



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

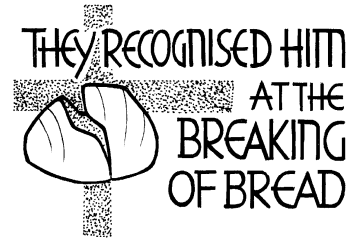
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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 29 April</b>	6.00 pm Mass Maureen Mahoney, Daphne Wong-She, Stan Harper & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Parish	
<b>Monday 1 May</b> <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>				
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b>	7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b>				
<b>Thursday 4 May</b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 5 May</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Eddie Scanlon, Dec'd Members of Jennings Family & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 7 May</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass All members of the Brennan and Ryan Families & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass May & Thomas Johnson, William & Teresa Newton & People of Parish	



**On a Journey.** When you go for a walk you get time to think, to sort things out in your head. When you walk with someone else you chat, share ideas, see things in a new way. Today's gospel tells us of two friends on a journey. It's only two days since Jesus died and they are trying to make sense of it all. They feel despondent, broken and unsure about the future. An unknown traveller joins them on their journey, asks what they are chatting about, and helps them to understand the message of Jesus. They do not realise that the traveller *is* Jesus, raised to new life. There can be a whole lot we don't much understand on our own journey through life. Perhaps we can discover our own brokenness and uncertainty to contain something positive and meaningful through 'the breaking of bread', an early description of the Eucharist, the mass.

- David Coxon

**Sick and retired clergy:** we are invited to contribute to a collection as we leave church today.



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

**One parish?** For several years our three parishes have tended to operate as a 'cluster of parishes', working together in preparing for baptism, First Communion, confirmation, marriage as well as celebrating things like Holy Week. Maybe we could now be thinking of pulling together formally as one parish. Please chat to one another and offer any thoughts about this. This can also be discussed at forthcoming Parish Pastoral Councils.

**Parish Pastoral Councils:** During the course of the year we have 'pastoral councils' for our parishes. These challenge us to think how best we can care for one another and how best we can re-focus on what is our mission as 'the Church'. We can all be helped with this *refocusing on our priorities* by a document sent to us last week from the 'Forward Together in Hope' team. It is called 'Pointing the Way', and is the next stage as we move Forward Together in Hope. Our next Pastoral Council for Ushaw Moor will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will consider the CAFOD campaign to 'Live Simply' but 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.

**Holy Communion ministers:**

Reminder: the feast of 'Corpus Christi' is the day when, during our mass, Holy Communion ministers have the chance to renew their commitment to the people of our parish. Ministers wanting to continue in this ministry are reminded to make a note in their diaries for June 17/18<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps this is particularly important if people were unable to attend last year.



**Body & Soul:** The first meeting of 2017 will take place on Wednesday 3 May at Esh Winning Communal Hall, from 11 am. This is an ecumenical group to enable the housebound and/or those not able to get to church anymore in Esh Winning/Waterhouses to meet for a time of prayer and discussion with light refreshments.

**Food bank:** Next collection for the food bank: Next weekend, May 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup>.

Women, men and children welcome at the **praying of the rosary** Thursday 4 May at 7pm, Newhouse Parish Centre. See you there! Our Lady to the girl Lucia at Fatima: "Pray the rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war".



**Next weekend:** a collection to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**Easter Raffle at Ushaw Moor:** Unclaimed prizes: Green ticket 101, 108, 132, 143, 148. Red ticket 13, 32, 224, 252, 273, 3044, 409. Yellow ticket 55, 218, 219, 238, 246.

**Preparing for First Communion:** Through preparing for Holy Communion and through joining us for weekend mass our children are gradually coming to share a sense of belonging to our faith community. As they prepare for sacraments the children and their parents are invited to the next preparation session on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. On this occasion we will be thinking about 'Take and eat'. What do we actually believe about Holy Communion? Deep down, what do we believe we are receiving, and eating?

**Churches Together:** Next meeting for Catholics and all fellow Christians will be in St Joseph's Catholic Club, Ushaw Moor at 7.00 pm on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Special speaker: Phil Togwell – about praying in all sorts of ways and places. All welcome!



**Ushaw College:** The college is again open to visitors. Café: Wednesday-Saturday 11.00am-5.00pm with main building open 1.00 – 5.00pm. Prayer at 12.30pm on Wednesday-Friday. Saturday Vespers at 4.45pm. There are also regular events to which visitors are welcome. For example?

\* Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm: Ushaw lecture: 'Squabbling, babbling, feeling – What did exile do to early modern Catholics in Britain and Ireland'.

\* Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Easington Colliery Band.

**'Tyne and Wear Citizens'** Sometimes we can feel weary by things going on in our lives. Yet nothing much may change until we try to identify what is *causing* us to feel overwhelmed. It is important to *listen* to ourselves and to *listen* to others. Why? Because if we can take time to 'listen' then we can discover things we would like to achieve for our community. This is very much about 'hope' and offering 'hope' to others - big Resurrection themes. Some of our churches are wondering if we might work with 'Tyne and Wear Citizens' to do but one thing: to *listen* to people speak about their own needs and concerns, and those of others in their community, with the intention of identifying what we might want to achieve for people in our community. To find out more please get in touch! - David Coxon

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.'



