



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

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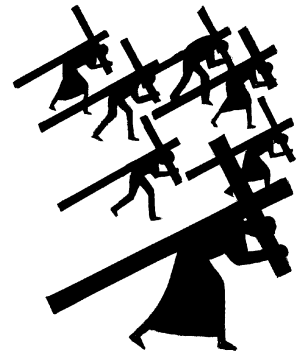
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 2 September	6.00 pm Mass Margaret Bell & People of the Parish			
Sunday 3 September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Jim Marley Private Intention (LW) & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass John Quinn & People of the Parish	
Monday 4 September <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>				
Tuesday 5 September				
Wednesday 6 September			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 7 September <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>				
Friday 8 September <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>				
Saturday 9 September	6.00 pm Mass Anne Cutmore & People of the Parish			
Sunday 10 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Robina & Philip Quigley, Mary Johnston & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rachel & Matty Suddes & People of Parish	

Proclaiming the message: We can sometimes be tempted to think that once we have been to our weekend mass then we ‘have done our bit’, we have clocked our card. Actually, there is more to it than that. We come to mass so that we can be fired up and rejuvenated by the message, and then fed and strengthened by the sacrament. THEN we go out into the week to share the message of Jesus. However, not everyone wants to know that message. Trying to share it can bring hardship and heartache. This, unfortunately, is what comes to us in today’s readings. We have Jeremiah experiencing ridicule and violence, and then Jesus warning us to be ready to take up the cross. Not everyone will be receptive to the message that we offer, yet it remains our task to share that message.

David Coxon

Welcome!

Welcome! This weekend we welcome Fr Mark Carroll to our masses. As you probably know, Fr Mark lives in the presbytery in Newhouse, Esh Winning.

If you need a Priest this week Please contact Fr Mark Carroll (Newhouse) on 597 5785.

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



Offertory Processions: Sometimes it is the doormen 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 counting the money doesn’t take very long! Could **you** help with this?

Overheard: As they looked at the clothes together one person was heard to say to another: “I avoid everything that makes me look fat - things like mirrors”.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Pastoral Council: had been arranged for Tuesday, September 5th . Our other parishes on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th but these will now be postponed until after our ‘Finchale Partnership Meeting’ which is on Wednesday September 13th.

Pastoral Area Council Meeting: on Wednesday 20 September at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office.



A Journey in Faith: Since October a group of parents have met most weeks 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).

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.

Fr Peter Stoddart: Fr Peter Stoddart is from Ushaw Moor and was recently ordained to the priesthood in our cathedral in Newcastle. Many of us went up to Newcastle to pray for him and to witness that occasion. This month Peter will take up his first appointment as an assistant priest in Hexham. Please continue to keep him in your prayer.

Remembering: This week we might two of our former priests as we keep their anniversaries. Fr Laurence Thompson (Ushaw Moor) died on September 6, 1989. Fr Thomas Cain (Esh) died on September 8, 1972.



PeerTalk Conference:

Interested in mental wellbeing and a good listener? PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help run a second peer support group for people

living with depression in Newcastle. Training Day is on Saturday 16 September at The Cophorne Hotel, The Close, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3RT, 10am – 4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer or contact admin@peertalk.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