

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

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♦ **Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley**

Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.

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, Farringdon Road

Cullercoats NE30 3EY

PEACE SUNDAY — 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 17 & 18 JANUARY, 2026

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

WELCOME CANON JACKSON

Welcome to Canon Christopher Jackson who will celebrate this weekend's Masses at Immaculate Heart, St Edward's, and St Mary's while Mgr Andrew is recovering from hospital treatment.

FUNERALS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Freel of Craster Avenue, Shiremoor who died on 11 January aged 94 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 3 February at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton followed by burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is from 18 January to 25 January, focusing on the theme "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Our local Churches Together organisation will hold a unity service at Whitley Bay Baptist Church at 6.00pm on 8 February. All are welcome.

RETIRING COLLECTION — 24/25 JANUARY

On 24 & 25 January, there will be a retiring collection for the SPUC White Flower Appeal in all our churches. At St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, you can also donate using the contactless card readers.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated during Mass on the second and third Sundays of each month — Immaculate Heart, Saturday 17 January, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 18 January, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP MEETING — 18 JANUARY

There will be a meeting of the Children's Charity Group in the hall after Mass this morning.

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.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The January edition of the Northern Cross newspaper is available at the back of Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Edward's, St Mary's and St Oswin's churches. Price £1.50.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 20 JANUARY

Please note that the next meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 20 January at 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church. This will be an open meeting for all parishioners. If you have any matters you wish to bring up, please speak to a member of the Parish Council in advance or email the Parish Office at olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 20 January. David Armstrong will lead a 6.5 mile walk starting from Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. We will follow the North Tyneside Waggonways.

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

On Saturday 24 January, 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 parishes and will finish at 1.00pm. Please note that, due to the meeting, there will be no Saturday morning Mass and Confessions at St Mary's.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, sweet snacks, chocolate, etc., jam/savoury spread and tinned fruit. Thank you all for your generosity.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to rising costs and our desire to maintain the highest of standards at Luncheon Club, we have come to the conclusion that we need to raise the cost of each lunch from £4 to £5. If anyone feels strongly that this is the wrong thing to do, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Chris on 07984 963769. The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 29 January at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris (07984963769) or Deirdre (07963 570901).

NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL — INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Council is proposing to impose parking charges every day between 9.00am and 6.00pm at Park Road car park opposite St Edward's Church, which currently has a 2 hour free limit during the week and unlimited free parking at weekends, and The Playhouse car park, which is currently always free. Further details are available on the Council's website at www.northtyneside.gov.uk under Statutory Notices. This will have a severe impact on the local community and especially St. Edward's Church and Whitley Bay Baptist Church Sunday and weekday worship. The deadline to object to the proposals is 29 January. The Parish has prepared a letter of objection and copies are available this weekend for parishioners at St Edward's, Immaculate Heart, St Mary's and St Oswin's Churches. Please add your name, address and signature to the letter and the Parish will arrange for the letters to be delivered to the Council before the deadline. Alternatively, you can voice objections via email to: democraticsupport@northtyneside.gov.uk.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CULLERCOATS — MUSICAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers to play keyboards or the organ at 11.00am Mass on Sundays for two alternate weeks every month. If you are interested, please see David Cassidy from the Music Group, or contact Kath Kelly on 0191 2513770 or email:

office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — 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 07889969639 with your subs. Thank you for your continued support.

GIFT AID 2024-25 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS

Acknowledgement letters relating to the parish Gift Aid claim for 2024-25 are now available. If you are a Gift Aid donor and require a copy of this letter, for parishioners from Our Lady Star of the Sea, please contact Helen at the Parish Office at: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or on 0191 2527066. For parishioners from St Oswin's and St Mary's, please contact Kath Kelly via email at: office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you!

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2026

The Northern Catholic Calendar for 2026 is now available to purchase, priced at £4. 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 £4 and pay.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

In 2026, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. Bookings are now open for the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31 July and return on Friday 7 August. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE — YOUTH SECTION REMINDER

A reminder that bookings for the Youth Section of the Lourdes Pilgrimage will close on 31 January. If you are interested or know any young people in your parish who may be interested in joining us, please get in touch as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to register interest, please email: evie.rea@ynt.org.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Tynemouth Priory Partnership	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 17th January ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Sunday 18th January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)		11.00am The People of Moscow (S)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 19th January ST WULSTAN	NO MASS			
Tuesday 20th January ST SEBASTIAN	10.00am Word & Holy Communion			10.00am Fred Stimpson (MS)
Wednesday 21st January ST AGNES		10.00am Mass		
Thursday 22nd January ST VINCENT DEACON			10.00am Mass	
Friday 23rd January	10.00am Mass			
Saturday 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES		9.30am Mass 6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 25th January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Irene Keenaghan (GK)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS

Sunday 18th January, 12.30pm, St Mary's Church	Naomi Rosie Millar
Sunday 25th January, 12.30pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Ella Christie & Fraser Christie

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Layton Newton, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliot, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Sheila Lamb, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Pat Haddon, Lisa & Gerard Stimpson, Sandy & Tim Madden, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Maureen Ruddick and Andrew Storr, who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Angelique Cook, Manuel Caldeira, Lawrie Ashton, Martin Gannon, Bill Christopher & Jeanette Freel. 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 THE YEAR — YEAR A, 17 & 18 JANUARY 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of me: 4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.'
4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those
who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to
become children of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of
the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I
myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.'
And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not
know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and
remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of
God.'

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