

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

St Edward's Church, Coquet Avenue

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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

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17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 25 & 26 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. Fr Binoy's appointment will start on 1 September. And he will work in partnership with Fr Chris Hughes at St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields. 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 Donnelly whose funeral will take place at 1.30pm on 31 July at St Cuthbert's, North Shields. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

CONFIRMATIONS CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and prayers to those who were confirmed by Bishop Stephen on 15 July at St Cuthbert's, North Shields.

KATH KELLY — RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Kath Kelly is retiring as parish secretary at the end of July. There will be a presentation after 11.00am Sunday Mass on 2 August to express our thanks and appreciation for all that Kath has done for the Parish over many years. There will also be refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome.

ST EDWARD'S – FRIDAY REFRESHMENTS

There will be no refreshments after the Friday 10.00am Mass at St Edward's for the next few weeks. They will resume on 4 September when we look forward to meeting up again.

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

Now that the school holidays have started, 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 meatballs, hot dogs, savoury snacks, tinned meat/chilli/curry etc. toiletries/ toothpaste/shower gel 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.

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.

DONA CARD READERS — GIFT AID NOTICE

Please note that while the card readers at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches allow donors to enter either their full name or initials for Gift Aid Declaration Forms, HMRC requires a full name (including full first name) for the GAD to be valid. Unfortunately, we can't accept Gift Aid Declarations submitted with initials only, so please ensure you fill out all the details requested by the machine to prevent any unnecessary rejections. If you have already submitted a form using only your initials, you will need to register again.

OTHER NOTICES

LOURDES AT HOME

The Diocese celebrates the 100th Anniversary Lourdes Pilgrimage begins on 31 July, and there will be people who want to participate from home. Please see below for details of how you can take part via Live Streaming.

The Lourdes Masses will be live streamed via: youtube-hnlourdeshospitalite. For the Lourdes Sanctuary channel go to: Lourdes Live 24/7.

Service Times:

1 August, 9.30am, Opening Mass. 8.00pm Torchlight Procession.

2 August, 9.00am, Mass, Bernadette Centre.

3 August, 9.00am, Grotto Mass (Lourdes Live 24/7).

4 August, 9.30am, Mass and the Anointing of the Sick, Pius X (Underground) Basilica (Lourdes Live 24/7).

5 August, 8.30am, International Mass, Pius X (Underground)

Basilica (Lourdes Live 24/7).

6 August, 1.00pm, Closing Mass, Rosary Basilica.

Please keep the Lourdes Pilgrimage in your prayers.

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 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
Monday 27th July	NO MASS			
Tuesday 28th July	10.00am Clare Cunningham			10.00am Ricci Hudson Storey (SS)
Wednesday 29th July SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS		10.00am Pat Magee (PS)		
Thursday 30th July ST CHRYSOLOGUS			10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Friday 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	10.00am Gerry Rafferty (PR)			
Saturday 1st August ST ALPHONSUS MARY LIGUORI		6.00pm Monica Whalen (PW)	10.00am Kathleen Joyce (AR)	
Sunday 2nd August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Cynthia Chicken (K&RY)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 1st August, 11.30am	Alexander John Mackintosh Griffith

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: Maureen Sheville, William Routledge, Anne Donnelly, 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

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READINGS AT MASS
17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 25 & 26 JULY 2026

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

O LORD, how I love your law!

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| 1. You, O LORD, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. | 2. Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. |
| 3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. | 4. Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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