

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

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, Farrington Road

Cullercoats NE30 3EY

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♦ *Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.*

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 28 FEBRUARY & 1 MARCH, 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

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

Wednesday 4 March - Lent Study Group: 10.30am - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

Thursday 5 March - Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

Friday 6 March - Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm - St Mary's, Cullercoats

Tuesday 10 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.

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. Amen.
- 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Kelly, who died on 16 February aged 89 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 Noon on 11 March at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 1.30pm. 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

This weekend, there is a collection at all churches for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. You can also 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 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 March, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 8 & 15 March, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

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.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY - PARISH DISCERNMENTS

In his Pastoral letter on the first Sunday of Lent, Bishop Stephen invited every parish to consider, listen and discern prayerfully our future mission as a diocesan family. The Parish Pastoral Councils for the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady and St Oswin's and St Mary's will be determining the approaches for each of our parishes to contribute to this process, ensuring that all parishioners can contribute. Further details will follow when they have been confirmed. In preparation, all parishioners are encouraged to:

- Join the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy webinar on **Tuesday 3 March** at 7.00pm using the Zoom link: <https://diocesehn.org-uk.zoom.us/j/9167733173>. The link is also on the diocesan website. The webinar will explain the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy Discernment Toolkit and answer questions and support the process. It will be recorded and available on the Diocesan website to watch later.
- Read the materials the Diocese has provided to support parishes in their discernments. These include a Parish Toolkit to guide every parish's prayerful discernment of its mission and how we can work more closely in a sustainable way. The materials can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy/>. If you don't have the internet, please contact the Parish offices, to print the materials for you.

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 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: 1holychommunionolss@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families as they prepare for this important step in their journey of faith.

REFRESHMENTS AT ST EDWARD'S

Just a reminder that there are refreshments available after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's on a Sunday morning. All are welcome.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – WALKING GROUP

Gerry Latimer will lead a six-mile walk on Thursday 5 March, leaving Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am on foot to Shiremoor, then along the Silver Fox waggonway to Royal Quays Marina. The walk will continue along the Tyne to Tynemouth Priory and return will be by Metro. Don't forget travel passes. If you would like to join us for the first time, remember to bring a packed lunch. Further information, if required, from Gerry on 0191 251 6989.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES — RED BOX APPEAL

Collection is now due for the March quarter. Please could Red Box holders from St Mary's and St Oswin's contact your collector or leave your box at the back for the church for collection. Any supporters from Our Lady Star of the Sea who wish to donate, please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St Edward's) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the December quarter.

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

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, sweet snacks, chocolate, etc., pot noodles, microwave rice and tinned fruit. Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

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?

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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 28th February		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Cecilia & Rita DiMascio (TDM)	9.30am Stations of the Cross & Mass
Sunday 1st March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ)		11.00am Catherine & Francis Joyce (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 2nd March	NO MASS			
Tuesday 3rd March	9.30am Stations & Mass Paul & Kathleen Atkinson (MC)			10.00am Mass
Wednesday 4th March			1.15pm Requiem Mass Edward Geoffrey (Geoff) Stephenson	
Thursday 5th March			10.00am Mass Fenwick Lawson (St Thomas More Students)	
Friday 6th March	10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL) 11.00am Funeral Service Sandra Nora Mason			
Saturday 7th March SS PERPETUA & FELICITY		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Mass Canon Robert Spence	
Sunday 8th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Elaine McVeigh (AL)		11.00am Cath Peffers (A-M&CP)	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.

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READINGS AT MASS — 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A, 28 FEBRUARY & 1 MARCH 2026

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

1. The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.
2. Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

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

