

# 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.*

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 20 & 21 DECEMBER, 2025

### The Cycle of Prayer

### Advent & Christmas

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**24 December:** 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Christmas Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats

**24 December:** 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Christmas Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

**24 December:** 7.30pm Carols & 8.00pm Christmas Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton

**25 December:** 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

**25 December:** 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth

**25 December:** 10.30am Carols & 11.00am Christmas Morning Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats

**29 December:** 10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Thomas Becket, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

**1 January 2026:** 11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats

**6 January:** 10.00am Mass, The Epiphany, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay & 7.00pm Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton

### FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Gannon of Eastside Gardens Care Home, Wallsend, who died on 4 December aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 30 December at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Christopher of Clifton Grove, Whitley Bay, who died on 10 December aged 89 years. A Funeral Service will take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 11.30am on 6 January 2026 followed by committal at Whitley Bay 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: [www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/jubilee2025](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/jubilee2025).

### ADVENT ALMS — ST CUTHBERT'S CARE

This Advent, St Cuthbert's Care is asking for your support for those who are in greatest need. There is a basket for donations at the back of church or beside the Advent Wreath. You can also make a contactless donation at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am before 10.00am Mass each weekday during Advent.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is celebrated during Mass on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saturday 20 December, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 21 December, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CULLERCOATS — MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE — 21 DECEMBER

There will be mince pies and mulled wine in the hall after Mass today. Everyone is welcome.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP CONCERT — 21 DECEMBER

The Children's Charity Group will be putting on a charity concert in the hall after Mass today. Savour a mince pie and mulled wine while you enjoy the performances — any donations will be gratefully received.

### MILL HILL MISSIONARIES — RED BOX APPEAL

The 2026 Mission Today Calendar is now available at Immaculate Heart and St. Edward's churches. If any supporters wish to donate for the December quarter, please 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 for the church for collection. Thank you to all who donated for the September quarter.

## **OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S CHURCH, TYNEMOUTH**

### **HEARING LOOP**

The hearing loop has now been reactivated for the benefit of deaf and hard-of-hearing worshippers. Please use the T-setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant.

### **PARISH SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE**

Helen is on annual leave from 20 December and will return to work on Wednesday 31 December.

### **OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Tuesday 6 January. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. Peter Weighill will lead a short walk from the Beehive pub and return there for lunch at 12.30pm. If you intend to go and have lunch, please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026**

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on Tuesday 20 January at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

### **TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP MEETING — THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE ROLE OF THE LAITY**

On Saturday 24 January 2026, following Mass at 9.30am, the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea will host a meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, to be led by Amy Cameron, the Director of Formation at the Diocese. The meeting, which will discuss the future of the Church is particularly relevant in the light of Bishop Stephen's Advent pastoral letter. It is open to all parishioners in the Partnership and will finish at 1.00pm.

### **SVP 200 CLUB**

Please note that subscriptions to cover January - December 2026 are now due. The cost is still £12 per number per year. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "SVP 200 Club". Please contact Bill Crumbley on 07889 969639 with your subs. Thank you for your continued support.

### **LUNCHEON CLUB THANKS**

A huge 'Thank You' to all the volunteers who served us such a delicious Christmas lunch. Throughout the year we are given a very warm welcome and a beautifully presented and tasty lunch. The Christmas lunch was no exception with lots of festive extras, plus a heartwarming selection of carols and Christmas songs from the children of Star of the Sea School, dressed in colourful Christmas attire. Well done! Looking forward to Luncheon Club 2026. From all the Luncheon Club guests.

## **NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2026**

The Northern Catholic Calendar for 2026 is now available to purchase, priced at £8. Payment can be made by cash or, at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, also by card. If using the contactless machines to pay by card, simply select 'Piety Stall & Papers', 'Other Amount', then enter £8 and pay.

### **ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — STAMP COLLECTION**

If you receive Christmas cards in the post, please remember we collect used stamps for The Little Sisters of the Poor. Please leave your used stamps in the box on the window ledge in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

##### **Administrator – YMT**

Supporting the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and our small, dedicated team, we are looking for an Administrator to cover a period of Maternity Leave. Responsibilities include providing efficient administrative and operational support to the YMT team, managing correspondence, records and calendars, coordinating bookings, logistics, projects and event administration and handling financial tasks including invoicing, payment tracking and reporting. Please note this role is subject to an enhanced DBS check, and YMT cannot accept CVs. If you are interested, please request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at [annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk). The closing date for applications is Sunday 4 January 2026.

##### **Safeguarding Administrator**

Supporting the Safeguarding team, the Diocese is looking for an administrative professional who handles sensitive information with the utmost discretion and confidentiality. Similarly, you'll be a person who has an eye for detail, recognising the need for accuracy and precision. Salary scale - £26,000 to £27,768. If you are interested in applying for this 12-month Fixed Term Contract, please request an Applicant Pack by emailing Bernadette Aquino at [Bernadette.aquino@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:Bernadette.aquino@diocesehn.org.uk). Please note the Diocese cannot accept CVs. The closing date is 9.00am on 9 January 2026.

#### **ST CATHERINE'S CARE HOME – FATIMA VISITATION**

Do you have family or friends residing in St Catherine's Care Home, Newcastle? You are welcome to join in with the Fatima Visitation to St Catherine's, meeting at the entrance at 1.30pm on Monday 12 January 2026. There will be a procession to the chapel, followed by a holy hour of prayer for peace.

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

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Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080
Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	<a href="mailto:office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk">office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk</a>	0191 2513770
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	<a href="mailto:stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk">stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk</a>	0191 2518080
Tynemouth Priory Partnership	<a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	

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](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, 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 20th December		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Maria Alves (LA)	
Sunday 21st December 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am Mary Annan (TA)		11.00am Tom & Teresa Witheridge (PA)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 22nd December	NO MASS			
Tuesday 23rd December ST JOHN OF KANTY	10.00am Grant Mooney (AH)			10.00am Patrick McKumiskey (SMcK)
Wednesday 24th December	5.30pm Carols 6.00pm Christmas Mass	10.00am Marian Di Mascio (PO) 7.30pm Carols 8.00pm Christmas Mass	5.30pm Carols 6.00pm Christmas Mass	
Thursday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.30am Christmas Morning Mass		10.30am Carols 11.00am Christmas Morning Mass Sue McGregor (RMcG)	9.30am Christmas Morning Mass
Friday 26th December ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR	10.00am Clare Cunningham (PK)			
Saturday 27th December ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Tony Laggan (LL)	
Sunday 28th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Jonathan Legg (SMcK)	9.30am People of the Parish
BAPTISM		ST EDWARD'S CHURCH		
Sunday 28th December, 12.30pm		Felix Michael Kelly		
<p><b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Layton Newton, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliot, Alan &amp; Jim Hughes, Kathleen McNamee, Lisa &amp; Gerard Stimpson, Sandy &amp; Tim Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Wendy O'Toole, Pat Haddon, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Oliver &amp; Grace Robson and Andrew Storr, who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Win Brown, Sheila Heathcote, Angelique Cook, Manuel Caldeira, Lawrie Ashton, Martin Gannon and Bill Christopher. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>				

**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 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — YEAR A, 20 & 21 DECEMBER 2025

### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

In those days: The Lord spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

*Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.*

1. The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world, and those who dwell in it.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the rivers he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The clean of hands and pure of heart,  
whose soul is not set on vain things.
3. Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,  
and right reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the people who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

### Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. Alleluia.

### Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' — which means, God with us.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

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