

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

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY-VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 25 & 26 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.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2026 — PRAYER

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'. Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL — 25/26 APRIL

A special collection will be held this weekend for St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle. The collection will assist in the replacement of some specialised bathing units and also ongoing general refurbishment of the Home. If you are able to help, donations can be sent by cheque, payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/ or, at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Church, via the contactless card readers. No gift is too small. Every act of kindness helps to ensure that residents continue to receive the care, dignity, and love they so deeply deserve. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND

The collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese closes this Sunday.

FUNERALS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward 'Eddie' Mannering who died on 8 April aged 89 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on 8 May at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

CARETAKER ANNUAL LEAVE

Paul, the caretaker, will be on annual leave from Friday 1 to Friday 8 May.

ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS — CHILDREN'S CHARITY GROUP

The Children's Charity Group will meet this morning after Mass in the Church Hall.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on Tuesday 28 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

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

Last Monday we welcomed the children for their first preparation session where we learned about the Sacraments, why we gather together for the Mass, about the parish community, and how we became part of the family of God at our Baptism. We will meet again on Monday 27 April at 5.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church to focus on the Mass and the Liturgy of The Word. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026

The 2026 Confirmation programme for students in Year 9 or above will begin on Wednesday 29 April, with Confirmations to take place in the summer. The first session will take place from 6.30pm-8.00pm on 29 April at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, and meetings will run every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm-8.00pm, at different churches of our Partnership until the half-term break. The second half of the preparation programme will begin with a Day of Reflection on Holy Island on 20 June, and there will be a preparation/rehearsal session before the Confirmation Mass on 15 July. There will also be an invitation to join us for the annual Feast Day Mass of St Thomas More in June as part of the programme. If you wish to join the Confirmation programme or have any queries, please come along to the first session or get in touch with me via email at doconnor@stmacademy.org.uk. Damian O'Connor.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April are now available at the back of church.

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.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S WORLD CUP SOCIAL EVENING — 12 JUNE

There will be a World Cup-themed Social Evening from 6.30-9.00pm on Friday 12 June in St Mary's Church Hall. Join us for cheese/charcuterie, nibbles and lots of fun and games. Tea/coffee will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Tickets go on sale this weekend after Mass priced at £6 for adults and £1 for children. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

Essential repair and improvement work started on 13 April at St Edward's Church. The first phase of the work is the repair of the brickwork and windows on the church east front which, after 98 years, is worn away with the weather. This work will last for six weeks. The east front is covered in scaffolding with no access through the church main doors. The Narthex and Coquet Avenue doors are 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.

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 SPECTACLES 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

The foodbank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, Spam, meatballs, soup and toiletries (soap, shower gel etc). Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN - PASTORAL STRATEGY

Thank you to all parishes who have completed and returned their reflections as part of our diocesan pastoral strategy. I, together with others, look forward to reading and praying through your discernments in the Spirit. We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website. Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL — CLOSURE

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, is closed for internal renovation work until 29 May. The Pauline Bookshop and Café is 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI 2027

Led by Bishop Stephen from 22 – 29 October 2027. £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk) or alternatively via the parish office.

FORMATION WEBINAR — 12 MAY

The next seminar in the series will be on 12 May from 7.00-8.00pm and is titled *Disagreeing Well and Conflict Resolution*. With guest speaker David Wells, 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 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 25th April ST MARK, EVANGELIST		6.00pm Catherine & Michael Liszka (MR)	10.00am Ronnie Coyle (LL)	
Sunday 26th April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Maria Henderson (MH)
Monday 27th April	NO MASS			
Tuesday 28th April ST LOUIS MARIE GRIGNION DE MONTFORT	10.00am Patricia Donachy (LD)			10.00am Saji Mathew
Wednesday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRON OF EUROPE		10.00am Cyril Wilson (AA)		
Thursday 30th April ST PIUS V			10.00am Brenda Cowie (JC) (Year 5)	
Friday 1st May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER	10.00am Lawrie Ashton (L&BH)			
Saturday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Raj Johnpulle (MJ)	
Sunday 3rd May 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Janet Minto (SK)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH
Saturday 25th April, 11.30am	Niamh Freya Gilberg McConnell

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: Ian Daniel, Kathleen Stewart, Janet Minto, Kathleen Scott, Ann Tunmore, Helen Anderson & Edward Mannering. 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
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A, 25 & 26 APRIL 2026

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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