

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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5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 7 & 8 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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY — 8 FEBRUARY 2026

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Racial Justice and the Victims of Human Trafficking.

ADULT BAPTISMS & RECEPTION — CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dylan Hodgson, Alexander Pringle and Christopher Whiting who were baptised/received into the Church at St Edward's last weekend. We thank God for them, for their faith journey so far and for the support of their families and parishioners. Please pray for them.

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 today.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Children's Charity Group in the Hall after Mass this morning.

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.

LENT - HOLY WEEK 2026 PREPARATION MEETING

There will be a Lent and Holy Week preparation meeting after the 10.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart on Wednesday 11 February in the St Edmund's Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend from St Edward's, Immaculate Heart and St Mary's Churches.

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.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The February edition of the Northern Cross newspaper is available at the back of all our churches. Price £1.50.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — VALENTINE'S TEA & CAKES

There will be tea and cakes in the Hall after Mass on Sunday 15 February. Any contributions of cakes will be very welcome and donations to Sarah's Star, the Social Group's charity for 2026, will also be gratefully received.

ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH — WC REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment to the disabled WC adjoining the church hall will commence on 16 February and will take approximately 4 days. This is earlier than anticipated due to a cancellation elsewhere. Unfortunately, this does mean there will be no WC facilities at the church from the 16 to the 20 February.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on 17 February at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

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

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting at St Mary's Church Cullercoats on Tuesday 24 February at 6.30pm.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 18 February. Please meet at Shiremoor 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 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 security of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's. All are welcome.

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 on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Pastoral Parish Council met on 20 January 2026. Items discussed included the Safeguarding Action Plan to be introduced in all Parishes. An update was provided on St Edmund's Backworth, and a report was given on the projected works at St Edward's being considered by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The next PPC meeting will take place on 24 March and a reminder will be placed in the bulletin nearer the date.

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!

CLEANER WANTED

The Sacred Heart Sisters in Newcastle are looking for a cleaner/housekeeper for their holiday/retreat house in Tynemouth. They need someone who is reliable but flexible, as the hours do not provide a regular income and work is paid by the hour. Cleaning services are only needed after someone has stayed at the house, which is at irregular intervals. If you would like to discuss the role or find out more information, please email Sr Sheila at: sheilamac8@aol.com to arrange a phone call. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOODBANK

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/ chilli/stew, long-life milk, sweet snacks, chocolate, hot dogs and tinned fish, tuna, etc. Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

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 at: stephen.boulter@diocesehn.org.uk.

CEDARWOOD TRUST — APPEAL FOR TRUSTEES & VOLUNTEERS

Cedarwood is a local charity based in the Meadow Well estate in North Shields, where it has been working for over 40 years to support and empower the local community. Our current mission is based on three strands: Nurture, Nourish, Thrive. Thus, we aim to support people, address food poverty, and help people with training and in other ways, to make their lives better. Originally church-funded, we have been self-supporting for many years but have maintained the Christian ethos to a large extent. Find out more at: <https://cedarwoodtrust.com/>. We are seeking additional Trustees to help with governance (oversight of our strategy and finance etc). This need not be a major commitment, though involvement beyond formal meetings is valuable. Experience as a trustee or governor, in finance, HR, business or many other areas would all be useful, but common sense and commitment are the most important qualities we need! We also welcome volunteers in various roles (including drivers) to strengthen our 'corps' of around twenty. If you might consider becoming a Trustee or volunteer, please contact John Appleby, Chair, at: john.appleby@cedarwoodtrust.com or on 07742 731766.

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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 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 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
Monday 9th February	NO MASS			
Tuesday 10th February ST SCHOLASTICA		10.00am Clare Cunningham (M&CMcA)		10.00am Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES		10.00am Private Intention (MJ)		
Thursday 12th February			10.00am Alan Holdaway (MR)	
Friday 13th February	10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)			
Saturday 14th February SS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS, PATRONS OF EUROPE		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Lawrie Ashton (AA)	
Sunday 15th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Giovanna (Jane) Hyde (AH)		11.00am Dennis Dale (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	
Sunday 8th February, 12.30pm, St Edward's Church	Elena Grace Moran
Sunday 15th February, 12.30pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Percy Evans Soares-Wilding Tobias Oscar Soares-Wilding

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, Andrew Storr and Dorathea Meldrum 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 & Canon Bob Spence. 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
Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

READINGS AT MASS — 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 7 & 8 FEBRUARY 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R4a

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

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| 1. A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously
and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice. | 2. He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD. |
| 3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

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