

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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EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A, 4 & 5 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.

EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKS

As we celebrate Jesus conquering sin and death, we are grateful for all the support and care we give and receive from one another in our Parishes and beyond. Christian hope gives us direction for life, for our patience with each other, and for our ability to see the gift of each other beyond our weakness. We pray this Easter for a renewing of hope in our war-torn world and for peace especially in the Middle East, the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan. Thanks to all who have done so much to make Lent, Holy Week and Easter so rich this year. I am grateful for your continuing support and prayers. I wish you and your families and friends Easter blessings and prayers. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Mgr Andrew.

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 12.00Noon on 16 April at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 10 April.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — 12 APRIL

On Sunday 12 April, there will be a service at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats at 2.30pm. Thanks to Fr Noel Colahan who will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated this morning for all children of primary school age. It will not be on the following week due to the school holidays, and will resume on Sunday 19 April.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amy Shiels and Adam Bowlan who will be married at 1.00pm on 9 April at St Edward's Church. God bless them in their married life together.

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 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 will still be available for private prayer, Confessions and parish use. A key for the door will be kept in a key safe outside the chapel door. The safe code is available from the Parish Office at St Mary's Church and Immaculate Heart Church.

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 — 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 — RENOVATION

We're delighted to see the new doors being installed at St Mary's Church and Hall. Thanks to the Parish Finance Committee and Ian Goss for their support and guidance. This work is in line with the diocesan parish 5-year inspection report. Further work will include the renovation of the church and hall roof, and the replacement of the church and hall windows. Mgr Andrew.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S

SOCIAL EVENTS 2026

The Parish Social Group has various exciting social events planned this year! The next event will be a World Cup Themed Night on Friday 12 June – tickets will go on sale soon (more details to follow). Other events include a Parish Social Night on Friday 9 October and the Parish Dinner at Tynemouth Golf Club on Friday 11 December.

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 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 STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 10 April. Peter Weighill will lead a five and a half mile walk in the Causey Arch area. We will walk over the first railway bridge, built in 1727 to transport horse-drawn coal trucks to the Tyne for export to London.

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

There will be no food bank collection on Monday 6 April due to the bank holiday. The following week we would be grateful for tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, jam/savoury spread, hot dogs, tinned or packet potatoes and tea bags. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

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.

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.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School	stmarysrcprimary@stmarysonline.co.uk	0191 2518080
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 4th April HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm Easter Vigil People of the Parish			
Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am Geoff Welton (EW)		11.00am Maria Alves (LA)	9.30am People of the Parish
Easter Monday 6th April	10.00am Terry Donachy (LD)			
Easter Tuesday 7th April	10.00am Oona Armitage (SH)			10.00am Cormac Gray
Easter Wednesday 8th April		10.00am Betty & Jim Harrison (SH)		
Easter Thursday 9th April	1.00pm Wedding Service Amy Shiels & Adam Bowlan		10.00am Fr David Milburn, RIP	
Easter Friday 10th April	10.00am Marie Horsburgh (LL)			
Easter Saturday 11th April		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Clara Di Mascio (TDM)	
Sunday 12th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	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)

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, 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: Ron Bolam, Susan Ellis, Ian Daniel, Kathleen Stewart, Janet Minto & Kathleen Scott. 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
EASTER SUNDAY — YEAR A, 4 & 5 APRIL 2026

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

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| 1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' | 2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD. |
| 3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. | |

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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