

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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16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 18 & 19 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.

PRIEST APPOINTMENT - FR BINOY MANDAPATHIL, CSSR

Bishop Stephen has appointed Fr Binoy Mandapathil, CSSR, as Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea, and St. Mary's, Cullercoats. This appointment will start on 1 September following Mgr Andrew's retirement. Fr Binoy will work in partnership with Fr Chris Hughes. Fr. Binoy is a Redemptorist priest who presently ministers in Darlington alongside Fr Kevin Dixon. He was formerly the Syro-Malabar Chaplain in the South of the Diocese. We welcome Fr Binoy to Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Mary's and assure him of our prayers as he prepares to take up his appointment.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Harvey of Wansbeck Avenue, Cullercoats. 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, 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

There was a second collection last week for Sea Sunday at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats. The appeal at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches will take place this weekend (18/19 July).

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 going well. Parishioners are advised that a section of the car park is cordoned off during the work for security but Masses and other services will not be affected. Thank you for your understanding.

VENEZUELA CRISIS CAFOD APPEAL

The recent collection for the Venezuela Crisis CAFOD Appeal raised £1890.93 across Immaculate Heart, St Edward's, St Mary's and St. Oswin's Churches. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 6 August, when Helen Young will lead a walk in the Newbiggin area. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more information please call Peter Weighill 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.

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 particularly grateful for tinned rice pudding, spaghetti/macaroni etc. sweet snacks, jam, tinned veg, toilet rolls. Thank you all for your generosity.

LOURDES PETITIONS

The 100th Anniversary Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage leaves Newcastle on Friday 31 July. Any petitions to Our Lady that you wish to be carried to Lourdes and placed at the grotto can be given to Claire James (07905 890598), Deirdre James (07963 570901), Anne Ashton (07989 088020), Sue Oxley (07484 105172) or Terry O'Brien (07870 929315) before 26 July. Place only paper with your petitions written on in an envelope marked 'Petitions'. If you wish to donate towards a candle, to be lit for the intentions of the people of your family or churches, please place cash (pounds or Euros) in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Candle'. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PPC MEETING 7 JULY

There was an open Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 7 July at IHM. Matters discussed included St. Edmund's, Backworth. Unfortunately, Northumberland Estates have decided to withdraw from negotiations to purchase the site back. The Diocese is therefore seeking to place the property on the market with a view to seeking a potential buyer.

The Centenary Committee is exploring ways to celebrate the Centenary of St. Edward's Church in 2028 and later this year parishioners will be invited to make their suggestions for consideration.

Following the open parish meetings to discuss the Diocesan Mission Discernment process, representatives from each of the parishes in the Partnership are now meeting to discuss and finalise the combined Partnership Return form for the Diocese, by the end of this month, to complete Phase 2 of the Diocesan Strategy Planning process.

The next PPC meeting will take place on 8 September and a reminder will be placed in the bulletin nearer the date.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/ASSISI 2027

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

MINSTERACRES RETREATS

Minsteracres Retreat Centre near Consett in Co. Durham is running a number of retreats and days of recollection across the summer and early autumn. A list of these retreats can be found at the back of our churches or at: <https://minsteracres.org/retreats-2026/>. For more information, you can also call 01434 673248 or email info@minsteracres.org.

LOURDES AT HOME

As the Diocese prepares for the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes on 31 July, there will be people who would like to participate from here in our Diocese who cannot be with us. Please see below for details of how you can take part at home.

Blessing of Hands: We all serve each other in our own way, whether it be as a registered helper, youth member, medical team, pilgrim or those who pray for the success of our pilgrimage at home. There will be a special Mass with the blessing of hands, with Bishop Stephen as the principal celebrant, 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 hymn book. These will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and are priced £5.00.

Centenary Pilgrimage Medal: There is a special centenary medal this year which is 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. Again, these will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and are priced £5.00.

Live Streaming: When in Lourdes, the Masses and 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 success of the Centenary pilgrimage in your prayers.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2513770
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 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)
Monday 20th July ST APOLLINARIS	NO MASS			
Tuesday 21st July ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	10.00am Bill Christopher (LL)			10.00am Jenny Cawood (AC)
Wednesday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE		10.00am Private Intention (PJC) 1.30pm	1.30pm Funeral Service Ann Harvey	
Thursday 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE			10.00am Lilian Bland (MS)	
Friday 24th July THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	10.00am Fred Sweeney (LL)			
Saturday 25th July ST JAMES, APOSTLE		6.00pm Jenny & Ted McIntosh (VD)	10.00am Kathleen Joyce (AR)	
Sunday 26th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Maria Alves (LA)	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Kath Gunn, 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, Martin Sanderson and Sr Perla SMR who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Maureen Sheville, William Routledge, Kath MacEachen, Ann Harvey, Peter Fenwick & Fr Leo Pyle. 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
16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 18 & 19 JULY 2026

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R5a

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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| 1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication. | 2. All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. |
| 3. You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me. | |

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable. 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'

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