

**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 7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	6.00 pm Mass Luke Dodds and Kevin McMahon & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 8 October</b> <i>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Billy Merrigan All members of the Merrigan Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick) Tommy Flatley & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 9 October</b>				
<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	6.15 – 6.55pm <i>Confession</i> 7.00 pm Mass N.B.F.			
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>		9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 12 October</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 13 October</b>				9.15 am Mass Marie Evans RIP
<b>Saturday 14 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 15 October</b> <i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Jim and Philomena Outterside & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret & Peter Rochford, A Newton & People of Parish	

**Please note there will be no coffee morning today at Esh Winning.**

**Doing the garden:** When you go for a walk you can't help but notice that some people's gardens are immaculate. Others are less well tended! That's not a criticism, though, because gardens and allotments can take a lot of work. Getting rid of stones and weeds, keeping the ground well drained, spacing out your vegetables.... And, in a similar way, that is what today's readings are about. Instead of 'garden', though, read 'vineyard', and vineyards take a lot of looking after. Vineyards were also an image for Israel, an area and a people that was looked after and cared for by God. God devoted a lot of time and energy to Israel, his vineyard. It's worth bearing this image in mind as we listen to our Scripture readings today. – David Coxon

**Food bank:** Items for the food bank can be left at church today. Thank you!

**Annual mass count:** Today and on the remaining weekends of October all churches take a count of how many people are attending our masses.

**Harvest Fast Day:** We have a Fast Day this Friday 13 October.



**Reminder!** The old £1 coins go out of circulation, next weekend, at midnight on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Check your purses, drawers and down the side of cushions!

**Prisoners' Week** – A week of prayer 8-14<sup>th</sup> October. Leaflets at the back of Church.

**Confessions:** Tues, 6.15 – 6.55pm at Ushaw Moor.

**Bishop's Letter:** In his letter at mass last week Bishop Seamus challenged all of us to deepen our faith and to develop our awareness of what 'discipleship' means. How can we, each of us, use our gifts and abilities in the service of God in the parish? How can we best encourage others to use their gifts in the day to day life of the Church?



**Readers:** Several people have said they would be happy to become Readers of the Scriptures for our parishes. We will have a session of training for new Readers at **The Parish Office at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 10.30am on**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** This should last no more than about 90 minutes.

**Preparing for sacraments:** Our preparation for sacraments tends to be for parents as much as for children because it allows parents to think afresh about what 'God' means now that they are adults, and what it means in practice to be part of the action and mission of the Church (as opposed to simply 'attending mass'). However, children in Year 4 or above who have been baptized Catholic are eligible to begin preparation. On **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor** we will have an Information Meeting for parents to indicate how we hope to offer preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion this coming year.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Parish Pastoral Councils:**

- Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm : Newhouse parish: meet in **Parish Office, UM.**
- Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm : Ushaw Moor parish: meet in Parish Office.
- Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1.00pm: Esh/Langley Park: in St Michael's sacristy.

Any items you want discussed? Contact Parish Office.

**Catholic Club:** For some reason, when people google the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club they are being given the phone number of our Parish Office. Our office number is 0191-373 0219. The Club number is **07519-672570.** The Club is available to hire for parties, events.

**Blessing of graves:** Our blessing of graves this year will be on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Ushaw Moor and on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Newhouse. Both services will be at 3.00pm.

**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. All are welcome. Also at the college this week is a jazz night on Friday at 7.30pm. This group will seek to bring to life a classic 1930s and 1940s repertoire. Cost £7. Light suppers from 6.00pm. On Saturday at 2.30pm there will be an organ recital with Simon Gledhill. This will include some Elgar, Gounod and Suppe. No charge for this, but a retiring collection. Also on Saturday there will be a 'Voices for Hospice' workshop, 11am – 4pm, and then a concert from 5-6pm. Finally, at 7.30pm on Saturday, there will be 'Mums in Durham' on their home turf having been formed by Gareth Malone. Admission £7 with light supper from 6.00pm.

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!

