

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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26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 26 & 27 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.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Ruddick of Coble House, Whitley Bay, who died on 13 September aged 90 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 1.00pm on 30 September at Our Lady & St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth, followed by a family committal at Holy Cross Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Cooke of Beaconsfield Close, Whitley Bay, who died on 15 September aged 95 years. Peter's body will be received into St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 4.00pm on 9 October and Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on 10 October, followed by interment at Whitley Bay Cemetery at 10.30am. May he rest in peace. Amen.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY — 2 OCTOBER

Next Friday is a day of Special Prayer for the needy and hungry of the world. There will be a special collection next weekend to support the work of CAFOD. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. You can use the CAFOD envelopes in church, donate online at: cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Donations can also be made using the contactless card readers at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count continues this weekend at all churches. Thank you to all the stewards for helping with this.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 27 SEPTEMBER

There will be a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan after Mass this morning in St Mary's Church Hall. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

TEA WITH THE SVP — 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 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 Mass, we would be delighted to see you to explain how we try to help those in need in our community.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL 22 SEPTEMBER

The PPC met this week, and a report was given on St Edmund's, Backworth. Several offers have been made for the former church site; these are being considered by the Diocese. An update was given on the proposed works to be carried out to St Edward's Church, and the implications of the Mission Discernment Return submitted to the Diocese were discussed. Gerry Latimer has decided to step down from his work in tending the gardens at Immaculate Heart Church and the grateful thanks of the parish for his dedication were recorded. The next PPC meeting will be on Tuesday 10 November and a reminder will be placed in the bulletin nearer the date.

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 — WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 5 October. Pauline Warren will lead a walk from Souter Lighthouse, South Shields. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

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.

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 from 11.00am for our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. Cakes can be brought on the day or dropped off at church the previous afternoon between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. All contributions gratefully accepted. If you can help in any way or would like further information, contact Chris on 07984 963769.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 29 October at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at 12.00 Noon. Please book with Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

PANTOMIME TRIP — 13 DECEMBER

This year's panto trip to Whitley Bay Playhouse is to see Snow White, starring Michelle Heaton, on Sunday 13 December at 4.30pm. All are welcome and it's a great festive afternoon out. Tickets cost £26.25 per person and payment can be made by 1 November by cash or card after Mass at Immaculate Heart or St Edward's Church. Please let Maria O'Brien know how many tickets you require, in person or on 07908 191326.

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

Next week we would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned meat, Spam, etc., meatballs, soup and toiletries (soap, shower gel, etc). Thank you all for your generosity.

UPDATED DOCUMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The diocese has recently updated its policy and procedure documents for volunteers. Any volunteer who would like a paper copy of these documents should contact the parish office or one of the safeguarding representatives.

OTHER NOTICES

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. The sessions, which are free to attend, take place at St Anne's, Rokeby View, Gateshead, NE9 7UD from 7.00-8.30pm. The next session, entitled 'God's Love', will take place on Thursday 1 October and will be led by Andy Drozdziak. Please see the poster at the back of church for a full 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

"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.

NORTH-EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES

The North-East Catholic History Society is putting on a series of lectures in 2026-27. These will take place at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead. The first talk will be given by Leo Darroch at 2.00pm on Thursday 1 October and is entitled 'The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: A Journey through the 20th century'. For a full list of lectures, please visit the Diocesan website.

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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 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
Monday 28th September ST WENCESLAUS	NO MASS			
Tuesday 29th September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	10.00am Philip Rafferty (PR)			10.00am Leo McMenamin (JMcM)
Wednesday 30th September ST JEROME		10.00am Michael Wilson (MS)		1.00pm Funeral Service Maureen Ruddick
Thursday 1st October ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS			10.00am Neil Muir (MS)	
Friday 2nd October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	10.00am Sr Perla (J&MR)			
Saturday 3rd October		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Kathleen Joyce (KK)	
Sunday 4th October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Clive & Anna Griffith (AG)		11.00am Lilian Bland (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	
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, Wendy O'Toole, Jo Ling, Martin Sanderson, Lisa Stimpson, Harriet from Spain, Louise Laggan, 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
26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR — YEAR A, 26 & 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R6a

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

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| 1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. | 2. Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. |
| 3. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. | |

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

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