

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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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

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 31 JANUARY & 1 FEBRUARY, 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 welcome Canon Jackson, who will celebrate the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's Cullercoats this weekend.

FUNERALS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet 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.

ADULT BAPTISMS & RECEPTION — 1 FEBRUARY

During the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's this morning, 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. Please pray for them.

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.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council meeting in St Mary's Church Hall Cullercoats on Tuesday 3 February at 6.30pm.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

A reminder that the next preparation session for the children making their First Holy Communion is Sunday 8 February.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated during Mass on the second and third Sundays of each month — Immaculate Heart, Saturday 7 & 14 February, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 8 & 15 February, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew/Spam, pot noodles, tea bags and sugar. Thank you all for your generosity.

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 — 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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 4 February. Please meet at West Monkseaton metro station at 9.30am. Jim Gunning will lead an easy 5.5-mile walk from Callerton Parkway to the Airport metro station via Ponteland and Prestwick. We will return via metro from the airport. If you have any questions, please contact Jim on 07538 327784.

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.cullercoaststynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk.

ST EDWARD'S CENTENARY 2028

The Parish Council is to form a Steering Committee to plan the celebrations for St. Edward's Centenary in 2028. If you feel that you would like to contribute to this by joining the Committee, please contact the Parish Office to leave your details for consideration. Many thanks!

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 very grateful for the generosity that is shown by everyone in the Parish.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — CHARITY

UPDATE

The Social Group is pleased to announce that fundraising events in 2025 have enabled us to make a donation of £480 to the local charity, Sarah's Star. Sarah's Star was founded by Sarah Harrison, a mum of two and member of our parish and school community. She was diagnosed with incurable breast cancer in 2019 and sadly passed away in December last year. Sarah's Star supports people living with incurable and palliative illnesses, as well as their families and NHS health professionals in the North East. Fundraising from our social events throughout 2026 will go to support this worthy cause.

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.

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.cullercoastnemouth@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 — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 26 February at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris (07984 963769) or Deirdre (07963 570901).

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN VACANCY

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.

FORMATION WEBINARS

The next seminar in the series will be on Tuesday 10 February from 7.00-8.00pm and is titled '*Letting the Holy Spirit Lead and Really Listening*'. With guest speaker Fr Matthew Nunes, from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. A full list of all the seminars in the series, and a link to register can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils/>.

AFTERNOON CONCERT — 15 FEBRUARY

There will be a concert at St Bede's Church, Bedlington at 3.00pm on Sunday 15 February, called "Faith, Hope and Love", given by the 'Colla Voce Chamber Choir' and 'Four French Horns'. Tickets cost £5 and include refreshments available after the concert. For more information, please contact Deacon Stephen Boulter at St Bede's Presbytery on 01670 823 258 or email stephen.boulter@diocesehn.org.uk.

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>.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Teresa de Jesus de Aguiar (LA)	
Sunday 1st February 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Enzo di Mascio (MA)		11.00am Sheila & Malcolm Boyle (AM)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	NO MASS			
Tuesday 3rd February ST ANSGAR		10.00am Requiem Mass Janet Freel		10.00am Christine Morris (SS)
Wednesday 4th February		10.00am Terry & Tom Murray (TL)		
Thursday 5th February ST AGATHA			10.00am Dermott Hayes (MS)	
Friday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS	10.00am Vera Bolam (PK)			
Saturday 7th February MASS OF OUR LADY		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Maria Alves (LA)	
Sunday 8th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL)		11.00am Catherine & Francis Joyce (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish
BAPTISM		ST EDWARD'S CHURCH		
Sunday 8th February, 12.30pm		Elena Grace Moran		

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, Kathleen & Tony McNamee, 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: Lawrie Ashton, Martin Gannon, Bill Christopher & Janet 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 — 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 31 JANUARY & 1 FEBRUARY 2026

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free.
2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger.
3. The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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