

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

♦ **We are Safeguarding Parishes respecting the dignity of all.**

♦ **Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley**

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

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 14 & 15 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.

LENT 2026

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday: 9.30am Mass - St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm - St Mary's, Cullercoats

Thursday 19 February - Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

Friday 20 February - Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm - St Mary's, Cullercoats

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

LENT 2026

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at each church before weekday Masses from Wednesday to Saturday from 9.30am. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and a Lent Study Group will meet after the 10.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesdays. Further details including locations and times will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

ST CUTHBERT'S, ST JOSEPH'S & OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

On **Ash Wednesday**, there will be Mass at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am and at St Joseph's at 7.00pm.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Saturday morning during Lent, starting from 21 February. These will start at 9.30am, forming part of the penitential part of the Eucharist, with the remainder of the Mass starting around 10.00am. The first two Saturdays of Lent are at **St Oswin's** (21 & 28 February), the middle two Saturdays of Lent are at **St Cuthbert's** (7 & 14 March) and the last two Saturdays of Lent are at **St Joseph's** (21 & 28 March), however on the 28 March there will be a walk from St Cuthbert's to St Joseph's, carrying a Cross, starting at 9.30am, with Mass starting around 10.15am. On each Wednesday of Lent at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's, there will be a **Lectio Divina** and Spiritual Conversation focussing on the Gospel of the following Sunday. All are welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

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

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.

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 14 February, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 15 February, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

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

15 FEBRUARY

There will be tea and cakes in the Hall after Mass this morning. Any donations to Sarah's Star, the Social Group's charity for 2026, will be gratefully received.

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 one of them. Resources will be available in the Sacristy. Beginning on Friday 20 February.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 20 February.

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.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — PARISH

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Copies of the minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 3 February are now available at the back of Church. The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be at St Mary's Church Cullercoats on Tuesday 24 February at 6.30pm.

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.

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 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 future of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's. All are welcome.

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, savoury snacks, crisps, etc., tinned rice pudding and toilet rolls. 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.

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.

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.

FORMATION WEBINARS

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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MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
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
Monday 16th February	NO MASS			
Tuesday 17th February SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER	10.00am Private Intention (PJC)			10.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th February ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am Rosemary Croton		7.00pm Amelia & Angelo DiMascio (TDM)	
Thursday 19th February			10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Friday 20th February	10.00am Holy Souls (J&MR)			
Saturday 21st February		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am 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
BAPTISMS		IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH		
Sunday 15th February, 12.30pm		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 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, Dorathea 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: 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 Faleys 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

READINGS AT MASS — 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 14 & 15 FEBRUARY 2026

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.
3. Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.
4. LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.'

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

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