

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

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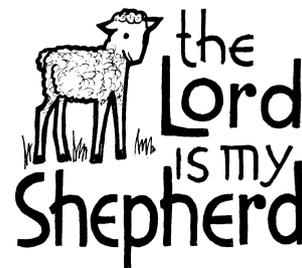
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 6 May	6.00 pm Mass Eddie Scanlon, Dec'd Members of Jennings Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 7 May <i>4th 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 the Parish	
Monday 8 May				
Tuesday 9 May	9.30 am Funeral Service Michael Corrigan			
Wednesday 10 May				
Thursday 11 May				
Friday 12 May				
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 Parish	

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

A 'vocation' Many of us are fortunate enough to have employment. While sometimes we talk of work being a *job*, occasionally we refer to work as being a *vocation*. So what is the difference between a 'job' and a 'vocation'? A *vocation* is something to which one feels *called*. So, the difference can have something to do with the motive. Are we drawn to our work because of the money, or for some other reason? Someone may feel called to teaching or to nursing, and so we describe that as a 'vocation'. We tend to speak of being a priest or being a religious Sister in the same way: it is more than a 'job', but something to which one feels *called*, called indeed by God. Today is 'Vocations Sunday'; we ask that we may look into our hearts to discover what God may be calling us to do in our lives.

- David Coxon

Little Sisters of the Poor: As we leave mass today we will have a retiring collection to help the Little Sisters in caring for the sick and the dying, offering a great sense of human dignity.



Food bank: Items for Food Bank very welcome today!

Preparing for Sacraments: As they prepare for sacraments the children and their parents have recently been thinking about *what we actually believe about Holy Communion. What do we believe we are receiving, and eating?* We will have a short liturgy during today's mass.

First Holy Communion: These are occasions for all of us to welcome our children more fully into our faith-community. Our First Communion celebrations will be

- 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.

Holy Communion ministers:

(a). 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 17/18th. Perhaps this is particularly important if people were unable to attend last year.

(b). A few people in Newhouse who used to be regulars at church are now unable to attend and are dependent on others taking Holy Communion to them at home. Might any Holy Communion ministers be able to take Holy Communion to one or two people who are no longer able to come to church?



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

Newhouse Parish Centre Easter Egg Raffle raised £206 for parish centre funds. All prizes have been claimed. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle in any way.



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 example?

Wednesday 10 May, 7.00pm: Durham Chorister School. This will be in aid of Otjikondo School in Namibia and the Chorister school, Durham. Tickets £20.

Our new website: You can view our new website on <https://wdrcp.wordpress.com> The 'wdrcp' stands for 'West Durham Roman Catholic Parishes'.

'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.

Reminder: Please note that the old £5 notes are no longer valid currency after 5th May.

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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Forward Together in Hope: a joint statement across our area.

In February, the bishop announced 18 Area Partnerships, covering the whole diocese. Our Partnership covers Durham, Langley Moor, Coxhoe, Sedgfield, Trimdon, and the West Durham parishes of Newhouse, Ushaw Moor and Esh with Langley Park - 9 parishes with 11 churches and a weekly mass attendance of about 2000. The partnership arrangements will start formally at Pentecost (4 June) and Fr Andrew Downie will be our Partnership Dean.

The Forward Together in Hope representatives from across the 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.