

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, Farringdon Road

Cullercoats NE30 3EY

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♦ *Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.*

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 3 & 4 OCTOBER, 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 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 — 4 OCTOBER

Today is a day of Special Prayer for the needy and hungry of the world. There will be a special collection this 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.

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 10 & 17 October, 6.00pm and St Edward's, Sunday 11 & 18 October, 9.30am. Children 3 to 11 years are invited to attend.

ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2026-2027

Enrolment forms for parents of pupils in year 4 wishing to enrol their child to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are available for collection after Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church. Forms need to be completed and returned to church no later than Sunday 11 October. There will be a meeting for parents at 7.00pm on Thursday 8 October in St Mary's Church Hall.

ST MARY'S CHURCH — MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who attended last weekend's Macmillan Coffee Morning. An excellent total of £260.07 was raised. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes and who helped on the day.

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

Our Autumn Social 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 (bring your own drinks!). Tickets, costing £6 for adults and £1 for children, can be purchased after Mass at St Mary's and Immaculate Heart Churches 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 long-life milk, pot noodles, meatballs and toilet rolls. 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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Role: Cleaner

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £4196.40 per annum

Hours: Part-time 6 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Patrick, Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8JJ

How to apply: Please visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-10/>

Closing Date: 12.00 Noon, 7 October 2026

Role: Parish Secretary

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £9498 per annum

Hours: Part-time 13 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St John Vianney, Hillhead Parkway, West Denton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1DP

How to apply: Please visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-19/>

Closing Date: 12.00 Noon, 7 October 2026

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 'Salvation', will take place on Thursday 8 October and will be led by Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi. 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.

RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD 20-23 NOVEMBER 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God. Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate. Find out more and book at:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>.

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.

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 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
Monday 5th October ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKI	NO MASS			
Tuesday 6th October ST BRUNO	10.00am Ann Brown			10.00am Joan Harrison (EH)
Wednesday 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY		10.00am Peter Lundgren (A&JP)		
Thursday 8th October			10.00am Lawrence Saville (MS)	
Friday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	10.00am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)			
Saturday 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK	9.00am Requiem Mass Peter Cooke	6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Deceased Members of the Shippen Family (SS)	
Sunday 11th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Margaret Coates (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Kath Smith, Oliver & Grace Robson, Pat Haddon, Sandy & Rose Madden, Tim & Jo Madden, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Robert Elliot Furers, Wendy O'Toole, Harriet from Spain, Louise Laggan, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Andrew Storr, Vivien Burns, Stephen Wall, Mary Hunter, Patrick Smith, Kathleen Crulley, Tessa Stevens, Ben Wall & Josie Calvert 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 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476. **RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, on 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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READINGS AT MASS
27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A, 3 & 4 OCTOBER 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R Isaiah 5:7a

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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| 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots. | 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. |
| 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. | 4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. |

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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