



**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 18 November</b> <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul</i>	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McMahon & Mary Keelty & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 19 November</b> <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</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 the Parish	
<b>Monday 20 November</b>				
<b>Tuesday 21 November</b> <i>Presentation of the Bless Virgin Mary</i>	7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wed 22 November</b>		9.15 am Mass (in school chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 23 November</b>		12 noon Funeral Mass Gloria Johnson	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 24 November</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 25 November</b>	6.00 pm Mass Ruby & Tommy Stoddart, John Cantwell & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 26 November</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>		9.00 am Mass Shirley Oliver & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Sandra & Ellen Rowley, James Rochford, Paul Boddice (sick), Anthony Clarney & P of P	

**Recently dead:** Jozef Godoj (New Brancepeth); Gloria Johnson: Funeral Mass at St Michael's, Thursday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12 noon.

*The kingdom of heaven is like ...* Jesus uses all sorts of examples and descriptions from everyday life to communicate something of what the kingdom of God is like. Last week Jesus used the example of bridesmaids at a wedding. Their task was to remain awake and alert for the coming of the bridegroom. 'The kingdom of heaven is like that', said Jesus. Be forever ready to allow God into your life. Today Jesus speaks about talents. In Jesus' day a 'talent' was an amount of money; today we can also speak of a 'talent' in terms of a gift that we have, an ability. In Jesus' story two people of varying talent each make full use of their gifts to become twice the person they were before. One person, though, is shy, timid and reluctant to make use of his gifts, his talents. And he is criticized for not growing as a person. God always accepts us as we are. But he doesn't *leave* us where we are! God allows us to become who we have it in us to become! And **that** is what the kingdom of heaven is like. - David Coxon

**New Holy Communion ministers:** There will be a meeting for Newhouse's new Holy Communion ministers after mass today.

**Young Christian Workers:** For 80 years the YCW has been a tremendous powerhouse for social justice and prayerful reflection for young working people of 18 – 30 who want to develop their Christian faith. Some of our parishioners may have been involved with YCW over the years. There is to be a celebration mass at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead [NE8 1LX] at 3.30pm on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the mass there will be time to renew friendships and share memories over tea and biscuits. Everyone very welcome!

**County Durham Food Bank** need volunteers to help with the Christmas collection in Durham City Tesco branch (Market Place) on the following days: Thursday 30 November, 3-5 pm; Friday 1 December 9-5 pm; Saturday 2 December 9 -5 pm. Even an hour is helpful. Please call 3037559 or email web1@durhamfoodbank.org.uk.



**Advent:** We will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the season of 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.

**St Joseph's Ushaw Moor:** Special Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm.

**Preparing for sacraments:** Last weekend some parents presented their children to our parishes as the first stage in their preparing for confession and Holy Communion. Some of the preparation for the children takes place in school but the next evening session will be on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. We will then be thinking about our 'baptism'. What is the significance of that for the rest of our lives.



**Ushaw College:** Current 'event brochures' are available at the back of church but, in the meantime, we'd like to advertise 'The War Poets' at 7.00pm on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Professor Stephen Regan and others will read extracts from some very moving poetry. The £7 charge includes a light supper. Then, on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, pupils from St Leonard's school will sing evening prayer in the chapel at 4.00pm. All welcome. Remember too that the restaurant at the college is open for lunch, Wednesday – Saturday.

**CAFOD:** Help others... Christmas gifts ideas... Pick up a green brochure from the back of church.



**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.

**Deepening our faith:** Kirstie Davidson (Bearpark), Melanie Lee (Ushaw Moor) and Bev Rochester (Langley Park) have been meeting for some time in a desire to deepen their own faith and to discover more about what Catholics actually believe. They have now asked to be welcomed into the Church and so we will celebrate their confirmation next weekend, the feast of Christ the King. Kirstie and Melanie will be confirmed at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at our 6.00pm mass next Saturday, and then they will come along to the 9.00am mass next Sunday to share in the confirmation of Bev at St Michael's. Please keep them in your prayer. \* *Perhaps you are not Catholic and would like to find out more, or maybe you were baptised Catholic but didn't get the opportunity to develop your faith further? Please feel free to contact me.* - David Coxon

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.

