

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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♦ *Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.*

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 6 & 7 SEPTEMBER, 2025

The Cycle of Prayer

Autumn

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year is a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. Information at: www.diocesehn.org.uk//living-the-faith/jubilee2025.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Cunningham who died on 27 July aged 63 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 Noon on 9 September 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 William Strike (Bill) of Frankland Drive, Monkseaton, who died on 19 August aged 81 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on 10 September at Immaculate Heart Church followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Monica Scott of Beech Grove, Whitley Bay, who died on 25 August aged 81 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 12 September at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION — 13 & 14 SEPTEMBER

There will be a special collection at all churches for Catholic Education on 13 & 14 September.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WEEKDAY MASS TIME

The suggestion has been made by parishioners to move the weekday Mass from 9.30am to 10.00am at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart churches. This would make attending weekday morning Mass easier for more elderly parishioners, especially in the winter months. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on 23 September, which is open to parishioners. The meeting begins at 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church. If you have any thoughts about this proposal, please join the Parish Council meeting on 23 September, or speak to a member of the Parish Council, or email the Parish Office at olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk. Many thanks.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during Mass on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton - Saturday 13 and 20 September at 6.00pm and St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday 14 and 21 September at 9.30am. All of our children between 3 and 11 years are invited to attend.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES — RED BOX APPEAL

The Autumn edition of Mission Today is now available in Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches. We shall be grateful if supporters wishing to make donations for the September quarter could contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. Please could Red Box holders from St Mary's and St Oswin's contact your collector or leave your box at the back of the church for collection. Thank you to all who donated for the June quarter.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

This week the food bank would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, long-life milk, meatballs, coffee and toiletries (soap/shower gel, etc.).

OPEN EVENING ON CATHOLICISM — VOLUNTEERS

Fr Chris wants to organise with parishioners an 'Open Evening on Catholicism'. This would give people an opportunity to enquire about the Catholic tradition on Wednesday 24 September in St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats at 7.00pm. Those present will hear about: Belonging to a Eucharistic Community; Praying as a Catholic; Loving Service to others. If anyone is interested in helping Fr Chris please contact him at Chris.Hughes@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 2575801.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 17 September. Peter Weighill will lead a short walk in the Wylam area. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am to share cars. If you require more information, please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith programme for 2025 - 2026 will begin on 7 October. These meetings take place on alternate Tuesday evenings in St Edward's Presbytery meeting rooms, starting at 7.00pm and lasting about 90 minutes. They are open to all who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith, or know that they wish to become Catholic, or are already Catholic but wish to renew and deepen their understanding of their faith. Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while are also warmly welcomed. Please pass this message on to family or friends who may be interested. You can register interest by contacting the Parish Office, or Fr Andrew or Fr Chris Hughes. The Parish Office will pass on any queries if you would like to speak to one of the leaders in advance.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CAFOD FUND RAISING — HEALTH CENTRE IN AFRICA

On 27 September, we have invited Rachel Blaylock, our Diocesan CAFOD Representative, to come to our Parish to receive the £4000 cheque we have raised for the health clinic in Africa. This is a remarkable achievement in such a short time and the generosity of our parish community should be applauded. Well done everyone!

PIZZA NIGHT

You are invited to a pizza night on Friday 12 September at 7.00pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Tickets will be on sale from 23 August after Mass at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. Entertainment will be provided by the Bay Ukes and tickets will be £8 each or £20 for a family ticket; bring your own wine/beer/juice/champagne.

ST OSWIN AND ST MARY'S — KEY HOLDERS

Kath Kelly is currently updating the information on key holders for both churches. Would anyone who holds a church key for St Oswin's or St Mary's Church (for any area) please email Kath at St Mary's Parish Office at kath.kelly@diocesehn.org.uk giving the key number and which church and area it is used for. Also if you have a key in your possession but no longer use it, please return the key to Kath Kelly as soon as possible. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS GARDENING TEAM

We would like to thank the ladies who have recently joined our gardening team: Philippa, Barbara and Carmel.

OTHER NOTICES

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE — ACTION NEEDED!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you write to Peers with a message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds.

CAFOD PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND — 13 SEPTEMBER

In partnership with The Archbishop Romero Trust, CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 13 September. For more details, see the poster at the back of the church or contact Rachel Blaylock on 07779 804243 or at rblaylock@cafod.org.uk.

OLD TESTAMENT LIVE — 13 SEPTEMBER

St Andrew's United Reformed Church in Monkseaton is hosting an interactive event from 10.00am - 4.30pm, designed to increase understanding of the Old Testament. For more details, including how to book, see the poster at the back of the church.

EDUCATION SUNDAY — 14 SEPTEMBER

Next weekend is Education Sunday and the Diocesan Department for Education are asking parishes to pray for our Diocesan Catholic schools, their pupils and staff. In addition, they are using the opportunity to make an appeal for governors at the end of Mass. They are inviting headteachers, school or Catholic Education Trust staff and governors to make the short appeal. The narrative has been provided. Please contact Rebecca Daghish rebecca.daghish@diocesehn.org.uk if you are able to support. Thank you.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR — PIE & PEA SUPPER

St Joseph's Home in Newcastle is having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24 September at 7.00pm. There will also be bingo, a raffle and entertainment. Tickets are £8 each and are available from the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2528021
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2527066
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2513770
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk	0191 2518080
Tynemouth Priory Partnership	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office Opening Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm, 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, Cullercoats 5.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 6th September MASS OF OUR LADY		6.00pm Alex Brady (LD)	10.00am Ruth Blakeley	
Sunday 7th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Dennis Dale (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 8th September THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	NO MASS			
Tuesday 9th September ST PETER CLAVER	12.00Noon Requiem Mass Clare Cunningham			10.00am Kathleen Hanson (JD)
Wednesday 10th September		9.30am Joan & Jim Faley (AF) 11.00am Funeral Service William (Bill) Strike		
Thursday 11th September			10.00am Deceased members of the Di Mascio family	
Friday 12th September THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY	10.00am Requiem Mass Eileen Monica Scott			
Saturday 13th September ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Clare Cunningham (MS)	
Sunday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am Tim Caulfield (J&MR)		11.00am George & Ann Grealy (AG)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS

Saturday 6th September, 11.30am

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Nina Grace Tonks

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Layton Newton, Joan Tulip, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Pat Corbett, Tony Patterson, Rebecca Smithson, Joseph Poland, Ryan Oswald, Maureen Ruddick, Luke Goodwin, Grace & Oliver Robson, Roger Burton, Sheila Clarke, Mary Smith, Andrew Storr, Dave Child, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Lisa Stimpson, Sandy & Tim Madden, Leslie Knotts, Wendy O'Toole, Kathleen McNamee, Martha Mullins, Anne Cowey and David R, who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Marian Nesbitt, Clare Cunningham, Gilbert Rowell, Veronica (Vera) Bolam, Bill Strike & Eileen Scott. 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 — 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.
2. You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.
3. Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.
4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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