

**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</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 29 July</b> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	6.00 pm Mass Jim Pirie, Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish	11.00 am Memorial Mass Agnes Hennessy		
<b>Sunday 30 July</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Douglas & Bella Linsley, Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 31 July</b>	9.15 am Mass Funeral Mass John Howarth			
<b>Tuesday 1 August</b>	7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention			
<b>Wednesday 2 August</b>			-No Mass today-	
<b>Thursday 3 August</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 4 August</b>				<b>1.30 pm Mass</b> Eileen Rosser
<b>Saturday 5 August</b> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	6.00 pm Mass Margaret Bell Bob Middleton, Donna Rose & Deceased members of Richardson Family & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 6 August</b> <i>The transfiguration of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass Private Intention (SR) Pat Openshaw & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret Bell and Evelyn & Ralph Murray & People of the Parish	



**What is the kingdom of heaven like....?** Last weekend we were invited to think about what we understood by 'heaven'. We had Jesus taking examples from his everyday life to illustrate what *he* meant by 'heaven'. He suggested that 'heaven' is primarily about God's presence and activity in our world, now. Today Jesus offers us further examples of what *he* means by 'the kingdom of heaven', 'the reign of God', 'the activity of God'. Jesus talks about hidden treasure that we might discover buried in a field, or a precious stone of immense value. Would we be willing to sacrifice other things in our lives to be able to achieve that one thing of value? Would we be willing to sell everything we own so as to be able to buy that field? That, says, Jesus, is what the kingdom of heaven is like. Do you think that, for *you*, this awareness of God is something worth striving for?

- David Coxon



**Finchale Partnership event:**

Thank you to everyone who came along to Ushaw College last Sunday for our first Partnership event. 168 people came from across the Partnership, and, despite the weather, we had a great afternoon, with activities for families, tours of the college and Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel.

Thank you to Ushaw and their volunteers for their hospitality.

**Peter Stoddart:** Fr Peter Stoddart was baptised at St Joseph's church in Ushaw Moor and attended our primary school where his dad, Tom, is still caretaker. Peter went to Rome to study for the priesthood and was ordained in our cathedral in Newcastle last weekend. Fr Peter came back to Ushaw Moor to celebrate mass with us last Tuesday. Thank you very much to all who helped to organise things both in church and in the Catholic Club afterwards. Bishop Seamus has appointed Peter to be assistant priest in Hexham to serve the people of that parish and the surrounding communities.



**Ushaw College:** The café at Ushaw College is open Wednesday-Saturday, 11.00am-5.00pm with the 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?

- Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1.30 – 3.30pm: Selfies at Ushaw – Family Fun. £3.
- Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 – 3.30pm: Willow weaving with Ruth Thompson.
- Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>: Guided tours at 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm. £5.
- Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm: Spennymoor Town Band Picnic Concert.

Call the box office, Monday-Friday 10.0am- 12 noon, 0191-373 8500 or [ushaw.org](http://ushaw.org)

**Have you moved house?** If you are new to our area, or if you have moved house in the past five years, then you may like to give your contact details to the Parish Office, or personally to Fr David Coxon. Forms for you to provide details are also available at the back of each of our churches.

**Altar servers:** Are any more of our younger people interested in becoming altar servers? As long as our young people have celebrated First Communion they may now wish to become more involved through training to be altar servers. Please speak to Fr David Coxon.

**Food bank:** We will again be accepting items for the Food Bank next weekend. What sort of things are required? The main things required this month are coffee, sugar, long life fruit juice and tinned rice pudding. But the following items are also very acceptable:- tinned fruit, tins of sponge pudding, chocolate treats, soup, instant mash, custard, UHT milk, savoury treats, instant noodles, tinned vegetables. If you can donate any of these items it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Ministries during holiday time:** Some of us are Readers, Holy Communion ministers, or perhaps we help count the weekend collection. If you do any of these things and are likely to be away over the holidays please remember to contact the person in your parish responsible for rotas: Julie Kitching (Ushaw Moor), Denise Kendall (St Michael's), Bill McCormick (Newhouse). Alternatively, please arrange your own replacements.

**Day of Reflection:** When Holy Communion ministers are recommissioned each year they are asked to attend some day of reflection during the course of the next twelve months. An opportunity is being offered at Ushaw College on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 4.00pm. See the notice in the church porch. Over the summer we will gather the names of those ministers wanting to go. The parish will pay the relevant fee.

**A Journey in Faith:** Since October a group of parents have met almost every week to reflect on what sort of things Catholics believe. These sessions seem to be helpful to all of who are involved. There is no obligation or even expectation that those people who attend should definitely become Catholic themselves. This note is an invitation to anyone who is not Catholic who may wish to find out more and, in the process, deepen their own inner spiritual life. For more information please speak to Fr David Coxon or contact the Parish Office (373 0219).

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  
**HOPE**