



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

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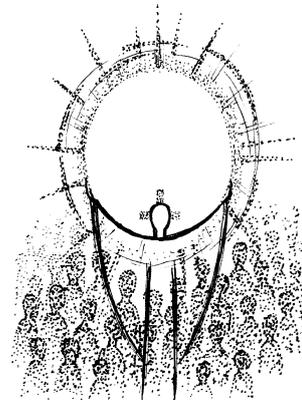
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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 20 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Joseph Ernest Cant, Jane & Thomas Wilson & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 21 May <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i></b>		9.00 am Mass Frank & Lizzie Armstrong & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Syd Duggan and John Lawlor & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 22 May</b>				
<b>Tuesday 23 May</b>	No Mass or Confessions		10.30am Funeral Mass Margaret Bell	
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b>		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 25 May</b>			9.15 am Mass Joseph & Hilda Nicolson	
<b>Friday 26 May</b>				9.15 am Mass Thomas and Elizabeth Hewitson
<b>Saturday 27 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 28 May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i></b>		9.00 am Mass Louisa and Clara Weighill. All members of the Davidson Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rose Webster & People of Parish	

**Recently Dec'd:** Funeral Mass for Margaret Bell on Tuesday at 10.30 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.



**Another Advocate:** The word 'advocate' is often used in a legal setting. This is the one who speaks on behalf of the person being charged. The 'advocate' presents the best possible case for the person under scrutiny. We believe Jesus always sees the best in each one of us and he speaks up for us in God's presence. An encouraging thought! But today Jesus says he will ask the Father to give us 'another advocate'. This new advocate will be the Spirit of God who will actually be with us and in us. So, whatever may be our shortcomings, the Spirit shouts into the Father's ear how wonderful we are, that each one of us is terrific!

- David Coxon



**Celebrating First Communion:**

This weekend we have nine children from Ushaw Moor and four children from Newhouse sharing in Holy Communion for the first time. . Congratulations to all of our children! It is a great joy for us, as a parish, to welcome them more

closely into our faith-communities. First Communion day in St Michael's parish will be Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**First Communion families:** Each month children and parents have been looking at the significance of different parts of the mass. On Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> we will again meet in the Catholic Club to think about the message with which, each week, we are 'sent out' from our weekly mass.

**Ascension:** Next weekend we'll celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The following week will be Pentecost - the coming of God's Spirit upon the Church. Between Ascension and Pentecost we are invited to pray, each day, that God's Spirit may come into us.



**Churches Together:** On Pentecost Day (June 4<sup>th</sup>) the people of all our churches are invited to come together for prayer at St Andrew's Church, Brandon, 6.00 pm.



**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, and marriage. As we move into a partnership with several other parishes maybe we could now be thinking

of integrating formally as one parish. So, we'd still keep our current churches, but become a united parish. Please chat to one another and offer any thoughts about this.

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

**Fundraising Fayre:** Christine Thompson is holding a fayre in Newhouse Parish Centre from 11.30am to 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June in aid of Cancer Research UK. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

**Fr Mark Carroll:** Fr Mark looks extremely well after his recent time on the sick. He will again be celebrating masses in Newhouse on Wednesday mornings at 9.15 am.

**Ushaw College:** The college is 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?

- Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6.00pm: Ushaw lecture 'English Jesuit Drama 1599-1916'
- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: St Andrew's University Madrigal Group, £7.
- Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm 'Strictly Smokin' Big Band' with modern swing, jazz and jive shows. Admission: £7.00.

**'Tyne and Wear Citizens'** Through identifying our own needs in 2017 how might we now discover things we would like to achieve to benefit our local communities? Anybody keen to find out more? Contact our Parish Office

**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 their 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.

**Readers:** Those people who are Readers for our parishes are invited to renew their commitment at masses on Saturday/ Sunday, **June 24/ 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please make a note.

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.'



**Forward Together in Hope:** In February the Bishop announced the formation of 18 Area Partnerships covering the whole of our diocese which runs from the Scottish border down to the River Tees. Our own local partnership is to include our own parishes of Newhouse, Ushaw Moor and Esh with Langley Park, along with Durham city, Langley Moor, Sedgfield, Coxhoe and Trimdon. The partnership arrangements will formally begin at Pentecost (June 4<sup>th</sup>). Our first priority will be looking at how we communicate across the parishes in our area and to look at opportunities for sharing prayer and social events. We will continue to keep everyone informed.

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw May 2017		
£50.00	50	A Tomlinson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30.00	157	H Nixon
£10.00	152	S Martin	4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	30	N Miller
£ 5.00	3	H Cooper		Next Draw: 2 June 2017		<b>There are still 11 vacancies.</b>