

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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR A, 15 & 16 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.

FUNERAL

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Dermot Caulfield of Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 30 July aged 85 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 21 August at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, by Fr Jim Dunne, a family relative, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Morton of Linskill Park, North Shields, who died on 6 August aged 83 years. Requiem Mass 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.

MGR ANDREW'S RETIREMENT — MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Mgr Andrew will celebrate Mass for his service to the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady's and St Oswin's & St Mary's on Thursday 20 August at 6.30pm at St Edward's Church. This will be followed by a reception at Immaculate Heart Church with light refreshments. All are welcome.

FR MARK MILLWARD, VG

Welcome to Fr Mark Millward who will celebrate the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on 15 August at Immaculate Heart Church.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Thursday 20 August.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We pray for Timothy Jan Grimes and Catrin Faith Noone who were married on Saturday 15 August at 1.00pm at Our Lady's and St Oswin's, Tynemouth. And also for Benjamin Timney and Harshitta Mruthyunjaya who will be married on Wednesday 19 August at 4.00pm at Our Lady's and St Oswin's, Tynemouth. We wish Tim & Catrin and Ben & Harshitta every joy and blessing in their respective marriages.

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 4 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 Thursday 20 August when David Armstrong will lead a walk in the Felton area of Northumberland. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 27 August 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 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, long-life milk, meatballs, coffee and toiletries (soap/shower gel, 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/>.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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.

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.

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 15th August		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am In Thanksgiving (MrsI)	
Sunday 16th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Kathleen Joyce (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 17th August	NO MASS			
Tuesday 18th August	10.00am Eileen Symonds (PK)			10.00am Priest's Intention
Wednesday 19th August ST OSWIN, KING		10.00am Doreen Cameron (AG)		
Thursday 20th August ST BERNARD	6.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving			
Friday 21st August THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL	11.00am Requiem Mass John Caulfield			
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

BAPTISMS	ST MARY'S CHURCH
Sunday 16th August, 12.30pm	Zuri Ophelia Dawo
Saturday 22nd August, 11.30am	Finley Spencer Patrick Cochrane

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, Martin Sanderson, 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: Peter Fenwick, Ann Donnelly, Olive Dargavel, John Caulfield & Marjorie Morton. 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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — YEAR A, 15 & 16 AUGUST 2026

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R10b

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1. The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
2. Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
3. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
4. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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