



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

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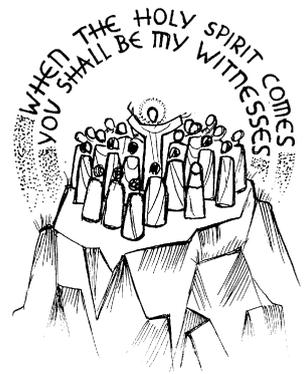
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 27 May	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 28 May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>		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 the Parish	
Monday 29 May				
Tuesday 30 May	7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 31 May			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 1 June			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 2 June				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 3 June	6.00 pm Mass Peggy and John Hope & People of the Parish			
Sunday 4 June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass Philip & Robina Quigley, John Tallentire, Mary & Arthur Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Jim Sedgewick and Christine Potts & People of Parish	

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Ascension: The sky and the many stars often used to be referred to as 'the heavens'. And when people speak about the sky they almost invariably point upwards as they are talking. That's body language. When we refer, then, to 'heaven' as the realm of God then almost instinctively we think of heaven as being 'up there', above us. As a result of this we think of Jesus, in his return to the Father, as moving upwards. Hence the word 'ascension', going up. Yet God does not live 'up there'. Heaven is not a place. It is a relationship of 'being with God'. In his ascension, Jesus is *caught up in the glory of God*. We too are called to heaven. Not to a place, but to a relationship where we are caught up within God's love.

– David Coxon

We pray this weekend ... for all who died or were injured in the attack at Manchester Arena on Monday night.

Food bank: Items welcome next weekend.

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the Parish Office during this half term week.

Retiring Collection today for Communications Sunday.

Towards Pentecost: Between Ascension and next week's feast of Pentecost we are all invited, each day, to pray that God's Spirit may come afresh upon the Church.

Thank you...Very many thanks to catechists, teachers and to all who helped with the children's preparation. Our First Communions at St Michael's parish will be on Sunday, June 11th at 9.00am.

An invitation: People at St Michael's church plan to do some church cleaning after 9.00am on Monday, June 5th in preparation for First Communion day. If any parents, grand-parents or other parishioners would like to help then that would be terrific. Many hands make light work!



Churches Together: Next Sunday, on Pentecost Day (June 4th), people of all our local Christian churches are invited to come together at St Andrew's Anglican church, Brandon to a service celebrating the presence of God's Spirit in our lives. This will be at 6.00pm. Everyone very welcome.

Holy Communion ministers: All Holy Communion ministers wanting to renew their service to the people of our parishes are asked to come to one of our parish masses on the feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/ Sunday, June 17th/ 18th.

Readers: All Readers of the Scriptures wanting to renew their service to the people of our parishes are asked to come to one of our parish masses on the weekend of Saturday/ Sunday, June 24th/ 25th.

Justice & Peace Group: Meeting at Newhouse Parish Centre on Tuesday May 30th, 7.15 pm. Thinking about "Livesimply campaign" and Tyne & Wear Citizens'. Everyone welcome – even just to drop in. Further information from <http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-campaign/Livesimply-award;> and [http://www.citizensuk.org/tyne_wear_assembly.](http://www.citizensuk.org/tyne_wear_assembly)

Rosary: Come and pray the rosary at our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Centre at 7.00pm this Thursday 1 June. Men, women and children welcome!

Job Vacancies at St Leonard's School: Head Caretaker, 37 hours per week, £17,072-£18,745 and Careers Coordinator & Adviser, 26 hours per week, £24,174 - £27,668. Full details on notice board at the back of Church.



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 and Saturday Vespers at 4.45pm. There are also regular events to which visitors are welcome. For full details see website <http://www.ushaw.org/store/index.php>

Thinking about baptism? We haven't had many baptisms in our churches over the past twelve months but some parents have been making enquiries recently. On Saturday June 3rd, we plan to have an information session to think about the significance of baptism. This will be at St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor starting at 10.30am. Any parents wanting to attend are asked to let us know at the Parish Office by Thursday, June 1st. You can contact the office by email stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com or by phoning 0191-373 0219.

A Family day: As part of our growing together as a partnership of parishes we are all invited to a 'Family Day' in Durham. This will be on Sunday, June 18th. All welcome - though we do need to know by June 7th how many from here might be going, to help with planning. Please let us know at the Parish office (373 0219)



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.'

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Partnership of Parishes: Over the past few years we, in our cluster of parishes, have done more and more things together by way of preparing for baptism, First Communion, confirmation etc. Now we pretty much take these joint endeavours for granted. Because of this I have recently suggested that our parishes at Newhouse, Ushaw Moor, and Esh with Langley Park might formally come together as one united parish. I am interested in your comments on this. Yet, *even apart from this*, our local parishes are to enter into a 'partnership' with parishes at Langley Moor, Durham city, Sedgfield, Trimdon and Coxhoe. This is what we ourselves suggested to the bishop. Our partnership dean or leader will be Fr Andrew Downie of St Cuthbert's, Durham. Next weekend, at Pentecost, all of our churches will have short liturgy during mass as we initiate our new partnership. We are then invited to do all that we can to share social events and occasional prayer services so as to get to know others in our partnership of parishes.

– David Coxon

