

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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21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 22 & 23 AUGUST 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. 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.

THANKSGIVING MASS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners, it is with gratitude to Our Lord Jesus and Mary his Blessed Mother that we gather in St Edward's Church to give thanks for these past 13 years of shared prayer, worship and ministry in this Mass of Thanksgiving. It has been a time of patient growth in our relating to each other, and a steady re-shaping of the parish community for discipleship and mission. This occasion allows us to look back to appreciate the journey in faith that we have made together with Jesus and one another, and look forward with confidence to the future.

I had hoped to be your priest until 2029 when I would have been 75, but my health has dictated otherwise. Thank you for your patience with me when recovering from surgery and other treatments.

I am grateful that you have so willingly responded to the blessings and challenges given by Our Lord over these past 13 years. We have, with God's grace, done much together for the building of our two parishes as instruments of God's Kingdom.

The future will be challenging in many ways, especially as we continue to discern the will of the Lord for us and for our communities. Steadied by our loyalty to the Mass and the Sacraments, we will see more clearly the way ahead which Jesus points out for us, and respond with his grace.

I promise that you and your families and friends will be in my prayers. I ask you to keep me in yours. God bless.

Our Lady Star of the Sea, pray for us.

St Edward the Confessor, pray for us.

St Oswin, pray for us.

Mgr Andrew Faley

20 August 2026, Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux

FUNERAL

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Morton of Linskill Park, North Shields, who died on 6 August aged 83 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 10.00am on 28 August at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by interment at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Thursday 27 August from 1.00pm due to staff training.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We pray for Benjamin Timney and Harshitta Mruthyunjaya who were married on Wednesday 19 August at Our Lady's and St Oswin's, Tynemouth. We wish Ben & Harshitta every joy and blessing in their marriage.

ST MARY'S OFFICE CLOSURE

Following Kath Kelly's retirement, the office at St Mary's is now closed. For all Mass intentions, queries or petty cash requests, please contact Helen at the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Contact details and office hours are on the bulletin. You can also use the post boxes either in the church entrance or beside the chapel outside door at St Mary's to hand in written notices or Mass intentions.

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 11 September when we look forward to meeting up again.

DIOCESAN MISSION DISCERNMENT

The second stage of the Diocesan Mission Discernment process has now been completed, and a combined Parishes/Partnership Return Form was submitted to the Diocese at the end of July. Copies of this document are now available for parishioners in each of our Churches. It can also be viewed on the Tynemouth Priory Partnership website at: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 4 September. Peter Weighill will lead a walk in the Chester-le-Street area, following the Cong Burn to the River Wear then through Picktree and South Pelaw. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. Further information can be obtained from Peter on 0191 2512917.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The August 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

During the school holidays, families who are dependent on free school meals are having to find an extra meal for each child each day. These are often working families on minimum wages, who 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. This week we would be particularly grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, biscuits and tinned fish (tuna etc.). Thank you all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

FREE BOOKS

There is a collection of books in the back meeting room at St Edward's. Please have a browse and take what you like.
Mgr Andrew

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

St Oswin's parishioners are invited to join St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's on a pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 5 September. The coach leaves St Cuthbert's at 9.00am. The cost is £20.00 per person and needs to be paid in advance. The booking form is at the back of church. Please leave your money with Ben Hanratty.

MINSTERACRES RETREATS

Minsteracres 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://minsteracres.org/retreats-2026/>. For more information call 01434 673248 or email: info@minsteracres.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/>.

CHURCHES TOGETHER APPEAL

St John's Church in Whitley Bay needs to raise £8,500 to repair their organ. Can you help by donating your empty, clean tins, cans and foil packets? You can leave these in the box at the back of the church or call 07514 699783 for free collection.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2026

The Sacred Heart Church, Great North Road, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5EB is taking part in this year's Heritage Open Day Programme. The Programme provides the opportunity for visitors to experience one of Northern England's finest collections of William Morris & Co. stained glass, featuring outstanding Pre-Raphaelite designs by Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris and Ford Madox Brown. Whether you love stained glass, Victorian art, local history, architecture or simply enjoy discovering places you may never have visited before, the parishioners of Sacred Heart would love to welcome you. The Church will be open on the following occasions. Tuesday, 15 September: 11.00am–3.00pm, Thursday, 17 September: 11.00am–3.00pm, Friday, 18 September: 11.00am–3.00pm. Entry is free. Find out more, visit: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/sacred-heart-church-north-gosforth-open-days.html>.

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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 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Richard Hudson-Storey (SS)	
Sunday 23rd August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Private Intention (PJC)		11.00am Myra Metcalfe (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	NO MASS			
Tuesday 25th August ST JOSEPH CALASANZ	10.00am Peter & Albertina Arrighi (LdM)			10.00am Priest's Intention
Wednesday 26th August ST NINIAN		10.00am Patrick McCumiskey (SMcC)		
Thursday 27th August ST MONICA			10.00am Special Intention (J&MR)	
Friday 28th August ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	10.00am Funeral Service Marjorie Morton			
Saturday 29th August THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		6.00pm Alex Brady (MB)	10.00am Eric Shinn (PS)	
Sunday 30th August 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Kathleen Joyce (SK)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	
Saturday 22nd August, 11.30am, St Mary's Church	Finley Spencer Patrick Cochrane
Sunday 30th August, 12.30pm, St Edward's Church	Paradise Junior Ifeanyi

<u>Please remember in your prayers:</u> 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, Martin Sanderson, Lisa Stimpson, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Mary Hunter, Patrick Smith, Kathleen Crulley, Tessa Stevens, Sheila King and Sr Perla SMR who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Ann Donnelly, Olive Dargavel, John Caulfield & Marjorie Morton. May they rest in peace. Amen.

<u>HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS</u>
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.
<u>PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS</u>
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READINGS AT MASS
21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 22 & 23 AUGUST 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc. R8bc

*O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.*

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| 1. I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. | 2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. |
| 3. The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. | |

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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