

# 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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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 28 & 29 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.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

**Monday 30 March - Exposition & Mass:** 9.30am - St Mary's, Cullercoats

**Tuesday 31 March - Mass including Stations of the Cross:** 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

**Wednesday 1 April - Exposition, Word & Holy Communion:** 9.30am - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

**Wednesday 1 April - Lent Study Group:** 10.30am - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday 2 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Prayer at the Altar of Repose:** 7.30pm - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

**Good Friday 3 April - Children's Stations of the Cross:** 10.00am - Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton

**Good Friday 3 April - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord:** 3.00pm - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

**Holy Saturday 4 April - Easter Vigil:** 8.00pm - St Edward's, Whitley Bay

**Easter Sunday 5 April - Easter Day Mass:** 9.30am - St Edward's, Whitley Bay & 11.00am - St Mary's, Cullercoats

### 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.

### SECOND COLLECTION — GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

On Good Friday, there will be a collection for the Catholic community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

### SPECIAL COLLECTION — NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND

A special collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese will be made from Sunday 5 - Sunday 26 April.

### REFRESHMENTS AT ST EDWARD'S & ST MARY'S

Just a reminder that there are refreshments available after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's and after the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's on a Sunday morning. All are welcome.

### 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.

### 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, either by email to:

[olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk) or leave 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 findings of the first meeting and a way forward for our Parish by responding to the Mission Discernment questions in the toolkit. Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

### OUR LADY'S AND ST OSWINS & ST MARY'S — PARISH DISCERNMENT

Thank you to the Tynemouth/Cullercoats parishioners who attended the second parish open meeting on 28 March at St Mary's. Parishioners who were unable to attend are encouraged to respond either by email to:

[office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk) or leave a written response in the box provided at the back of church. The questions can be found on pages 20-22 of the Mission Discernment Toolkit, available at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy>. Mgr Andrew.

### **OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026**

Following the initial introductory meeting for parents last week we welcome all of the children and their families enrolled on this year's programme as they embark on the next step of their faith journey. Please keep all of the children and their families in your prayers. There will also be a Stations of the Cross service, at 10.00am on Good Friday, 3 April, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, where any children will be encouraged and supported to join in the service.

### **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.

### **ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — USED SPECTACLE APPEAL**

If you have any old spectacles you no longer need, we are collecting them for the Missions. Please leave them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, long-life milk, pot noodles and baby food (tins/packets/jars). Thank you all for your generosity.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **PEACE VIGIL — 29 MARCH**

There will be a peace vigil at 3.00pm on Sunday 29 March at Whitley Bay Cenotaph. Please join Whitley Bay Churches for prayer and reflection on the current world situation.

#### **CHRISM MASS — 1 APRIL**

Bishop Stephen will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1 April at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend this annual Diocesan Mass.

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

Role: Cleaner

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £7,862.40 pro rata per annum

Hours: Part-time 12 hours per week

Working Pattern: To be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Mary, Hencotes, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 2EB

How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-6/>

Closing Date: 12.00 Noon, 31 March 2026

Role: Parish Secretary

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £8430.24 pro rata per annum

Hours: Part-time, 12 hours per week

Working Pattern: To be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Mary's, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 7AB

How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-18/>

Closing Date: 12.00 Noon, 13 April 2026

### **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](mailto:olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk).

### **HOLY ISLAND SVP SUMMER CAMPS 2026**

Applications are now open for children in school Years 5-7 for Holy Island Summer Camps. The children spend a week in our centre on the island over the Summer holidays.

Transport takes the children from Tyneside to our residential centre and all meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. For more information, please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>.

### **PROUD CATHOLICS**

Proud Catholics is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. We are an established group within the Diocese and part of the Vicariate of Caritas. For further information, please visit: <https://proud Catholics.co.uk>. You can also find information about the group on the diocesan website, in the Caritas and Outreach section - Diocesan groups.

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk">stedwards.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk</a>	0191 2528021
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office	<a href="mailto:olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk">olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk</a>	0191 2527066
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:office@sots.primary.co.uk">office@sots.primary.co.uk</a>	0191 6432080
Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	<a href="mailto:office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk">office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk</a>	0191 2513770
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	<a href="mailto:stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk">stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk</a>	0191 2518080
<b>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</b>	<b><a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b>	

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](mailto: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 March		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Susie	
Sunday 29th March <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am Pauline Croman (MB)		11.00am Ken Keenaghan (GK)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 30th March			10.00am Fr Michael Sharratt, RIP	
Tuesday 31st March	<b>9.30am</b> Edgardo Palacio & Marta Cana			10.00am Priest's Intention
Wednesday 1st April		10.00am Word & Holy Communion		
Thursday 2nd April <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Private Intention (PJC)			7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 3rd April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 4th April <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8.00pm Easter Vigil People of the Parish			
Sunday 5th April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.30am Geoff Welton (EW)		11.00am Maria Alves (LA)	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: 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.

**PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

## READINGS AT MASS

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD — YEAR A, 28 & 29 MARCH 2026

#### Gospel for the Blessing of Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

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

#### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

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| 1. All who see me deride me;<br>they curl their lips, they toss their heads:<br>'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;<br>let him release him, for in him he delights.' | 2. For dogs have surrounded me;<br>a band of the wicked besets me.<br>They tear holes in my hands and my feet;<br>I can count every one of my bones.   |
| 3. They divide my clothing among them,<br>they cast lots for my robe.<br>But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;<br>my strength, make haste to help me!                      | 4. I will tell of your name to my kin,<br>and praise you in the midst of the assembly;<br>'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;<br>all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;<br>revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' |

#### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

#### Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (see separate booklet).