

# 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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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 11 & 12 APRIL, 2026

### The Cycle of Prayer

Eastertide

During Eastertide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; Survivors of Sexual Abuse; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

### FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Scott of Princes Court Care Home, North Shields, who died on 30 March aged 97 years. A funeral service will take place at 12.00 Noon on 16 April at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION — NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND

The collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese will remain open until Sunday 26 April.

### MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amy Shiels and Adam Boland who were married on 9 April at St Edward's Church. God bless them in their married life together.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This month, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday 18 April, 6.00pm and St Edward's Church on Sunday 19 April, 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 14 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

### ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

The Parish is embarking on a programme of essential repair and improvement work at St Edward's Church, based on the diocesan 5-year inspection report. The first phase of the work is the repair of the brickwork and windows on the church east front which, after 98 years, has become worn away with the weather. This work will start on 13 April and last for six weeks. The front of the Church will be covered in scaffolding with no access through the church main doors. The Narthex and Coquet Avenue doors will be open as usual for Mass and other services. Work is also planned for essential brickwork and window repairs to the church high-level tower. In the future, the pews will be refurbished, the Church redecorated, and a new heating system installed. Thank you for your continued generosity to support our Parish and churches. Parish Buildings and Landscape Committee.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PARISH DISCERNMENT

#### OPEN MEETING

Enclosed with this week's bulletin are the findings from the questions raised in the Mission Discernment Toolkit (Section E, pages 15-16) and discussed at the first parish open meeting on 21 March. All parishioners are invited to attend a second parish open meeting at Immaculate Heart Church on Saturday 18 April at 11.00am when we will look at a way forward for our Parish based on the responses received. Mass will be celebrated before the meeting, at 10.00am (No Mass or Confessions at St Mary's) and refreshments will be available from 10.30am.

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

The catechist team is looking forward to welcoming the children for their first preparation session at 5.00pm on Monday 20 April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 24 April. Gerry Latimer will lead a walk through the Bluebell Woods at Bothal. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am to car share.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 30 April at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

### ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

From Easter Sunday, the Blessed Sacrament will no longer be reserved in the chapel at St Mary's Church. The chapel is still open for private prayer, Confessions and other parish use. A key for the door will be kept in a key safe outside the chapel door. The code is '0000' and is available from the parish office at St Mary's and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

### ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP

The next meeting of the Children's Charity Group will be held on Sunday 26 April after Mass in the Church hall.

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

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

### **NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER**

The April 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.

### **SVP UKRAINE CANDLE APPEAL**

Thank you so much for the splendid response to the appeal for candles - the organisers are delighted. They are also desperately short of medical supplies e.g. over-the-counter medicines, creams, bandages, dressings, walking sticks and mobility apparatus. If you can help, please leave items in the boxes/bags near the doorways in church. Thank you.

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

If you have any 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**

Thank you for all your recent donations. This week the foodbank is in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, jam/savoury spread, hot dogs, tinned or packet potatoes and tea bags.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of every parishioner, whatever funeral arrangements are made. This will ensure that Mass is offered for their eternal rest in keeping with the Catholic Tradition of praying for the dead. Mgr Andrew.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL — CLOSURE**

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, will be closed for internal renovation work from 13 April until 29 May. The Pauline Bookshop and Café will be open as usual. Cathedral Masses will be celebrated as follows: Sunday, 9.30am and 11.30am at St Michael's Church, Westmoreland Road. Sunday, 6.30pm at St Dominic's Church, Red Barnes. Monday to Friday, 12.05pm and Saturday, 10.00am at St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street.

### **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). You can also pay on the door.

### **DIOCESAN VACANCY**

Role: Parish Secretary (permanent contract)

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

### **JOB VACANCY — ASSISTANT COOK**

An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook. Hours available: 37.5 hours per week, including evenings and weekends. Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful. For more information, please contact St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279.

### **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/>.

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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](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
Easter Saturday 11th April		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Clara Di Mascio (TDM)	
Sunday 12th April <b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	9.30am Julia & Norman Judge (Judge Family)		11.00am People of the Parish 2.30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9.30am Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)
Monday 13th April	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Tuesday 14th April	10.00am Private Intention (PJC)			10.00am Alec Turner (MT)
Wednesday 15th April		10.00am Lawrie Ashton (PJC)		
Thursday 16th April <b>ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS</b>			10.00am Jenny Laggan (LL)	
Friday 17th April	10.00am Charles Donachy (LD)			
Saturday 18th April		10.00am Susan Swaddle (MS) 6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 19th April <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.30am Jeff Blakey (MB)		11.00am Joseph & Elizabeth Coates (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish

**BAPTISM**

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

Saturday 11th April, 11.30am

Willow Eve Chapman

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Don Williams, Rona Halbert, Sheila Gibson, Margaret Elliott, Sheila Harrison, Joseph Rooney, Oliver & Grace Robson, Pat Haddon, Lisa & Gerard Stimpson, Victoria & Jo Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Kathleen & Tony McNamee, 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: Susan Ellis, Ian Daniel, Kathleen Stewart, Janet Minto, Kathleen Scott & Ann Tunmore. 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 — 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A, 11 & 12 APRIL 2026

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1

*Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.*

1. Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'
2. They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,  
but the LORD was my helper.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and salvation  
in the tents of the righteous.
3. The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

### Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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