

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

♦ **We are Safeguarding Parishes respecting the dignity of all.**

♦ **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

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 24 & 25 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

We once again welcome Canon Jackson, who will celebrate this weekend's Masses at Immaculate Heart, St Edward's and St Mary's while Mgr Andrew continues his recovery 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.

RETIRING COLLECTION – 24/25 JANUARY

This weekend 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.

ADULT BAPTISMS & RECEPTION — 1 FEBRUARY 2026

During the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's next Sunday, three young men, Dylan Hodgson, Alexander Pringle, and Christopher Whiting, will be baptised/received into the Church. We thank God for them, for their faith journey so far and for the support of their families and parishioners.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on Tuesday 3 February at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026, our local Churches Together organisation will hold a unity service at Whitley Bay Baptist Church at 6.00pm on 8 February. All are welcome.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 29 January at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris (07984 963769) or Deirdre (07963 570901).

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026

The 2026 Sacramental programme for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin in April, with the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Masses being celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Saturday 6 June 2026. The programme is open to children from all schools within the Parish who are baptised Catholic and in Years 4, 5 or 6. You can pick up an enrolment pack in the Narthex at either St Edward's Church or Immaculate Heart of Mary Church throughout February. Alternatively, you can email the Parish Office at: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk to receive the information electronically. Enrolment will close on Thursday 26 March. If you have any queries about the programme, you can contact the catechists directly at: 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families as they prepare for this important step in their journey of faith.

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 251 3770 or email:

office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk.

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: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or on 0191 252 7066. For parishioners from St Oswin's and St Mary's, please contact Kath Kelly via email at:

office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — OFFERTORY PAYMENTS

USING GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Within our Parish, the number of parishioners submitting offertories using Gift Aid Envelopes has now decreased to a total of five across both churches. The minimum number of envelopes we can order is twenty, at a cost of over £100, which we feel is not economical to continue using. Many offertories are also received via bank transfers into the parish bank account, quoting envelope numbers, which is unnecessary, as long as your identity is contained in the reference box. We are contacting the existing users of Gift Aid Envelopes to explore alternative offertory arrangements, including Bank Transfers, Contactless Payments via the card reader machines in the churches, the Collection Plate at Mass or donating at the Parish Office. We are deeply grateful for the generosity that is shown by everyone in the Parish.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

St Mary's Catholic School, Cullercoats, is embarking on a new project called Angels of Love, to run alongside its Advent Angels project in December. The idea is that each child will be presented with a handmade, knitted angel which they will take out into the community to share with someone to remind them of God's love and joy. They would like to organise a team of knitters who will help them make 200 angels before December. If you are interested in sharing your talent, please contact Mrs Mercer in the school office on 0191 2518080 or at:

stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk to arrange to collect the pattern and resources for the angel. Many thanks.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/ chilli/stew, savoury snacks, crisps etc., microwave rice, tinned vegetables, tinned or packet potatoes and biscuits. Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

WORLD LEPROSY DAY — 25 JANUARY

Today we mark World Leprosy Day, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation.
www.johnbradburne.com, Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: info@johnbradburne.com

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Cleaner: at Sacred Heart, Great North Road, North Gosforth, NE3 5EB. Salary: £3,276.00 per annum, part-time, 5 hours per week. To apply, visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-sacred-heart-north-gosforth/>. The closing date is 12.00pm on Friday 30 January.

Parish Secretary (18-month fixed-term contract): at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE38 7HS. Salary: £10,537.80 pro rata per annum, part-time, 15 hours per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5 hours per day, start & finish time to be negotiated at interview). To apply, please visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-17/>. The closing date is 12.00pm on Tuesday 3 February.

HOLY ISLAND SVP SUMMER CAMPS 2026

Applications are now open for children in school Years 5-7 for Holy Island Summer Camps. The children spend a week in our centre on the island over the Summer holidays. Transport takes the children from Tyneside to our residential centre and all meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. For more information, please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Star of the Sea Primary School	office@sots.primary.co.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	

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
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
Monday 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS	NO MASS			
Tuesday 27th January ST ANGELA MERICI	10.00am Vera Bolam (J&MR)			10.00am Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS		10.00am The Cooke Family (PJC)		
Thursday 29th January			10.00am Bill & Mary Dynes (AA)	
Friday 30th January	10.00am Deceased Members of the Riley Family (EW)			
Saturday 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am	
Sunday 1st February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Enzo di Mascio (MA)		11.00am Sheila & Malcolm Boyle (AM)	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Oliver & Grace Robson, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Susan Drumgoole, Rose's Husband, 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: 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

Mgr Andrew Faleys 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

READINGS AT MASS — 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 24 & 25 JANUARY 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.
3. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

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