

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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15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 11 & 12 JULY 2026

The Cycle of Prayer

Summer

During Ordinary Time (Summer) i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Harvey of Wansbeck Avenue, Cullercoats, who died on 2 July aged 42 years. A funeral service will take place at 1.30pm on 22 July at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Fenwick of Westley Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 23 June aged 77 years. A funeral service will take place at 2.15pm on 23 July at Whitley Bay Crematorium Chapel, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12 July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need and is vital in enabling Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. There will be a second collection today for Sea Sunday at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats. The appeal at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches will take place next weekend (18/19 July). You can also donate at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Alternatively, at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, you can make a donation using the contactless card readers.

PARISH SECRETARY – ANNUAL LEAVE

Helen is currently on annual leave and returns to work on Wednesday 29 July. Thanks to Michael O'Brien, who will be producing the bulletin while Helen is away.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — ROOF REPAIRS

The roof repairs at St Mary's are almost complete. Parishioners are advised that a section of the car park is cordoned off during the work for security, but Masses and other services are not affected. Thank you for your understanding.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — CHAPEL

The Chapel is being renovated to make it more suitable for private prayer. Access is still available through the side door when the church is closed.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations and prayers to the candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Stephen during Mass on Wednesday evening at St Cuthbert's, North Shields.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — RECENT COLLECTIONS

World Communications Day - £235.94 Lay Training Fund - £148.35. Thank you for your generosity.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — SOCIAL GROUP CHARITY UPDATE

Many thanks to all those who helped out at or attended the strawberries and cream tea last weekend. Together with the World Cup night in June, we have raised £314 for Sarah's Star, our charity for 2026. Thank you all for your generosity.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 15 July. Peter Weighill will lead a walk in the Sunnyside area, passing the Tanfield railway. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. If you require more information, please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 30 July at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The July edition of the Northern Cross newspaper is available at the back of Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Edward's, St Mary's and St Oswin's churches. Price £2.00.

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

The school holidays start soon and families who are dependent on free school meals will have to find an extra meal for each child each day. These are often working families on minimum wages, who will find themselves having to turn to a foodbank for help. We all have many calls on our generosity at the moment, but if you are able to help in any way, however small, it will be much appreciated. While we give suggestions each week as to what is needed, anything you can give is a great help. This week we would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, long-life milk, sweet snacks (chocolate etc.), hot dogs and tinned fish (tuna etc.). Thank you all for your generosity.

LOURDES PETITIONS

The 100th Anniversary Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage departs on Friday 31 July. Petitions to Our Lady you wish to be taken to Lourdes and placed at the Grotto can be given to Claire James (07905890598), Deirdre James (07963570901), Anne Ashton (07989088020), Sue Oxley (07484105172) or Terry O'Brien (07870929315) before 26 July. Write your petitions on paper only and place in a sealed envelope marked 'Lourdes Petitions'. If you wish to donate towards a candle to be lit for family or parish intentions, please place cash (Pounds Sterling or Euros) in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Candles'. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

LOURDES AT HOME

As the Diocese prepares for the 100th Anniversary Lourdes Pilgrimage on 31 July, there will be people who want to participate from home. Please see below for details of how you can take part from home.

Blessing of Hands: We all serve each other on pilgrimage in many ways, whether as a registered helper, youth member, medical team member, pilgrim or those who pray for the pilgrimage from home. There will be a special Mass with Bishop Stephen and the blessing of hands on Tuesday 21 July at 6.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage Hymn Book: Many who are participating from home have asked if they can purchase a copy of the pilgrimage hymn book. They will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and cost £5.00.

Centenary Pilgrimage Medal: There is a special centenary medal this year based on the medal from the Holy Year of 1958. The medal has a maroon ribbon with a gold-coloured metal St Cuthbert's Cross attached. These will also be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and cost £5.00.

Live Streaming: The Lourdes Masses and other services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details will be available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page.

Please keep the Centenary Pilgrimage in your prayers.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE TALK — 14 JULY

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Tom O'Loughlin speak on Luke 5:27-32 as a discipleship text: Christian Hospitality and the Contemporary Rejection of Liturgy, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, on Tuesday 14 July at 7.30pm.

MINISTERACRES RETREATS

Ministeracres Retreat Centre near Consett is offering a number of retreats and days of recollection during the summer and early autumn. A list of these retreats is at the back of our churches or at: <https://ministeracres.org/retreats-2026/>. For more information call 01434 673248 or email info@ministeracres.org.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/ASSISI 2027

Places are still available for those who would like to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in October 2027. Details of the pilgrimage and how to book are on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assisi/>.

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 11th July ST BENEDICT, PATRON OF EUROPE		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Lilian Bland (JD)	
Sunday 12th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Elaine Goss (IG)		11.00am Deceased Members of the Coates Family (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 13th July ST HENRY	NO MASS			
Tuesday 14th July ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS	10.00am Tony Bolam (PK)			10.00am Wedding Day (MG)
Wednesday 15th July ST BONAVENTURE		10.00am Joan Tulip (JP)		
Thursday 16th July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL			10.00am Melania DiMascio (TDM) (St Mary's School)	
Friday 17th July	10.00am Deceased Members of the Cass & Keegan Families (AG)			
Saturday 18th July		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Lawrie Ashton (AA)	
Sunday 19th July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am A Sick Daughter		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 19th July, 12.30pm	Sonny Williamson

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, Sandy & Tim Madden, Victoria & Jo Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Kathleen & Tony McNamee, Michael Wood & Family, Catherine Hudson-Storey, Chloe O'Toole, Jo Ling, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Mary Hunter, 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: Sheila Harrison, Maureen Sheville, William Routledge, Kath MacEachen, Ann Harvey & Peter Fenwick. 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
15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 11 & 12 JULY 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

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| 1. You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. | 2. And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. |
| 3. You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. | 4. The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! |

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

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