

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.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A, 23 & 24 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 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — LAY TRAINING FUND

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

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachel Thornton and Damian O'Connor who were married at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Saturday 23 May. We wish them every blessing in their married life together.

REFRESHMENTS AT ST EDWARD'S & ST MARY'S

A reminder that there are refreshments available after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's on Fridays and Sundays and after the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's on Sundays. All are welcome.

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

The last preparation session for the children making their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion will take place at 5.00pm on 1 June at Immaculate Heart Church. First Holy Communions will take place the following weekend at 11.00am at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay on 6 June.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — ROOF REPAIRS

Essential work to the roof at St Mary's Church and Hall is due to commence on Monday 1 June. Parishioners are advised that a section of the car park will be cordoned off during the work for security but Masses and other services will not be affected. Thank you for your understanding.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

The essential repairs to the brickwork and windows on St Edward's Church east front are now complete. Thank you for your patience during the works and for your continued generosity to support our Parish and churches.

Parish Buildings and Landscape Committee.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

The contactless donation machines at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches have been adjusted to allow smaller amounts to be paid for items such as newspapers, candles, and cards. Feel free to use the machines when paying for smaller items. Many thanks.

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

There will be no food bank collection on Monday 25 May due to the bank holiday. The following week, the foodbank would be grateful for tinned meat/curry/chilli/stew/Spam, tinned rice pudding, tinned or packet potatoes and baby food (tins/packets/jars etc.). Thank you all for your generosity.

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

This weekend is your last chance to sign up for the 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 cost £6 for adults and £1 for children. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 16 June, led by David Armstrong. More details to follow.

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.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

FORMATION WEBINAR — 16 JUNE

The last seminar in the series will be on 16 June from 7.00-8.00pm and is titled *Not Forgetting to Celebrate, Evaluate and Give Thanks*. A full list of all the webinars in the series, and a link to register can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils/>. All previous webinars are also available to watch on the Diocesan website.

BISHOP SÉAMUS' DIAMOND JUBILEE — 20 JUNE

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland, invites you to a thanksgiving Mass for the 60th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Bishop Séamus Cunningham. The Mass will take place on Saturday 20 June at 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Bridge Street, Sunderland. There will be refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

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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 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
Monday 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	NO MASS			
Tuesday 26th May ST PHILIP NERI			10.00am Requiem Mass Lilian Bland	10.00am Tony Stevens (TS)
Wednesday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY		10.00am Word & Holy Communion		
Thursday 28th May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST			10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Friday 29th May ST PAUL VI	10.00am The Rumney Family (GR)			
Saturday 30th May		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Florence & Nida Palmejar (JP)	
Sunday 31st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.30am Jeff Blakey (AB)		11.00am Bill Devlin (JD)	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, Kathleen Crulley 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
PENTECOST SUNDAY — YEAR A, 23 & 24 MAY 2026

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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| 1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures. | 2. You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. |
| 3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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