

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

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	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 14 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 15 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Jim and Philomena Outterside, Ann Hunter & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret & Peter Rochford, Teresa Newton & People of the Parish	
Monday 16 October				
Tuesday 17 October	6.15 – 6.55pm Confession 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 18 October <i>St Luke Evangelist</i>		9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 19 October			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 20 October				9.15 am Mass Bro Denis Casey CMF
Saturday 21 October	6.00 pm Mass Gordon Simpson, James McLoughlin and Maureen Thompson & People of the Parish			
Sunday 22 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Mission Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass John Tallentire & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick) Rachel & Matty Suddes & People of Parish	

Recently dead: Fr Michael Conaty (priest for Langley Park in 1959).

Mary Keelty (Ushaw Moor), Funeral mass on Wednesday (18th) at 10.30am, St Joseph's, followed by cremation.

Ann Hunter (Ben Hunter's mother), Martin Murphy (Geraldine Hogan's cousin).



The invitation: Many of us find we have to cook each day, either for ourselves or for our family. How pleasant it can be to be invited out for a meal when you can enjoy the food and the company without having to cook. The man called Isaiah goes so far as to compare this experience to 'heaven' in today's first reading: *'God will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines'*. In another story today, Jesus tells of a king who laid on a magnificent wedding reception for his son. Those who were invited made up all sorts of excuses not to go and so the king threw the party open to everyone. But then came someone who hadn't bothered to get ready for the occasion. It seems we are *all* invited to share God's heaven but, in our attitudes, we do need to prepare.

– David Coxon

Final Reminder! The old £1 coins go out of circulation this Sunday night at midnight. You must get rid of your coins before then. If, after Sunday, you find any old £1 coins then bring them along to church. We'll be happy to take them off your hands!

Annual mass count: Once again today, and on the remaining weekends of October, all churches take a count of how many people are attending our masses. Thank you to the people doing the count in our own churches.

Preparing for sacraments: Last Wednesday we had an Information Meeting for the parents of children who are eligible to begin preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If those parents feel that their child is ready to begin preparation, and if they feel that their own faith is ready for this, then please return your pink forms by this Monday (October 16th) Once we know how many families want to be part of our preparation this year we will then contact you with further details of our programme.

Parish Pastoral Councils

- Tuesday, October 17th, 7.30pm : Ushaw Moor parish: meet in Parish Office.
- Wednesday, October 18th, 1.00pm: Esh/ Langley Park: in St Michael's sacristy.

Any items you want discussed? Contact Parish Office.

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.

Bishop's Letter: In his recent letter at mass, Bishop Seamus asked each of us to consider what we are good at, what are our God-given gifts.... How might we use those gifts to serve God in our parish? You may have a natural ability with children..... Or you may be a good listener with, say, older people who can no longer get out much..... You may be less shy than others in speaking about your faith in a small group.....You may be good at arranging social events.... How could you use your gifts to benefit our parish?

Pray the rosary: All welcome to our Newhouse Parish Centre on Thursday, October 19th, 7pm

Blessing of graves : Our blessing of graves this year will be on Saturday, November 4th at Ushaw Moor and on Sunday, November 5th at Newhouse. Both services will be at 3.00pm. Graves at St Michael's graveyard and at Langley Park will be blest after the 9.00am mass at St Michael's, as usual. Gravelights will be on sale shortly at £3.00 each.

Date for your diary: A memorial night for Kevin McMahon to be held on 4 November at 7.30 pm in Ushaw Moor Catholic Club. Entertainment by Robbie Raines. Bingo, raffle and tote. Free entry. All welcome.

Refugee Support Greece: Monday, October 23rd, 7–9pm at CG93 (Chemistry Dept., Durham University, South Road Durham, DH1 3LE). The founders of this, John Sloan & Paul Hutchings, are doing a UK tour to spread the word about Aid With Dignity. We donated £1200 last year which went towards a school for refugee children. All welcome on the 23rd.

Ushaw College: For several years Canon Robert Spence was priest at Lanchester but he has now retired and is living at Ushaw College. He hopes to have a 12.30pm mass each Friday. Also at the college this week will be a celebration of Gregorian Vespers [*evening prayer*] on Saturday, October 21st at 4.00pm. All are welcome to these.

Esh Community Gospel Choir would like to welcome you to join us for an afternoon of singing at Ushaw College on Sat 21st October 2:00-4:30. No experience or ability to read music is needed, just come along and join us in these uplifting songs. There is no charge for the event, but donations to Ushaw College would be welcome on the day.

Thank you! Many thanks to those people who came along to a training session for new Readers this weekend. Your names will be passed on to those who look after rotas so that we can draw you into our masses fairly soon. Thanks too to those people who this week are to attend the first evening in the course for new Holy Communion ministers. We hope to have your DBS (safeguarding) clearance as soon as we can and then you too can be integrated into our rotas for parish masses.

Our 'Finchale partnership' You can find out information about our 'Finchale partnership' by logging on to the website of St Cuthbert's parish, Durham: stcuthberts-durham.org.uk

Food bank : Thank you for 226.36kg of donations last weekend.

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.

Operation Christmas Samaritan's Purse: It's that time of year again when we make our appeal in order to fill disadvantaged children's lives with joy at Christmas. Please participate this year. Leaflets and shoe boxes are available at the back of all Churches. The organisers ask for £5 with each shoe box this year. Any donations towards the boxes or the distribution of them would be most welcome. Please contact Judith Hemmingfield on 0191 373 1013 for further information. Thank you!

