

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 10 & 11 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

NEW YEAR THANKS

As we move into the new year, it is a good time to express our thanks for all the volunteering and activity carried out by parishioners in Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady's and St Oswin's & St Mary's. May God bless you for your commitment and enthusiasm. God bless. Mgr Andrew

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

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their parents/guardians to Mass at St Mary's today.

WELCOME CANON JACKSON

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reminder that Children's Liturgy of the Word 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, there are toys and books available in a basket at the back of church.

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

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

The next meeting of the Children's Charity Group will be in the hall after Mass on Sunday 18 January.

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 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.

CYBERCRIME PREVENTION TALK – 14 JANUARY

When, in the summer, we did listening at St Oswin's, Tynemouth, asking people to share their concerns, one of the concerns expressed was increasing cybercrime. I was informed that Police Officer Dave Tennant gives talks to local groups to raise awareness about cybercrime. He will be coming to St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, on Wednesday 14 January at 7.00pm. The talk will last about an hour. Please let family and friends know about this. All are welcome. Fr Chris.

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 — 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).

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/ chilli/stew, long-life milk, pot noodles, tinned pies, meatballs and biscuits. Thank you all for your generosity.

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

TYNE AND WEAR CITIZENS MEETING — 13 JANUARY

The AGM and next issues workshop for Tyne and Wear Citizens will be at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, from 6.00-8.00pm on Tuesday 13 January. If you would like to know more about community organising, you are very welcome to join the meeting. The Guardian recently featured an article about the community-organising work that the local Catholic Community has been involved with in North Tyneside. This article can be found at: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/dec/13/people-listening-anger-community-pride-north-shields-citizens-uk>. If you have any queries, please contact Fr Chris at: chris.hughes@diocesehn.org.uk or on 0191 257 5801.

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.

FORMATION WEBINARS

The next seminar in the series will be on 13 January from 7.00-8.00pm and is titled '*The way we work together: culture, constructive behaviours & not being a thorn in one another's side*'. With guest speaker Danny Curtin, Catholic speaker and facilitator. 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/>.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

Education Business Manager - Salary Scale £35,000-37,323
Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. You will be working in or have experience of education, ideally in a primary or secondary school setting. Similarly, knowledge and experience with Education Trusts will be distinctively advantageous. You will also need to show us how you have undertaken, reported upon and delivered professional evaluation processes, presenting findings for example to a committee, board or agency. You will lead on event planning, delivering no less than three annual conferences within the region, liaising with our Communications Manager. You will have the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion and confidentiality and have both excellent verbal and written communication skills. If you are interested in this role, please request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 12.00 Noon on Sunday 1 February although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13 February, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19 February

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.

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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 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
Monday 12th January ST BENET BISCOP	NO MASS			
Tuesday 13th January ST HILARY	10.00am Marian Nesbitt (B&HC)			10.00am Thanksgiving for the Safe Arrival of a Baby Girl to Jessica & Steven (MG)
Wednesday 14th January		10.00am Joan Tulip (POP)		
Thursday 15th January			10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Friday 16th January	10.00am Word & Holy Communion			
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
BAPTISM		ST MARY'S CHURCH		
Sunday 18th January, 12.30pm		Naomi Rosie Millar		

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, 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 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

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READINGS AT MASS — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — YEAR A, 10 & 11 JANUARY 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b-10. R11b

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
 bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters,
 the LORD on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of the LORD full of power;
 the voice of the LORD full of splendour.
3. The God of glory thunders;
 in his temple they all cry, ‘Glory!’
 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
 the LORD sits as king for ever.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father’s voice resounded: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

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