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PARISH OF OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S, TYNEMOUTH &
ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS
Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Front Street
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Cullercoats NE30 3EY

- ***We are Safeguarding Parishes respecting the dignity of all.***
- ***Contactless payment is available at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton.***

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B, 28 & 29 NOVEMBER, 2026

The Cycle of Prayer **Advent & Christmas**
During Advent & Christmastide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

3 December: 7.00pm Partnership Parishes Advent Service, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats
8 December: 9.30am Exposition & Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay
24 December: 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Christmas Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats
24 December: 5.30pm Carols & 6.00pm Christmas Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay
24 December: 7.30pm Carols & 8.00pm Christmas Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton
25 December: 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay
25 December: 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, Our Lady's & St Oswin's Church, Tynemouth
25 December: 11.00am Christmas Morning Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats
29 December: 10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Thomas Becket, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay
1 January 2027: 11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay
5 January: 7.00pm Vigil Mass, The Epiphany, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton
6 January: 10.00am Mass, The Epiphany, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay & 11.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Cullercoats

ADVENT 2026

Advent invites us to pause and remember a deeper preparation taking place beneath the activity of the season. It is a time to ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, drawing close again to the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love revealed in God's promise fulfilled through Jesus. To assist with this, members of our diocesan writing team have produced a series of weekly reflections. Each week explores one of the central themes of the season, providing prayerful reflections alongside references to the daily readings. The collection will conclude with a reflection for Christmas Day by Bishop Stephen. The reflections are available to view and download on the diocesan website at: https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2026.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA & ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am until 10.00am before Mass each weekday during Advent.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE – 1 DECEMBER

On Tuesday 1 December we welcome the children of Star of the Sea school to St Edward's Church at 5.30pm for their Advent Service. Parishioners are invited to join the children as they celebrate the Nativity story.

ADVENT ALMS

This Advent, St Cuthbert's Care is asking for your support for 'Fresh Start', an initiative that provides a safe home for women experiencing homelessness alongside challenges including addiction, poor mental health, criminal/sexual exploitation, trauma and abuse. Through compassionate, person-centred support, we help women regain stability, rebuild confidence and take positive steps towards a brighter future. There will be a basket available for donations at the back of St Oswin's and St Mary's Churches and beside the Advent wreath at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. You can also make a contactless donation using the card reader machines at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed in the morning on Wednesday 2 December; it will reopen at 1.30pm.

CARETAKER – ANNUAL LEAVE

Paul, the caretaker, will be on annual leave from Monday 7 December. He will return to work on Tuesday 15 December.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S AND ST MARY'S – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-2027

A reminder that the next session for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion takes place at 10.45am on Sunday 6 December.

ST OSWIN'S & ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE 11 DECEMBER

The parish Christmas dinner and dance will take place at Tynemouth Golf Club, 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Friday 11 December. This is the final weekend to sign up; tickets cost £35 and any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2026-2027
(RE-)DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Coast Partnership Journey in Faith sessions for 2026 – 2027 will continue on Tuesday 1 December in St Edward's meeting rooms, from 7.00 pm until about 8.30. 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 Wednesday 2 December. Jim Gunning will lead a 5.5 mile walk from Longbenton Metro station through Jesmond Dene and Armstrong Park to the Quayside returning by metro. Meet at West Monkseaton Metro station at 9.30am. For further information, contact Jim on 07538 327784.

CENTENARY PIE & PEA SUPPER

Thank you to all who attended and also to those who donated to the event. A magnificent £722 was raised. A huge thank you all those who helped in any way, particularly last Friday. We look forward to future events planned for the new year.

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

Our reverse Advent calendar continues this week, the idea being to give an item on each of the 24 days in the run-up to Christmas. We begin early so that the foodbank has time to send things out before Christmas. Please see below for the items needed this week.

Day 16	Day 17	Day 18
Tinned meat/stew/ chilli/curry	Biscuits	Hot dogs
Day 19	Day 20	Festive Extras
Tinned fruit	Tinned pies	Christmas crackers

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES – RED BOX APPEAL

The 2027 Mission Today Calendar is now available at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches. If any supporters wish to donate for the December quarter, please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 252 9569 or Bill Crumbley (St Edward's) on 07889 969639. 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.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

The November 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

ADVENT SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S, CULLERCOATS 30 NOVEMBER

St Mary's & St Oswin's have, once again, been invited to this annual service which will be held in St George's Church Hall on Monday 30 November at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. We have only just received the invitation, so it is very short notice! Please let Kath Kelly know this Sunday if you would like to attend.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – CONCERT

The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home on Saturday 5 December at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279.

CHURCHES TOGETHER – CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Whitley Bay Churches Together invite everyone to join them for Carols Around the Tree at 4.00pm on Saturday 19 December next to Monkseaton Methodist Church, Front Street.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Our Lady's & St Oswin's & St Mary's	office.cullercoatstynemouth@diocesehn.org.uk	0191 2513770
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 28th November		6.00pm Monica Whalen (PW)	10.00am Tess & Sid Snowball (TR)	
Sunday 29th November **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Bill Routledge (SD)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 30th November **ST ANDREW, APOSTLE**	NO MASS			
Tuesday 1st December	10.00am Adriana Arnone (LDM) 5.30pm Star of the Sea School Advent Service			10.00am Ada Storey (CK)
Wednesday 2nd December		10.00am Nevis Young (AG)		
Thursday 3rd December **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**			10.00am Word & Holy Communion 7.00pm Advent Service	
Friday 4th December	10.00am Marian DiMascio (PO)			
Saturday 5th December		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Martin (CHS)	
Sunday 6th December **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)		11.00am Vera Franco (SS)	9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM - ST MARY'S CHURCH	
Saturday 5th December, 11.30am	Erik Elvar Andrason-Róbertsson

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Annette Pilman, Michael Thrift, Dora Percival, Don Williams, Rona Halbert, Margaret Elliott, Joseph Rooney, Kath Gunn, Eileen Truby, Joan Hamilton, Olga & Peter Sanderson, Paul Gunning, Tim & Sandy Madden, Jo Ling, Lisa Stimpson, Pat Haddon, Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton, Wendy O'Toole, Louise Laggan, Barbara Manley, 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: Libby Campbell, Chris Pickering, Sheila Gibson, Patricia Swaddle, Joan Ramsay & Pat Brannigan. 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.

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READINGS AT MASS
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B, 28 & 29 NOVEMBER 2026

First Reading **Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8**

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.
O that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence. You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. R4**

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us.

2. 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.

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel **Mark 13:33-37**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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