

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

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE & MOTHERING SUNDAY, YEAR A, 14 & 15 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 17 March - Mass including Stations of the Cross: 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

Wednesday 18 March - Lent Study Group: 10.30am (after Mass) - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

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

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

Tuesday 24 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 on Wednesdays at Immaculate Heart Church in the St Edmund's Room. 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 Susan Marie Ellis of Queens Drive, Whitley Bay, who died on 27 February aged 65 years. A funeral service will take place at 12.00pm on 18 March at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Stewart of Village Court, Whitley Bay, who died on 4 March aged 90 years. A funeral service will take place at 12.00pm on 25 March 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.

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

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

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

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

A reminder that the next preparation session for the children making their First Holy Communion is Sunday 22 March.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PARISH DISCERNMENT

There will be two Parish Open Meetings at Immaculate Heart Church on 21 March and 18 April from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am (no Mass or Confessions at St Mary's) and refreshments will be available from 10.30am. 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 parish and diocesan family. The Parish Pastoral Council has organised these two open meetings for parishioners to contribute to this process. The meeting on 21 March will carry out a parish mission discernment based on the questions included with this weekend's bulletin, and the meeting on 18 April will look at the way forward for our Parish by responding to the Mission Discernment questions from the Diocese. Please try and attend both meetings or send your responses by email to olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk, or leave written responses in the box provided at the back of church. Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

OUR LADY'S AND ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH AND ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — PARISH DISCERNMENT

Any parishioners from St Oswin's and St Mary's who were unable to attend the open meeting on 14 March are encouraged to submit their reflections on the four areas of mission via email to:

office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk by this Wednesday, 18 March. Alternatively, you can leave a written response in the post box beside the outside door to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The four areas are: How we Serve, Worship, Teach, and Build Community, asking what is working well and where are the challenges? What courageous decisions today will allow future disciples to thrive here tomorrow? Prompts to guide this discernment were distributed with the bulletin at Mass last Sunday and are provided in Section E on pages 15-16 of the Mission Discernment Toolkit, available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy>. There will be a further Parish Open Meeting in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 28 March, 11.00am to 1.00pm, to consider our reflections on Mission and our responses to the questions we are being asked to consider for the report we return to the Diocese. All parishioners are welcome. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S CHURCH TYNEMOUTH

The church windows have been cleaned this week, inside and out, also a deep clean of the church and porch, and new door handles fitted. This follows a new accessible toilet installed next to the meeting room last month. Many thanks to Ian Goss from Mgr Andrew and the Parish Pastoral Council for arranging the work and to the Finance Committee for its support.

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 Maureen Stimpson (St Mary's) on 07910 052189 or Ben Hanratty (St Oswin's) on 07807 284510 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, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, biscuits and tinned fish (tuna etc). Thank you all for your generosity.

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: 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 Thursday 19 March. Helen Young will lead a 6-mile route from Rainton Meadows, taking in Hetton Bog and Hetton Country Park. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch Club is on Thursday 26 March at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

SVP — CANDLES FOR UKRAINE APPEAL

Candles are urgently needed for Ukraine (see letter in this month's Northern Cross). Candle wax, half-used candles, or even stubs can be used in the trenches for lighting and even heating. If you can help, put your candles in the boxes and bags near the doorways in church. Thank you. Pat Shinn.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The March edition of the Northern Cross newspaper is available at the back of Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Edward's, St Mary's and St Oswin's churches. Price £1.50.

IRISH NIGHT – 21 MARCH

The Little Sisters at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, are hosting an Irish Night on Saturday 21 March with a Ceilidh band, dancing, food and a raffle. Tickets are £10 from The Little Sisters on 0191 2731279.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 14th March		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Priest's Intention	
Sunday 15th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Harry Purdy (JP)		11.00am Anne Headley (CT)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 16th March	NO MASS			
Tuesday 17th March ST PATRICK, APOSTLE OF IRELAND	9.30am Christopher Chandler (MC)			10.00am Priest's Intention
Wednesday 18th March		10.00am The Malcolm Family (MM)		
Thursday 19th March ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			10.00am Deceased Members of the Flynn & McManus Families (AMcM) (Year 1)	
Friday 20th March ST CUTHBERT, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE	10.00am The Cooke Family (PJC)			
Saturday 21st March		10.00am Maria Alves (LA) 6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 22nd March 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am The McAlpine Family (BT)	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, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliott, Joseph Rooney, Oliver & Grace Robson, Pat Haddon, Lisa & Gerard Stimpson, Victoria & Jo Madden, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Mary Hunter, Anne Harvey, Patrick Smith and Sr Perla SMR who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Geoff Stephenson, Susan Swaddle, Mary Kelly, Sandra Mason, Margaret Parker, Ron Bolam, Susan Ellis & Kathleen Stewart. 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 — 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A, 14 & 15 MARCH 2026

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In those days: The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| 1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. | 2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of
death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. |

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

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