



**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 11 November	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & Deceased members of McLoughlin and McCormick Families & People of the Parish			
Sunday 12 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass Ann Hunter, Terry and Sylvia Hennessy, Davidson Family and Louisa & Clara Weighill and all members of the Davidson Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass McQuaid Family, Syd Duggan and Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
Monday 13 November				
Tuesday 14 November	No confession today 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wed 15 November		9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 16 November			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 17 November				9.15 am Mass John, Gladys & Terry Lynn
Saturday 18 November <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul</i>	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McMahon & Mary Keelty & People of the Parish			
Sunday 19 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass Joseph and Kathleen Glennon & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Eileen Gannon and Rose & Andy Webster & People of Parish	



Celebrating weddings: At a Jewish wedding the bride waited at her parents' house for the bridegroom to come and take her to his own home. But the bridegroom might not specify at what time he might arrive, so she simply had to wait. Outside the house her bridesmaids also waited, for as long as it took. Today the focus of Jesus' story is on these bridesmaids. Their role, once the bridegroom arrived, was to escort the wedding procession back to the bridegroom's house, amidst singing and dancing. But some of those bridesmaids were not ready when eventually the bridegroom came. And Jesus says: *'The kingdom of heaven is like that!'* So, be ready for whenever God chooses to enter into your life.

– David Coxon

Preparing for sacraments: Last Wednesday we had our first preparation session. Today, at our parish mass, we will have a short liturgy with these children and parents. Let's pray for our families these next few months.



Advent : During Advent we will again have an empty crib in our churches. Each weekend we can focus on an aspect of the crib and respond to that for people in need. The shepherds, for example, were sleeping out at night in the fields, short of food. So, the first Sunday of Advent, we might like to bring tins of food to put inside the crib. This food will then be given to the Food Bank. These same shepherds must have been fairly cold, sleeping rough so, the second week, we can bring *good quality* unwanted clothes which can be offered to the homeless. The third week we can focus on Mary and Joseph awaiting the birth of their child. Maybe bring to the crib some *new* baby clothes. Please bring your offerings into the crib itself, though, rather than leave them at the back of church or at school, or else the symbolism will be lost.

Food bank Thank you for last week's 211.33 kg.

St Joseph's Ushaw Moor There is to be a special Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7.30pm. Please make a note in your diary.

Ushaw College: 'Event brochures' at the back of church.

New Holy Communion ministers New ministers at Ushaw Moor had a meeting and a 'practical session' last Tuesday. There will be a similar meeting at St Michael's for their new ministers on Wednesday (Nov 15th) at 6.30pm, and then at Newhouse after mass next Sunday.

Newhouse Parish Centre Advent Fayre will take place on Sunday 26 November 11.30am – 3pm. Gifts for tombola, raffle or wheel of fortune, home-made cakes would be gratefully appreciated. Raffle tickets on sale next Sunday.



Remembrance Sunday: We remember all who have died in conflict or war.

Deepening our faith: For the last 12 months three people have been meeting most weeks in a desire to deepen their own faith and to discover more about what Catholics actually believe. These three young mams have now asked to be welcomed into the Church. Kirstie Davidson is from Bearpark. Melanie Lee from Ushaw Moor, and Bev Rochester from Langley Park. We hope to welcome these three into the life of the Church on the feast of Christ the Kind (November 25/26th). Kirstie and Melanie will be confirmed at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at our 6.00 pm mass on the 25th, and then they will come along to the 9.00 am mass on Sunday the 26th to celebrate Bev's confirmation at St Michael's. Please keep them in your prayer. If anyone else is not Catholic and would like to find out more, or if anyone was baptised Catholic but didn't get the opportunity to develop their faith further, then please feel able to contact Fr David Coxon.

Our 'Finchale partnership' Our local parishes are now part of a partnership with faith-communities at Langley Moor, Durham, Sedgfield, Trimdon and Coxhoe. Our 'Finchale partnership' is named after the ancient monastery on the banks of the River Wear. 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

Clergy Training Fund: Our Clergy Training Fund is, as the name suggests, a fund which helps with the training of new priests and deacons for our diocese. It also helps with the ongoing formation of those who are already priests and deacons. We had a parish collection recently but the fund will remain open till the end of November in case people might want to make a donation in memory of loved one.

Catholic Club: "The memorial night for Kevin McMahon was well attended. It was so nice to see so many people there who admired Kevin for the work he did both for the club and church. I would like to thank all who attended and donated prizes to make it a success. Look forward to seeing you all again." – Elsie Vasey (Chairperson)



Shoe Box Appeal: Please note collection of shoe boxes will be next Monday (20 November) between 6-7.30 pm at Ushaw Moor Catholic Club. You can also leave shoe boxes in Church next weekend for collection. Judith Hemmingfield (0191-373 1013).

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle: Gifts for raffle prizes would be gratefully appreciated. Proceeds to Parish Funds. Raffle tickets on sale shortly. Thank you for your support.

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.



'Lumiere' The 'Lumiere' festival will again be in Durham from Thursday, November 16th till Sunday evening, November 19th Two of the churches in our partnership will be open, and hope to provide a place for quieter reflection

where people can light a candle, say a prayer and also find some "light" refreshments. One of the installations involves lighting the boundary wall of **St. Godric's** (Durham Martyrs parish) and the church will be open each evening. **St. Cuthbert's** has two of the installations just outside, and plans to be open from about 5pm to 10pm on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday and after the evening Mass on the Sunday. All welcome.