

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 LENT, YEAR A, 21 & 22 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 24 March - Mass including Stations of the Cross: 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

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

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

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 and on Fridays. A Lent Study Group will meet after the 10.00am Mass on Wednesdays at Immaculate Heart Church in the St Edmund's Room.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ian Dalgleish Daniel of Monkseaton Drive, Whitley Bay, who died on 1 March aged 88 years. A funeral service will take place at St Edward's Church at 12.30pm on 24 March followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Minto of Hambledon Avenue, Marden Estate, who died on 9 March aged 62 years. A funeral service will take place at 3.00pm on 26 March at Tynemouth 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.

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

Many thanks to all those who attended last weekend's Parish Open Meeting at St Mary's and to those who have submitted written responses to the questions in the Mission Discernment Toolkit. 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 STAR OF THE SEA — PARISH DISCERNMENT

Thank you to everyone who attended the first meeting on 21 March. Parishioners who were unable to attend are encouraged to respond to the questions distributed with the bulletin at Mass last weekend, either by email to: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or by leaving a written response in the box provided at the back of church. The questions can also be found 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 another parish open meeting at Immaculate Heart Church on 18 April from 11.00am to 1.00pm, when we will look at the way forward for our Parish by responding to the Mission Discernment questions in the toolkit. Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION MEETING — 26 MARCH

There will be a meeting for parents of children who have enrolled in the 2026 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme on Thursday 26 March from 7.30-8.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. The children's preparation sessions will begin on 20 April, with the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Masses being celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Saturday 6 June. 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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on Tuesday 31 March at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — 12 APRIL

On Sunday 12 April, there will be a service at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats at 2.30pm. This will be led by Fr Noel Colahan. All are welcome.

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.

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.

DBS CERTIFICATE RENEWALS

If you are a volunteer with a DBS certificate and you receive an email asking you to renew your yearly subscription to the update service, it is important that you do this. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team tells us that many people have ignored the email, which means you will no longer be registered online and, at the next renewal date, will have to present all your documents again. If you have any queries, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives - Margaret Scott, Carol Myers, Derek Hooper, Sheelagh Cassidy or Maureen Dove.

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.

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. and tinned pies/pasta/spaghetti/macaroni. Thank you all for your generosity.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

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

OTHER NOTICES

CONCERT AT ST CUTHBERT'S — 18 APRIL

There will be a concert at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, at 7.30pm on Saturday 18 April. The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir will be performing in aid of the charity 'Live Well with Cancer'. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the parish office on 0191 252 7066 or olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk.

FORMATION WEBINAR — 21 APRIL

The next seminar in the series will be on 21 April from 7.00 -8.00pm and is titled *Making choices that serve others: Discernment, Decision-making and Decision-taking*. With guest speaker Austen Ivereigh, Catholic speaker and writer. 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/>.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 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
Monday 23rd March	NO MASS			
Tuesday 24th March	9.30am Nida & Jose Neri Palmejar (JP) 12.30pm Funeral Service Ian Daniel			10.00am Pauline & Rodney Willetts (JW)
Wednesday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		10.00am In Thanksgiving (TR)		
Thursday 26th March			10.00am Agnes & George Beeching (PH)	
Friday 27th March	10.00am Paul Moseley (EW)			
Saturday 28th March		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Priest's Intention	
Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.30am Pauline Croman (MB)		11.00am Ken Keenaghan (GK)	9.30am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Don Williams, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliott, Joseph Rooney, Oliver & Grace Robson, Pat Haddon, Lisa & Gerard Stimpson, Victoria & Jo Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, 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: Sandra Mason, Margaret Parker, Ron Bolam, Susan Ellis, Ian Daniel, Kathleen Stewart & Janet Minto. 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 — 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A, 21 & 22 MARCH 2026

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

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| 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. | 2. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
LORD, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered. |
| 3. I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the LORD
more than watchmen for daybreak. | 4. More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the LORD.
For with the LORD there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in 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 resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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