

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

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28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 10 & 11 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.

FR BINOY

Fr Binoy will be away visiting his family in India from Monday 12 October, returning on 29 October. In his absence, Fr. Sean Hall will celebrate the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart Church and the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's on both weekends while the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's will be celebrated by Fr Jim O'Keefe on Sunday 18 October and by Fr Aidan Kelly on Sunday 25 October. Fr Aidan Kelly will also conduct the baptism that morning at St Edward's. There will be Word and Holy Communion services instead of Mass each weekday at the usual Mass times. If you have any queries in Fr Binoy's absence, please contact the parish office at: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or if your enquiry is urgent, Fr Chris Hughes on 0191 257 5801.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18 OCTOBER

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. At St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, you can also donate using the contactless card readers.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count concludes 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 the First Holy Communion programme 2026-2027 need to be completed and returned to St Mary's Church by this Sunday, 11 October. The first preparation session for the children will take place next Sunday, 18 October in St Mary's Church Hall at 10.45am.

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

In our lifetime we will probably all have experience of cancer, either personally or in someone close to us. Macmillan Cancer Care can make a huge difference to the lives of people with this dreadful disease and any money we raise will benefit those people. Next Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church it would be great to see lots of people enjoying themselves and raising money at the same time. Please bring cakes etc. on the morning or drop them off between 3.00pm and 5.00pm on Wednesday 14 October. If you would like more information, please contact Chris on 07984963769.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH CENTENARY 2028

Next Tuesday is the Feast Day of St Edward and it is fitting that we mark this by launching a project to celebrate the Centenary of the opening of St Edward's Church in 1928. We would like to celebrate this milestone by holding a series of events throughout the Centenary Year. We would therefore welcome suggestions from parishioners on how we should celebrate this special anniversary and a suggestion box is available in the entrance of St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches for your thoughts. To finance these events, we intend to provide a number of fundraising events to start later this year, and we hope you will support these. We will be providing regular updates in the bulletin, and you can provide your suggestions directly to the parish office at: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you, Centenary Committee.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2026-2027

(RE-)DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Coast Partnership Journey in Faith sessions for 2026 – 2027 will continue on Tuesday 20 October in St Edward's meeting rooms, from 7.00 pm until about 8.30, and fortnightly. The meetings 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 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 — 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, jam/savoury spread, hot dogs and tinned custard. Thank you all for your generosity.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

If you are sick, housebound, or unable to get to Mass, why not consider joining the parish community online? Masses are livestreamed from St Edward's on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@stedwardsrccchurchwhitleyba4019>. Recordings of Masses are also available via the St Edward's YouTube channel.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The October 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

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 'The New Life', will take place on Thursday 22 October and will be led by Christine Dixon. 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.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 20 NOVEMBER

A Remembrance Mass has been organised by the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for 7.00pm on Friday 20 November at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. There are special candles that can be purchased to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones. These are £3.00 each and available by contacting the Lourdes office at: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk.

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/>.

ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH – ORGAN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their empty cans, foil, crisp packets, etc. From what has been collected so far, St John's Methodist Church has managed to raise £5,000 towards the restoration of the church organ. A further £5,000 is needed to complete phase 2 of the work, so keep up your contributions!

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 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 OF THE YEAR	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Margaret Coates (KC)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 12th October ST WILFRID	NO MASS			
Tuesday 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, KING	10.00am Word & Holy Communion			10.00am Leo McMenamin (JMcM)
Wednesday 14th October ST CALLISTUS I		10.00am Word & Holy Communion		
Thursday 15th October ST TERESA OF ÁVILA			10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Friday 16th October ST HEDWIG	10.00am Word & Holy Communion			
Saturday 17th October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Word & Holy Communion	
Sunday 18th October 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Malcolm & Liz (LL)		11.00am Kathleen Joyce (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, Tim & Sandy Madden, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Robert Elliot Futers, Jo Ling, 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
28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A, 10 & 11 OCTOBER 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. | 2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. |

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." ' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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