

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 EASTER, YEAR A, 2 & 3 MAY 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER — SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE — 5 MAY 2026

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) The theme this year is the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Abuse destroys the victim's dignity and value as a child of God. There will be prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am for victims of domestic abuse before the 10.00am Mass at St Edward's on Tuesday, 5 May.

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 burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Joyce of Millfield Gardens, Tynemouth, who died on 24 April aged 88 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm on 12 May at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert McKinney. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 19 May at St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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 9 & 16 May, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 10 & 17 May, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

CARETAKER ANNUAL LEAVE

Paul, our caretaker, is on annual leave until Friday 8 May. In his absence, volunteers are required at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 6 May, after Word & Holy Communion, to move the rows of chairs to the front of the church in preparation for Polling Day the following day. Many thanks in advance for any help.

LOCAL ELECTIONS — 7 MAY

Please note that Immaculate Heart Church will be used as a polling station on Thursday 7 May. The Parish Office will be closed that day and will instead be open from Tuesday to Friday the following week.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026

The 2026 Confirmation programme for students in Year 9 or above began last week. Meetings run every Wednesday evening from 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 one preparation/rehearsal session before the Confirmation Mass on 15 July. There will also be an invitation to celebrate the annual Feast Day of St Thomas More in June as part of the programme. If you missed the first session but would still like to join the Confirmation programme or if you have any queries, please come along to the second session on Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm at Our Lady & St Columba's Church, Wallsend, 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 — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

A reminder that the final preparation session for the children making their First Holy Communion is on Sunday 10 May.

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

The next preparation session for the children making their first reconciliation and Holy Communion will take place at 5.00pm on Monday 11 May at Immaculate Heart Church.

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

The next meeting of the Children's Charity Group will take place on Sunday 10 May after Mass in the Church Hall.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025 - 2026

The Coast Parishes' Journey in Faith sessions will continue on Tuesday 12 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 11 May. Helen Young will lead a walk in the Bolam-Belsay area. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

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 are on sale after Sunday Mass priced at £6 for adults and £1 for children. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received.

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 July. We will be arriving for lunch on Monday and leaving after lunch on Wednesday. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £250 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms are en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Sunday 31 May in order to confirm your booking and the balance will be due by Sunday 21 June. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is: www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk. If you are interested in coming on this enjoyable and rewarding retreat, please contact Pauline Keavey on 07765 386023.

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 due to last 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. Thank you for your patience and your continued generosity to support our Parish and churches. Parish Buildings and Landscape Committee.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

Thank you so much to everyone who has come along to Luncheon Club over the years. Your support is very much appreciated. As most of you know, our numbers have risen over time and we are now preparing around 50 meals each month, which is great, but stretches the limits of our kitchen. With huge regret, we have to say we cannot accept any new members for the next few months. We will keep reviewing the situation and let you know if anything changes. Thank you.

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

There will be no food bank collection on Monday 4 May due to the bank holiday. The following week, we would be grateful for tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, long-life milk, pot noodles, meatballs and toilet rolls.

OTHER NOTICES

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 via the Parish Office.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL — CLOSURE

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

LECTURE AT HOLY NAME, JESMOND — 16 MAY

'From Francis to Leo: the Catholic Church in a Change of Era'. When Pope Francis died, the Cardinals elected a Pope who would continue and deepen his reform, which they said was key to evangelizing today's world. This is what Francis and now Leo call "the change of era" - a new apostolic age. In his lecture at Holy Name Church, Jesmond, at 11.00am on Saturday 16 May, Pope Francis biographer and noted Catholic journalist and commentator, Dr Austen Ivereigh, explains the nature of the Francis-Leo transition, how the Church is being called to change its way of operating, and why it matters for the future of faith in these islands. All are welcome, there is no charge and no booking is necessary.

SVP CAMP HOLY ISLAND — VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Calling all young adults 18+! Can you help out at the Holy Island SVP Camp on Lindisfarne this summer? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities, but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time. Week 3 runs from 1-8 August, week 5 from 15-22 August and week 6 from 22-29 August. If you are interested, have a look at the website: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws at: barbarat@svp.org.uk. All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

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 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Raj Johnpulle (MJ)	
Sunday 3rd May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Janet Minto (SK)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	NO MASS			
Tuesday 5th May	10.00am Peter Thompson (NBF)			10.00am Tony Murphy (MM)
Wednesday 6th May		10.00am Word & Holy Communion		
Thursday 7th May ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY			10.00am Geoff Stephenson (LL)	
Friday 8th May	2.00pm Requiem Mass Edward Mannering			
Saturday 9th May		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Mary Butler (LL)	
Sunday 10th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Peter Farthing (AT)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Isabella Mason (MC)

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, Michael Wood & Family, Catherine Hudson-Storey, 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: Ann Tunmore, Helen Anderson, Edward Mannering, Robert McKinney, Kathleen Joyce & Lilian Bland. 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
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A, 2 & 3 MAY 2026

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

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| 1. Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. | 2. The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. |
| 3. Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

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