

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 OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S,

TYNEMOUTH &

ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS

Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Front Street

Tynemouth NE30 4BX

St Mary's Church, Farrington Road

Cullercoats NE30 3EY

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 24TH & 25TH MAY, 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.

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/>.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judith Hamblin of Seaton Crescent, Monkseaton who died on 16 May, aged 79 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 1.30pm on 5 June at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION — 31 MAY & 1 JUNE

There will be a second collection at all churches for World Communications Day on 31 May & 1 June.

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

The second collection on 17 & 18 May for The Little Sisters of the Poor raised £604.03. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR 2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Please note that next year's celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 6 June 2026. The sacramental programme will be open to all children in the Parish from Year 4 and above, who are baptised Catholics. Registration forms and details of the preparation programme that the children must attend will be available in the Parish next year.

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT AT AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from **Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 June**. For those going on the retreat, the balance will be due by Sunday 1 June. For any questions, please contact Pauline Keavey on 0191 2521790.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will be on Thursday 29 May at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church. Please book with Chris (07984 963769) or Deirdre (07963 570901).

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK

There will be no food bank collection at Immaculate Heart of Mary church on Monday 26 May due to the bank holiday. The following week we would be grateful for tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew etc., savoury snacks/crisps, tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni, coffee and toilet rolls. Thank you all for your generosity.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — SUMMER FAIR - 8 JUNE

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Summer Fair. We need bottles of any kind, accessories in good condition, cakes, plants, books, jigsaws, preserves and helpers! If you can help on a stall or come along and/or prepare things on Friday 6 June, we would be very grateful. For further information contact Chris on 07984963769.

ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Mary's would welcome more volunteers at Sunday Mass in the following roles: stewards/welcomers, Bidding Prayer writers, flower arrangers and tea & coffee servers after Sunday Mass. Please speak to Kath Kelly if you would like to help.

ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS — NEW TENANTS WELCOME

Welcome to the new tenants who will move into St Mary's Presbytery on 27 May. We respect their privacy as they settle into their new home. Thanks to those who helped get the Presbytery ready.

ST OSWIN'S, TYNEMOUTH — HEATH & SAFETY

Our thanks to Terry McQuillan who has looked after Heath & Safety at St Oswin's for several years. Welcome and thanks to Tim Grimes who has kindly volunteered to take over the role, which is much appreciated. Our gratitude also to Ray Calboutin, who continues to look after Health & Safety at St Mary's, Cullercoats.

ST MARY'S & OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S RECENT COLLECTIONS

Northern Brethren Fund **£173.70**, Holy Places **£112.00**, Myanmar Appeal **£136.00**, Daughters of Divine Love **£445.30**. Thank you for your generosity.

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

The PPC met last Wednesday at Immaculate Heart and items brought before the meeting included the current position regarding Our Lady's & St. Edmund's where the Diocese is entering into discussions with Northumberland Estates about the possible sale to the Estate. It is hoped that some of the pews still in the former church can be put to good use. Bishop Paul Mason, whose family have a long association with the former Our Lady's & St. Edmund's Parish has asked if he could take the former baptismal font and this has been agreed. An update was provided on the possible use of contactless payments in the parish and the general view was that their introduction would have positive benefits. There was unanimous approval from the meeting to go ahead with this. A Social Committee report was given indicating the events planned for the remainder of the year and after the recent Irish night, when £381 was raised, the CAFOD Health Clinic Fund now stands at £2675.20. Our Easter services were well supported, and thanks were expressed for the great collaboration between the parishes with regard to the musical preparation. It was a great blessing to see so many new people join the Church at our Easter vigil service.

OTHER NOTICES

LAUDATO SI' MASS

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24 May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical – Laudato Si'. All are welcome to attend. More information on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/laudato-si-week-2025-mass/>

SCIENCE AND FAITH — AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION

Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting at 5.30–6.45pm on Wednesday 28 May, at the Emmaus Youth Village.

STELLA MARIS PILGRIMAGE

The Stella Maris Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Island will take place on Saturday 31 May. For more information please see the poster at the back of church.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE — THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2025

The next lecture is on Thursday 5 June at 2pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. Madison Keightley-Phillipp: From the Home to the Cloister: The journey of English Catholic Women's Books. Guests are welcome and refreshments are available.

LECTURE — 'HOPE IN A TIME OF DARKNESS' MONDAY 23 JUNE 2025

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe** and respondent **Prof Anna Rowlands**. The lecture will take place at 7.45pm in the Galilee Chapel in Durham Cathedral.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.

CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW

On Sunday 22 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen, and starting at 3.00pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car to help Ushaw manage car parking requirements.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL — 28 JUNE 2025

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 28 June beginning with Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. The Department for Formation and Mission is offering a half-day on 'Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today's World', a Year of Jubilee Formation opportunity which will lead into the Festival. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10 (children under 14 free). All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. To request a booking form and for further information email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Tynemouth Priory Partnership	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

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 24th May		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Cath Peffers	
Sunday 25th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ)		11.00am Alan Jeffrey (JJ)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 26th May ST PHILIP NERI	NO MASS			
Tuesday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9.30am Sheila Higgins (A&LA)			10.00am Tony Stevens (TS)
Wednesday 28th May		9.30am Private Intention (PJC) 7.00pm Ascension Vigil Mass People of the Parish		7.00pm Ascension Vigil Mass
Thursday 29th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)			10.00am Terry Luckey (JH)	
Friday 30th May	9.30am Florence Palmejar (JP)			
Saturday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Bill Devlin (JD)	
Sunday 1st June 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Pat & George Murray (GM)

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, Layton Newton, Terry Luckey, Rebecca Smithson, Brenda Grant, Elizabeth Collins, Lynda Knight, Joseph Poland, Ryan Oswald, Maureen Ruddick, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Wendy O'Toole, Grace & Oliver Robson, Freda Mastaglio, Sheila Clarke, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Dave Child, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Lisa Stimpson, Sandy & Tim Madden who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Irene Suttie, Patricia Allen, Monica Ramsay, Jonathan Legg, Cormac Gray, Betty Scanlan, Alex Brady, Holly Gordon & 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
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 24TH & 25TH MAY, 2025

First reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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| 1. May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation. | 2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth. |
| 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. | |

Second reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

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