

**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	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 12 August <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish			
Sunday 13 August <i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Agnes Hennessy & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish	
Monday 14 August				
Tuesday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	11.00 am Mass Private Intention	7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention	
Wednesday 16 August			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 17 August			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 18 August				1.30 pm Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 19 August	6.00 pm Mass Patricia Edwards, Clifton Ward, Sylvia and Malcolm Thornton & People of the Parish			
Sunday 20 August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Monica Wardle Jim & Philomena Outterside & P of P	10.30 am Mass James & Kathleen Emmerson & People of Parish	

Recently Dec'd: Reuben Clark (young child), Esh. William Arthur Merrigan (jnr), Sacriston, formerly of Langley Park.

Northern Cross: There's an article about the Partnership event at Ushaw, in this month's Northern Cross.

Searching for God: When people in the Bible encounter God there is often great drama with loud peals of thunder and flashes of lightning. We may then be tempted to think that any experience of God we may have is not genuine without similar celestial sound effects. Don't worry! The Bible is just using imagery to highlight the significance of encountering God. For our encouragement, we are today introduced to Elijah. He has been hounded out of town and now asks God to reveal himself so that Elijah may be reassured in his faith. Elijah gets all the usual drama: a mighty wind, an earthquake, a great fire.... But he felt that God was not to be found in any of this. And then came the sound of a gentle breeze, and Elijah hid his face because here, he believed, was the presence of God. So, when you invite God to draw close to you, don't expect the thunder and lightning. God usually seems to approach us very gently, in the little things of our lives. Be still....

David Coxon

Food bank The Food Bank total for August is a very impressive 269.18kg. Thank you to all those involved.

Holy day: This Tuesday, August 15th is one of the Church's holy days when we will be celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into the glory of heaven. Our mass times that day will be: 9.15am at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor; 11.00am at St Michael's, Esh; 7.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning.



Day of Reflection: Holy Communion ministers are recommissioned each year on the feast of Corpus Christi. They promise to attend some day of reflection during the course of the following twelve months. An opportunity is being offered at Ushaw College on Saturday, September 9th, 10.30am – 4.00pm. *If you want to go please contact Lisa at the Parish Office.* The parish will pay the relevant fee.

Ushaw College: How about lunch in the college café? The café is open 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?

- Wednesday, August 16th, 1.30-3.30pm: 'Bearfoot in the Park' Family Fun. £3.
- Friday, August 18th, 7.30pm: Dinner in the Parlour. £40.
- Saturday, August 19th, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm: Guided tours. £5
- Saturday, August 19th, 2.30pm: Organ recital. Donations invited.

Call the box office, Monday-Friday 10.0am- 12 noon, 0191-373 8500 or ushaw.org

Our sick list: Each week we have a 'sick list' in the printed version of our newsletter. If we know of anyone who is sick we might like to put their names on the list so that we might pray for them. However, it is important that we ask that person's permission before adding their name to be printed. Similarly, if anyone is on the sick list and has now recovered then we can remove their name from the list. Please contact us at the Parish Office about the sick list.

Aid to the Church in Need: Next weekend we will have someone coming to our masses speak about 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

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.

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 involved. There is no obligation or even expectation that those people who attend should become Catholic. 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).

For Readers: Sr Anna has organized an event at All Saints' church, Ferryhill on Saturday, September 9th which may be of interest to those who are Readers at mass. There will be a lecture by Fr Richard Taylor, then mass, followed by lunch. This will be between 10.30am and 2.00pm. The fee for this will be paid by the parish. Any Readers wanting to attend should contact the Parish Office on 3730219.

Esh Laude and Ushaw Moor Gift Aid statements for tax year 2016/17 available for collection from the back of church.

Day Out: On Tuesday 22nd August there will be coach leaving The Flass, Ushaw Moor at 10.30 am to Mecca Bingo, Gateshead, returning from Gateshead 2.45 pm. Price: £20.00, includes fish 'n' chip lunch, all bingo tickets, tea/biscuits. All welcome. Contact any 2-4 member or parish office.

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.'

