



**West Durham Catholic Parishes:
Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor**

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	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 22 April	6.00 pm Mass Donna Rose, Bob Middleton & Dec'd Members of Richardson Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 23 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary & Arthur Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass William & Mary Quinn David Stephenson & People of the Parish	
Monday 24 April				
Tuesday 25 April				
Wednesday 26 April				
Thursday 27 April				
Friday 28 April				
Saturday 29 April	6.00 pm Mass Maureen Mahoney, Daphne Wong-Shay, Stan Harper & People of the Parish			
Sunday 30 April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Jim Marley & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Alice McKenna, Monica Atkinson, Paul Boddice (sick), Janey Slevin and Sheila Collinson & People of Parish	

Living Faith: April – June 2017 available at the back of Church, priced 75p



Better late than never.... I have always been struck by today's passage from the gospel. Thomas has been out and about, buying provisions for his fellow disciples, perhaps. He returns and the others say: 'We have seen the Lord!' Not very likely, thinks Thomas. After all, they had seen Jesus die with their own eyes only last Friday. Have they been dreaming, deluding themselves, filled with wishful thinking? And Thomas will have none of it. But for a whole week they go on and on about Jesus being alive, yet Thomas, the sensible one, can't accept this. Until the following week when the resurrection of Jesus becomes real *for him*. Other people may speak about their faith in Jesus but, for us, perhaps, this is all quite unreal. Until it happens *for us*. This is the point when the resurrection is not just a story, but becomes a relationship which can change our lives.

- David Coxon



Our new website: Our new website is now up and running. You can view this on wdrcp.org The 'wdrcp' stands for 'West Durham Roman Catholic Parishes'. Many thanks to all who have contributed to creating this site.

Food bank: Next collection for the food bank: May 6th/ 7th.

Parish Pastoral Councils: Several times during the course of the year we have 'pastoral councils' for our parishes. This gives an opportunity to consider how best we can care for one another and how best we can re-focus on what is our mission as the Church. Our next Pastoral Council for Ushaw Moor will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 2nd. This will be in the Parish Office. The next Pastoral Council for Esh/Langley Park will be in St Michael's church sacristy at 1.00pm on Wednesday, May 3rd. If anyone should have anything they would like to have discussed please speak to Peter Murray (Ushaw Moor) or Denise Kendall (Esh/Langley Park). Otherwise you can leave a message at the Parish Office.

Forward Together in Hope: All sorts of developments are taking shape across our diocese. We have recently formed a 'partnership of parishes' with Langley Moor, Durham city, Sedgfield, Trimdon and Coxhoe. Information should be available today for those wanting to discover more. We can keep in regular contact with 'Forward Together in Hope' on their website www.hope.reldhn.org.uk Do take a look at the item in the Update on 'Nurturing Partnerships'.

Easter raffles: Thank you to all who supported our Easter raffles at Newhouse and Ushaw Moor. There is list of prize winners in the church porch.

Finance committee: There will be a meeting of St Michael's Parish Finance Committee at 1.00pm on Wednesday, April 25th.

Preparing for First Communion: As children continue to prepare for sharing in sacraments our next preparation session will be on Wednesday, May 3rd. This will again be in the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club at 6.30pm. On this occasion we will be thinking about 'Take and eat'. What do we believe about Holy Communion? What do we believe we are receiving, and eating?

A Day for Confirmation Catechists and for anyone interested in helping. It's on Saturday, April 29th, 10.00am – 3.00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. See the church notice boards.

'Tyne and Wear Citizens' We can, all of us, feel worn down and jaded by the circumstances of our lives. To help us handle things we may drink more than is healthy, or smoke, or go to the doctor for something to 'help us cope'. Yet nothing much may change until we try to identify what is *causing* us to feel overwhelmed. It could also be that what causes us to feel down may be very similar to what affects others: lack of self-esteem, loneliness, financial worries; it could be anything. Some of our churches are wondering if we might work with 'Tyne and Wear Citizens' to do but one thing: to listen to a group of our people speak about the needs and concerns of themselves and so, perhaps, others in their community, to listen to things that can wear us down. To find out more please get in touch! - David Coxon

Ushaw College:



- Wednesday, April 26th, 7.00pm: 'The First World War Poets'. £5 - with fabulous food!
- Saturday, April 29th, 7.30pm: Durham Hymns with the Reg Vardy band. £12.
- Thursday, May 4th, 6.00pm: Ushaw lecture: 'Squabbling, babbling, feeling – What did exile do to early modern Catholics in Britain and Ireland'.

Also, the college itself is open to look around. Café: Wednesday-Saturday 11.00am-5.00pm with main building open 1.00 – 5.00pm. Prayer at 12.30pm on Wednesday-Friday and Saturday Vespers at 4.45pm. All welcome! For full details see website <http://www.ushaw.org/store/index.php>

Forward Together in Hope

God of all creation,
 you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world. Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world. Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses. As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world, and to live in harmony with the whole of creation. All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.'

