

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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♦ *Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.*

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 9 & 10 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.

FUNERALS

- 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Johnson of Bay View Care Home who died on 28 April aged 75 years. A funeral service will take place at 1.30pm on 22 May at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lillian Bland of St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle, who died on 28 April aged 91 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 26 May at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, followed by burial at Preston Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION — 16/17 MAY

There will be a second collection at all churches on 16/17 May for World Communications Day.

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.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their parents/guardians to Mass today.

ST MARY'S CHURCH 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 12 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's meeting rooms.

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.

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. The following walk will be on Monday 18 May — further details to follow.

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.

DISCERNMENT REPORTS

Copies of the discernment reports for Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady's & St Oswin's and St Mary's that were sent back to the Diocese at the end of April are now available at the back of the church. You can also view the reports on the partnership website in the Parish News section.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PPC MEETING — 21 APRIL

The Pastoral Parish Council met on 21 April. Matters discussed included the work of the Parish Safeguarding Team; in relation to Safeguarding requirements, it was noted that all public areas in the parish are now covered by cameras. A development appraisal in relation to St. Edmund's Backworth has been received and it is hoped this will assist in negotiations with Northumberland Estates. Parishioners have supported the Mission Discernment process by attending two parish open meetings and the responses from these meetings together with the comprehensive reports of the Finance and Buildings Committees have been submitted to the Diocese. The next meeting of the Council will be an open meeting on 7 July and a reminder will be placed in the bulletin nearer the date.

MISSIO ANNUAL COLLECTION 2025

We would like to rectify the amount from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. The total collected in 2025 was £2,494.40 and not £1,627.96, as previously stated. Many thanks for all your donations and continued support.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 28 May at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

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

The food bank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, jam/savoury spread, hot dogs and tinned custard. Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

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/>.

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.

SAFE FAMILIES INFORMATION EVENING — 19 MAY

Whitley Bay & District Churches Together work with the charity Safe Families to support vulnerable children and families. There will be an information evening about Safe Families at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 May at Acorn Church, Oxford Street. Come along to hear about the difference volunteers can make to a family's life and find out more about becoming a volunteer.

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.

SVP CAMP HOLY ISLAND — VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Calling all young adults 18+! Can you help out at the Holy Island SVP Camp on Lindisfarne during weeks 3, 5 or 6 of the summer holidays? We need more volunteers to work with the children who stay in the purpose-built centre on the island and help them have fun, enjoying outdoor activities, walks, rockpooling and arts and crafts. 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 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)
Monday 11th May	NO MASS			
Tuesday 12th May SS NEREUS & ACHILLES			1.00pm Requiem Mass Kathleen Joyce	10.00am Larry Laggan (LL)
Wednesday 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA		10.00am Lawrie Ashton (M&CMcA) 7.00pm Vigil Mass Ascension of the Lord		7.00pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord
Thursday 14th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			10.00am Special Intention (JC)	
Friday 15th May	10.00am The Painter Family (NY)			
Saturday 16th May		6.00pm Peter Hughes (PH)	10.00am Kathleen Joyce (MK)	
Sunday 17th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Rev. Wilfred Coates (KC)	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, 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 & Tony Johnson. 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
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A, 9 & 10 MAY 2026

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

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