

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, YEAR A, 3 & 4 JANUARY, 2026

The Cycle of Prayer

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

Advent & Christmas

FUNERALS

- 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 followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6 January is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and a Holyday of Obligation. Please see overleaf for Mass times in our two parishes. There will also be a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm on Monday 5 January at St Joseph's Church, North Shields and Mass at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6 January at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR THANKS & BLESSINGS

Many thanks for your wonderful Christmas cards and generous gifts, which are very much appreciated. A happy and blessed New Year to all. God bless. Mgr Andrew.

GRATEFUL THANKS

The Ashton family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Fr. Andrew and the parish family for all the love and support shown in so many different ways following the death of our beloved Lawrie. May God bless you all.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — CHILDRENS LITURGY

A reminder that Children's Liturgy takes place at the 11.00am Mass every Sunday during school term-time for all children of primary school age. For those children not yet old enough to take part in Children's Liturgy there are toys and books available in a basket at the back of church.

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 10 & 17 January, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 11 & 18 January, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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 11 January.

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP UPDATE

Our concert on Sunday 21 December raised £38 for the Newcastle Dog & Cat Shelter – thank you to everyone who donated! The next meeting of the Children's Charity Group will be in the hall after Mass on Sunday 18 January.

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.

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).

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

Collections will resume on Monday 5 January. The following week we would be grateful for tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew/Spam, tinned rice pudding, tinned or packet potatoes and baby food (jars/tins/packets). Thank you all for your generosity.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — 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, please contact Helen at the parish office on 0191 2527066 or email: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk

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 VACANCY

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. Please note the Diocese cannot accept CVs. The closing date is 9.00am on 9 January.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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	

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. There will be a procession to the chapel, followed by a holy hour of prayer for peace.

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.

HOLY ISLAND TERM-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you retired, semi-retired or just enjoying life and would like to give something back to the children of the North-East? If so, this could be for you. Holy Island SVP Vinnie's Camp is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen or with caretaking at their centre on Holy Island.

Commitment would vary from a weekend, to half a week, a full week or maybe more, and you would stay in our very comfortable Lindisfarne House. Without term-time volunteers our Summer SVP Vinnies Camps would not be possible and many schools in the North-East would not have access to reasonably priced residential holidays for their children. Applications are now open on our website: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>. For further information, please email barbarr@svp.org.uk.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMPS SUMMER 2026

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We would love to have more volunteers to help at our weekly SVP Summer Camps on Lindisfarne. Helping is a great thing to do and you will need to be prepared to give a week of your time over the summer holidays, have high levels of energy, patience, a sense of humour, be a team player, flexible and good at communicating with adults and children. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would, please see our website - applications for volunteering in 2026 are now open: <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 3rd January THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Lawrie Ashton (J&DJ)	
Sunday 4th January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)		11.00am Pat Scott (CS)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 5th January	NO MASS			
Tuesday 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	10.00am Mass for the Epiphany Audrey Beckwith (LL) 11.30am Funeral Service Bill Christopher	7.00pm Mass for the Epiphany		10.00am Mass for the Epiphany
Wednesday 7th January ST RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT		10.00am Word & Holy Communion		
Thursday 8th January			10.00am Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	
Friday 9th January	10.00am Enzo di Mascio (MA)			
Saturday 10th January		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Jim & Margaret Collins (MC)	
Sunday 11th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)		11.00am Lourdes Daomilas (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish
BAPTISM		ST EDWARD'S CHURCH		
Sunday 4th January, 12.30pm		Beatrix Eileen Cunningham		

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, Alan & Jim Hughes, Kathleen McNamee, Lisa & Gerard Stimpson, Sandy & Tim Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Wendy O'Toole, Pat Haddon, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Oliver & 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.

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 — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS — YEAR A, 3 & 4 JANUARY 2026

First Reading

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

1. O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.
3. He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**