



**West Durham Catholic Parishes:  
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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 5 August</b>	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	
<b>Monday 7 August</b>				
<b>Tuesday 8 August</b>	No Mass Today			
<b>Wednesday 9 August</b> <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M Patron of Europe</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 10 August</b>			No Mass Today	
<b>Friday 11 August</b>				No Mass Today
<b>Saturday 12 August</b> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 13 August</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Agnes Hennessy & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Kevin McMahon & People of Parish	

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**The Transfiguration of the Lord:** To Jesus' friends he was the village carpenter. He was also their mate, someone they knocked around with, someone they could have a laugh with. Jesus was also an itinerant preacher who clearly felt very comfortable spending time with those people considered to be on the margins of society. That was something that irritated the authorities and, yes, that sort of pleased his disciples too. They were quite happy to irritate the powers-that-be from time to time. Yet there came an occasion when they saw Jesus in an entirely new light. This occasion is referred to in today's passage from the gospel. When they were with him, Jesus was described by the voice of God as his Son, his beloved, and that they should listen to the message of Jesus and take it to heart. This is what we celebrate in today's feast of 'the transfiguration'.



- David Coxon

**Food bank:** We are happy to accept items for the Food Bank this weekend. Thank you!



### **Ministries during holiday time.**

If you are 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.

**Weekday masses:** please check mass times this week.



### **Forthcoming holy day:**

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> will be one of the Church's holy days; 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:** 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.

**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.

**For Readers:** Sr Anna has organized an event at All Saints' Church, Ferryhill on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ushaw College:** The café at Ushaw College offers good meals at good value. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 – 3.30pm: 'Coloured Light' Family Fun. £3.
- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am - 5.00pm: Open gardens. £4 for adults. Children free.
- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 – 3.30pm: Willow weaving with Ruth Thompson.
- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm and 3.30pm: A glimpse at the collections. £5.
- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm: Guided tours. £5.

**St Michael's church:** For some time, paint and plaster have been crumbling on to the sanctuary carpet at St Michael's church. Recently, however, we had work done to rectify this. Many thanks to those who swept up and cleaned the church afterwards.

**St Joseph's church house:** Heavy rains have caused a few problems at Ushaw Moor recently. Ridge tiles and some slates have been replaced.



Aid to the Church in Need

**Aid to the Church in Need:** A man called Michael Collins will visit our churches on the weekend of August

19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>. He will speak at the end of mass about the work of 'Aid to the Church in Need'. He will also have leaflets on display - but he won't be taking a collection!

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**