

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.*

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 16 & 17 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 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 this weekend for World Communications Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — LAY TRAINING FUND

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Lay Training Fund. The collection will remain open until 14 June.

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

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16 May with their families at St Mary's Church. Please keep them in your prayers. Many thanks to the catechists and teachers who have helped the children prepare so well.

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

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 18 May at Immaculate Heart Church. There will also be a meeting for parents on Thursday 21 May from 7.15-8.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachel Thornton and Damian O'Connor who will be married at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Saturday 23 May. Nuptial Mass will take place at 11.00am, so there will be no Mass or Confessions at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 21 MAY

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Thursday 21 May at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 18 May. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from The Sun Inn, Morpeth, through woodland and riverside back to Morpeth. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. For further details, contact Jim on 07538 327784.

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.

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.

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

The food bank is currently in need of tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew, savoury snacks, crisps etc., microwave rice, tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni and coffee. Thank you all for your generosity.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The May edition of the Northern Cross is available at the back of Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Edward's, St Mary's and St Oswin's churches. Price £1.50.

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 sent to the Diocese at the end of April are available at the back of the church. You can also view the reports on the Partnership website in the Parish News section.

OTHER NOTICES

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 19 May at Acorn Church, Oxford Street, Whitley Bay. Come along to hear about the difference volunteers can make to a family's life and find out about becoming a volunteer.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

To celebrate Laudato Si' Week, Mass for the Care of Creation is to be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday 23 May at St Augustine's Church, Darlington. The Diocesan Environmental Group invites everyone to attend and bring family and friends – everyone is welcome!

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.

STELLA MARIS PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND — 6 JUNE

The annual Stella Maris pilgrimage to Holy Island will take place on Saturday 6 June. For more information, please see the poster at the back of church or contact Steve Willows on 07793 488971 or Peter Barrigan on 07713 924504.

MUSIC MATTERS - A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MUSICIANS 27 JUNE

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invites all parish musicians to a day of reflection on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, on Saturday 27 June from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The day will be an opportunity to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. It will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA) and there is a £7.50 charge. To book a place, please email: dcma@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 16th May		6.00pm Peter Hughes (PH)	10.00am First Holy Communions 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
Monday 18th May	NO MASS			
Tuesday 19th May ST DUNSTAN	10.00am Alan Rowe & Helen (RR)			10.00am Requiem Mass Robert McKinney
Wednesday 20th May ST BERNADINE OF SIENA		10.00am Peter Lundgren (A&JP)		
Thursday 21st May ST GODRIC OF FINCHALE			10.00am Patrick McKenna	
Friday 22nd May ST RITA OF CASCIA	10.00am Private Intention (PJC)			
Saturday 23rd May	11.00am Nuptial Mass Rachel Thornton & Damian O'Connor	6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 24th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.30am Adriana Arnone (MA)		11.00am Geoff Stephenson (SK)	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, Sandy & Tim Madden, 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: 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.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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READINGS AT MASS
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A, 16 & 17 MAY 2026

First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

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| 1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? | 2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. |
| 3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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