

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

St Edward's Church, Coquet Avenue

Whitley Bay NE26 1EE

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PARISH OF OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S,

TYNEMOUTH &

ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS

Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Front Street

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 21 & 22 FEBRUARY, 2026

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

LENT 2026

Sunday 22 February - Rite of Election: 3.00pm - St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

Tuesday 24 February - Mass including Stations of the Cross: 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

Wednesday 25 February - Lent Study Group: 10.30am - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton (after Mass)

Thursday 26 February - Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

Friday 27 February - Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm - St Mary's, Cullercoats

Tuesday 3 March - Mass including Stations of the Cross: 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

LENT 2026

During Lent, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at each church before weekday Masses from 9.30am (apart from Tuesdays). Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesdays (during Mass), Thursdays and Fridays. A Lent Study Group will meet after the 10.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church in the St Edmund's Room on Wednesdays. Further details including locations and times will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

PASTORAL LETTER

We listen on the First Sunday of Lent to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen. Printed copies are available at the back of church.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Geoffrey (Geoff) Stephenson of Elderton Place, Whitley Bay, who died on 12 February aged 87 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.15pm on 4 March at St Marys Church, Cullercoats, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Nora Mason of Countess Drive, Earsdon, who died on 14 February aged 68 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on 6 March at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Louise Parker of Village Court, Whitley Bay, who died on 16 February aged 94 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.30pm on 10 March at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

LENTEN ALMS

During Lent, there is a collection for Lenten Alms, to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. A collection plate is available at the back of church for your donations. At St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, you can also donate using the contactless card readers.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL, FAMILY FAST DAY — FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Friday 27 February is CAFOD Family Fast Day. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions, such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at: cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. At St Edward's and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches, you can also donate using the contactless card readers.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church if you would like to lead. Resources are available in the Sacristy.

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

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats on 24 February at 6.30pm in the office.

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 Church throughout February. Or email the Parish Office at: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk to receive the information electronically. Enrolment will close on 26 March. If you have any queries about the programme, 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.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

There will be a meeting in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass on Thursday 26 February, to review the use and future of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's. All are welcome.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA & ST MARY'S CONSOLATION TEAM MEETING — 3 MARCH

There will be a meeting for members of the Consolation Team after Mass on Tuesday 3 March in the meeting rooms at St Edward's.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

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

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 would like to contribute to this by joining the Committee, please contact the Parish Office to leave your details for consideration. Many thanks!

FOODBANK — OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA & ST MARY'S

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/ chilli/stew, jam/savoury spread, tinned custard, soup and baby food (tins, packets, jars, etc.). There is now a box for contributions to the foodbank both at Immaculate Heart Church and in the porch at St Mary's Church. Thank you all for your generosity.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

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

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN VACANCY

Role: Parish Finance Officer **Salary Scale:** £43,000 to £45,000 **Location:** St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. To apply, please request an applicant pack from Annie Leaver, Head of HR, at: annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date is Wednesday 4 March though we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will take place by Wednesday 11 March and interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 17 March. The full advert can be viewed at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 SERVICES — 6 MARCH

The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer is: "I will give you rest, come". We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 6 March. Please see below for details of local services. Afternoon service at 2.00pm, at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Eastfield Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE25 8LU. Evening service at 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats, NE30 3LJ. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available after all the services.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE TALK — 10 MARCH

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Michael Porteous speak about, and show, EIKONEΣ (Icons) in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 10 March, at 2.30pm. Michael Porteous, the Chair of the Newman Association Tyneside Circle, is an iconographer who has painted - or as is traditionally said, written - many icons. The talk will include an exhibition of icons both antique and by the speaker. What of Vlad Dracul, Rasputin, the Metatron, Mary Queen of Scots, the Four Holy Living Creatures and the obscure St Adam of Bristol?

FORMATION WEBINAR — 10 MARCH

The next seminar in the series will be on 10 March from 7.00-8.00pm and is titled *Discerning and Casting a Vision that Responds to Local Needs*. With guest speaker Jordan Kelly, UK Lead, Divine Renovation. 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/>.

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office Opening Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

Confessions: Saturdays 10.30am St Mary's, Cullercoats & 5.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 21st February		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Mass	9.30am Stations of the Cross & Mass
Sunday 22nd February 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am George Grealy (AG)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 23rd February ST POLYCARP	NO MASS			
Tuesday 24th February	9.30am Stations & Mass Marian Nesbitt (M&CMcA)			10.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th February		10.00am Florence Palmejar & Felix Ubasa (JP)		
Thursday 26th February			10.00am Mass with Reception & Year 6	
Friday 27th February ST GREGORY OF NAREK	10.00am The Cooke Family (PJC)			
Saturday 28th February		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Cecilia & Rita DiMascio (TDM)	
Sunday 1st March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ)		11.00am Mass	9.30am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Don Williams, Susan Ellis, Layton Newton, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliott, Oliver & Grace Robson, 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, Doratheia Meldrum, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall and Mary Hunter who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Janet Freel, Canon Bob Spence, Geoff Stephenson, Susan Swaddle, Mary Kelly, Sandra Mason & Margaret Parker. 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 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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READINGS AT MASS — 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A, 21 & 22 FEBRUARY 2026

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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| 1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. |
| 3. Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me. | 4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O LORD, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. |

Second Reading

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

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

