



**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 16 September</b> <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 17 September</b> <i>24th<sup>d</sup> Sunday of the Year Home Mission Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass Norman Gowland & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Anthony Hogan, Rochford & Brennan Families & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 18 September</b>				
<b>Tuesday 19 September</b>	6.15 pm Confession 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
<b>Wed 20 September</b>		10.30 am Mass (in Church with School) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thurs 21 September</b> <i>St Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 22 September</b>				9.15 am Mass John, Gladys and Terry Lynn
<b>Saturday 23 September</b>	6.00 pm Mass Ken Mahoney and Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <i>25th<sup>d</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joyce Towns, Paul Boddice (sick) & People of Parish	

**Recently Dec'd:** Fr Austin Malloy. He served in the Parishes of St Cuthbert's Durham and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning. Fr Anthony Donaghue. RIP.



**Forgiveness:** Resentment, anger, vengeance ... These are foul things, we are told in today's first reading. They can certainly have an effect on ourselves because anger and resentment eat away at us negatively, and begin to consume more and more of our time and energy. Our anger can spill out into conversation with friends too so that those relationships also are affected. Yet forgiveness doesn't come easily. Vengeance is the natural reaction; forgiveness is something which comes from God. It is perhaps only when we ask God to be with us that we can begin to see that person differently. First, we try to see them, genuinely, as a child of God, much loved by God. Then, gradually, we ask God to help us to forgive this person who has upset us. Forgiveness may come slowly, but it is always led by God.

David Coxon

**Home Missions:** This weekend we are invited to contribute to a collection for our Home Missions. Not so much to mission work abroad, in other words, but to the sense of 'mission', 'reaching out', 'sharing of faith' with people in our own country.

**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.

**Preparing for sacraments:** Once again our minds turn to preparation for First Communion. We will soon have an Information Meeting for parents to indicate how we hope to offer preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion this coming year. Our preparation tends to be for parents as much as for children, but children in Year 4 or above who have been baptized Catholic are eligible to begin preparation.

**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.

**Invitations:** Many thanks to those who have now responded to my invitation to become Readers or Holy Communion ministers. Anyone else wanting to reply? - DC

**Confessions:** ... Just a reminder that each week, when we have an evening mass at Ushaw Moor, we also have an opportunity for people to come along to confession. Confessions are from 6.15 – 6.55pm.

**Langley Park mass** ...again at 9.15am on Fridays

**Reminder!** The old £1 coins go out of circulation on October 15<sup>th</sup> !

**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.

**Offertory Processions:** Sometimes it is the doormen each week who bring forward the gifts in the offertory procession at mass. Perhaps families might like to help with this or, perhaps, groups of friends..? We usually need two or three people each week for the offertory procession. Perhaps you, with family or friends might like to help.

**Counting teams:** At Ushaw Moor and, especially, Newhouse we need people to help count the collection after the weekend mass. Sadly, the count doesn't take very long! Could **you** help with this?

**Pastoral Area Council:** Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm, Ushaw Moor.

**Thinking about faith:** Some parents or grandparents may not be Catholic or may not describe themselves as 'religious' but may wonder about some of the faith issues the children ask about when they come in from school. Some people may not be Catholic but come along to one of our churches occasionally. Other people may have been brought up as Catholics but may not have had much involvement with church until they are thinking about baptism for their child, or First Communion. If anyone should want to meet up informally from time to time to find out more about what Catholics believe, then please speak to Fr David Coxon or contact the Parish Office by email or by phone 0191 3730219 or [stjosephs.ushawmoor@bopenworld.com](mailto:stjosephs.ushawmoor@bopenworld.com)

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Towards the end of August Michael Collins spoke at our masses about Aid to the Church in Need. He didn't ask for any collection but he thanks us for £584-67 which was given to him either for items bought, or as donations.

**Youth Sunday Preparation:** An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's Academy, Hebburn on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3.00pm to 5.15pm.** This year's theme is 'YES' inviting us to reflect on how Mary, as a young person, had the faith and courage to say 'Yes' to what God was calling her to do. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Booking forms are in parishes or available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**Youth Ministry Module:** Adults who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 30<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Emmaus Youth Village. Further information from [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

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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