

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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25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 19 & 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Cycle of Prayer

Autumn

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

FUNERAL

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Devereux of Coble House, Whitley Bay, who died on 5 September aged 89 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm on 22 September at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by interment at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Cooke, who died on 15 September. Funeral details to follow. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — 19/20 SEPTEMBER

There is a special collection today for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday).

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count begins this weekend and will take place at all churches over the coming three weekends. Thank you in advance to all the stewards for helping with this.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated during Mass on the second and third Sundays of each month — Immaculate Heart, Saturday 19 September, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 20 September, 9.30am. Children aged 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

ST OSWIN'S CHURCH — SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please let Fr Chris know if you are aware of any sick and housebound parishioners residing in Tynemouth who would like to receive Holy Communion. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next PPC meeting will be an open meeting for parishioners on Tuesday 22 September to discuss, amongst other matters, the completion of the second stage of the Diocesan Mission Discernment. The meeting will be held at Immaculate Heart Church starting at 6.30pm and copies of the Parishes/Partnership Return Form are available at the back of St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches.

TEA WITH THE SVP — 25 & 30 SEPTEMBER

This September, as we celebrate the feast days of the founder of our Society, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and our patron, St Vincent de Paul, we invite you to join us after Mass for 'Tea with the SVP' on Friday 25 September in the parish rooms at St Edward's, or Wednesday 30 September at Immaculate Heart. 'Tea with the SVP' is about making time for one another and sharing the spirit of Vincentian love and service. If you have time for a cup of tea (or coffee) after either of the Masses mentioned above, we would be delighted to see you to explain how we try to help those in need in our community.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 27 SEPTEMBER

There will be a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan after Mass next Sunday in St Mary's Church Hall. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES — RED BOX APPEAL

Collection is now due for the September quarter. Please could Red Box holders from St Mary's and St Oswin's contact Maureen Stimpson (St Mary's) on 07910 052189 or Ben Hanratty (St Oswin's) on 07807 284510 or leave your box at the back of the church for collection. Supporters from Our Lady Star of the Sea who wish to donate, please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St Edward's) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the June quarter.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — AUTUMN SOCIAL - 9 OCTOBER

The next social event will be our Autumn Social, which will take place on Friday 9 October from 6.30-9.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall. There will be a quiz, cheese & nibbles and, of course, a raffle. Tickets, costing £6 for adults and £1 for children, can be purchased after Mass at St Mary's Church or from the parish office. We would be grateful for any donations of prizes for the raffle; these can be dropped off at the back of church.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2026-2027

(RE-)DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Coast Partnership's Journey in Faith sessions for 2026-2027 will begin on Tuesday 6 October. The meetings take place fortnightly in St Edward's meeting rooms, from 7.00pm until about 8.30pm. They are open to all who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith, or know that they wish to become a Catholic, or are already Catholic but wish to renew and deepen their understanding of the Church. Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while are also especially welcomed. Please share this message with anyone who may be interested. Further information is available via the parish office or Joe James at: jjames9241@aol.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - 15 OCTOBER

We need cake bakers, scone makers, biscuit lovers, cupcake decorators, coffee drinkers, tea sinkers, ticket sellers, money takers, dish-washers, clearer-uppers, but most of all, YOU to come along and bring your friends (and your cakes!) to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday 15 October at 11.00am for our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. We all know someone who has been affected by cancer, and we also know the good work that Macmillan nurses do. They need our help to fund this vital work. If you can help in any way or would like further information, contact Chris on 07984 963769.

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

Next week we would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, savoury snacks, crisps etc., tinned fruit, coffee, toilet rolls and cereals. Thank you all for your generosity.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The September 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.

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE TALK — 21 SEPTEMBER

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Pat Devlin speak on World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel in the Holy Name Church Hall, Jesmond, on Monday 21 September at 7.30pm. The talk will highlight in particular the trauma experienced by children in Palestine & Israel. For more information, please see the poster at the back of the church.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit seminars take place throughout the autumn and are being run by the Diocesan CHARIS group. Many who have attended previous seminars have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways. All are welcome to join the CHARIS team on 24 September for an introductory session to hear how the seminars prepare us to open to a new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit. The sessions, which are free to attend, will take place at St Anne's, Rokeby View, Gateshead, NE9 7UD from 7.00-8.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of church for a list of dates, seminar themes and speakers. To book your place, visit: bit.ly/LifeInTheSpiritCDSC.

PIE AND PEA SUPPER — 7 OCTOBER

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Pie and Pea Supper on Wednesday 7 October at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Tickets cost £8 and are available from St Joseph's on 0191 2731279.

"CHILDREN AND THE WORD" — DAY OF REFRESHMENT & REFLECTION - 17 OCTOBER

Each Sunday, God's people gather to celebrate in Word and Sacrament the mystery of Our Lord's death and resurrection. The celebration of the Mass includes everyone, both young and old. The key aim of Liturgy of the Word for Children is to proclaim a Gospel translation and facilitate interactive discussion appropriate to children. "Children and the Word" is a diocesan day of Refreshment and Reflection on Sunday Children's Liturgy and Godly Play and is prepared and led by the Liturgical Team. It will take place on Saturday 17 October from 10.00am-3.00pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7NL. Teas and coffees will be provided but participants will need to bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential, either online at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/children-and-the-word/> or via the parish office. The closing date for bookings is Friday 9 October.

"FAITH AND FOOTBALL: PLAYED FOR THE GLORY"

Former Cathedral curate and chaplain to Sunderland AFC, Fr Marc Lyden-Smith's new book 'Faith and Football: Played for the Glory' has been published by McCrimmons. "A fine read whether you like football or not", says Bishop Stephen. Copies of Fr Marc's book are available to purchase from the bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral or online at: <https://www.paulineuk.org>.

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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 19th September ST JANUARIUS		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am John Tait	
Sunday 20th September 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Ann Tunmore (J&MR)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Isabella Mason (MC)
Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	NO MASS			
Tuesday 22nd September	1.00pm Requiem Mass Ralph Devereux			10.00am Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 23rd September ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)		10.00am Private Intention (PJC)		
Thursday 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM			10.00am Deceased Child (AMcD)	
Friday 25th September	10.00am Harry Purdy (JP)			
Saturday 26th September SS COSMAS & DAMIAN		6.00pm Paul Whalen (PW)	10.00am Bill Devlin (JD)	
Sunday 27th September 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Kathleen Joyce (VM)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	
Sunday 20th September, 12.30pm, St Edward's Church	Fearn Ellen Thompson
Sunday 27th September, 12.30pm, St Edward's Church	Ottilie Mulligan

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, Eileen Truby, Oliver & Grace Robson, Pat Haddon, Sandy & Rose Madden, Tim & Jo Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Kathleen & Tony McNamee, Michael Wood & Family, Catherine Hudson-Storey, Chloe O'Toole, Jo Ling, Martin Sanderson, Lisa Stimpson, Harriet from Spain, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Mary Hunter, Patrick Smith, Kathleen Crulley, Tessa Stevens, Sheila King & Ben Wall who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: John Caulfield, Marjorie Morton, Ralph Devereux, Maureen Ruddick & Peter Cooke. May they rest in peace. Amen.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington: Contact the Chaplaincy on 0191 293 4268 or Fr Sebastian on 01670 712 476. **RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy 0191 273 3903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sr Teresa, 0191 233 6161 ext. 28465.

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READINGS AT MASS
25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 19 & 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a

The Lord is close to all who call him.

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| 1. I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. | 2. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. |
| 3. The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. | |

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

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