OTHER NOTICES

CHARITY CONCERT ON BEHALF OF THE BAY FOODBANK

This takes place on Saturday 26 April at Holy Saviour Church, Tynemouth. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND CAFOD

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22 to 27 June in London. Candidates must be over 18 years old, have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20 April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk.

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.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2528021
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St Mary's Catholic Primary School	stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk	0191 2518080
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 5th April		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Nuala Byron (MS)	
Sunday 6th April 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Norman & Julia Judge (The Judge Family)		11.00am Anne Headley (CT)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 7th April	NO MASS			
Tuesday 8th April	9.30am Marie Horsburgh (LL)			10.00am The Teague Family (GM)
Wednesday 9th April		9.30am Joan & Jim Faley (AF)		
Thursday 10th April			10.00am Pasquale Dimascio (TD)	
Friday 11th April	9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)			
Saturday 12th April		6.00pm James & Tony Harrison (BH)	10.00am Terry Luckey (Nee Mellon) (JM)	
Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Patrick McCumiskey (SMcC)	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, 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 & Madelain O'Donnel 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
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 5TH & 6TH APRIL, 2025

First reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad

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| 1. When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. | 2. Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. |
| 3. Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. |

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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