

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

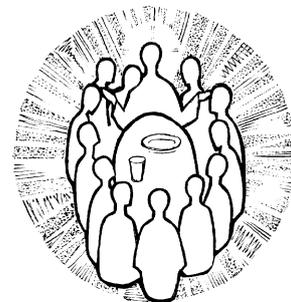
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 13 May	6.00 pm Mass Liz Thompson, Jackson & Bullen Families & People of the Parish			
Sunday 14 May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Philip Quigley, Norah May Gowland, Jim & Philomena Outterside & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Andy Webster and Dec'd of the Vizard Family & People of the Parish	
Monday 15 May				
Tuesday 16 May	12 noon Mass N.B.F.			
Wednesday 17 May				
Thursday 18 May			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 19 May				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 20 May	6.00 pm Mass Joseph Ernest Cant, Jane & Thomas Wilson & People of the Parish			
Sunday 21 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Frank & Lizzie Armstrong & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Syd Duggan and John Lawlor & People of Parish	

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



Called to Ministries Every day between Easter and Pentecost, Sundays and weekdays, our first reading at mass is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This book tells the story of the growth and development of the early Church. It speaks about the taking up of Jesus into heaven and then what happened to the disciples with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. It then tells of how Peter and the others spoke to the people about Jesus and captivated their hearts. Then, because the number of disciples was increasing, they needed to appoint people to various ministries in the community to ensure that everyone was looked after and everything important 'got done'. This is what we hear about in today's first reading. And this mirrors any parish in the Church today! We continually call people to roles and ministries within our faith-community. The development of the Church

- David Coxon

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.

First Holy Communion: These are parish occasions when it is important for us to welcome our children more fully into our faith-community. Our First Communion celebrations:-

- St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor : 6.00pm mass Saturday, May 20th;
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse: 10.30am, Sunday, May 21st;
- St Michael's, Esh: 9.00am, Sunday, June 11th.

Recent collection:

Little Sisters of the Poor: St Michael's: £121.85;
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £82.96
St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor: £60.02

Pastoral Area Council: Meeting on Wednesday (May 17th) at 7.00pm in the Parish Office will be for representatives of our three Parish Pastoral Councils.

'Tyne and Wear Citizens': What do you reckon are the needs in our local communities? How can we identify needs in a way that helps us to benefit our local communities? Anybody keen to find out about 'Tyne & Wear Citizens'? Contact our Parish Office.

Happy Birthday! This Tuesday the Ushaw Moor '2-4 Club' celebrates its 20th birthday.

Food bank: The total for May was 160.6kg. Thank you to Ken & Geraldine for all their help!

Our new website : <https://wdrep.org>

Job Vacancy: Learning Support Assistant required at St Leonard's School. Please see job advert on notice board at back of Church for details. Closing Date is 12 noon on Wednesday 24 May 2017.

Holy Communion ministers: 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 17/18th**. Perhaps this is particularly important if people were unable to attend last year.

Readers: Those people who are Readers for our parishes are invited to renew their commitment at masses on Saturday/ Sunday, **June 24/ 25th**.

Ushaw College: Next weekend will be a 'Folk Weekend' at Ushaw College. So, what's on?

- Friday, May 19th, 7.30pm: 'The Millstone on Tour', Admission: £7.
- Saturday, May 20th, 7.30pm: Kathryn Tickell and The Side. Folk and clas sical. Admission £14 (Under 18s: £7).
- Saturday, May 20th, 2.30pm: Organ recital with Jonathan Clegg. Free admission.

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>

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.'

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The Forward Together in Hope representatives from across our new partnership recently met with the clergy to start getting to know each other's parishes. We shared some of the information from the parish questionnaires which we all completed in 2015, and talked about the challenges of how we involve people in our parish life. We also shared information about some of the positive things which are happening in our area and agreed that there are real opportunities for sharing ideas and inviting our neighbours to join us for services and social events. The next step is to set up a Partnership Development Group. This group will meet before Pentecost, and our priorities will be to look at how we communicate across the area, how we make clear links with the schools and to identify opportunities to join together for prayer and outreach. We will let you know who is representing this parish on the Partnership Development Group very shortly. Until this is confirmed, if you have any questions or ideas, please speak to Margaret Sands, Charlie Darby-Villis or Bill Donnelly. The partnership arrangements will start formally at Pentecost (4 June).