



**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 25 November	6.00 pm Mass Ruby & Tommy Stoddart, John Cantwell & P of P			
Sunday 26 November <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, EC (sick) & People of the Parish	
Monday 27 November				
Tuesday 28 November	6.15 – 6.55 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wed 29 November		9.15 am Mass (in school chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 1 December			11.00 am Funeral Mass Rita Hogan	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 2 December	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward and Michael Radstock & People of the Parish			
Sunday 3 December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass Joseph & Mary Tobin, Hilda & James Brennan & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Teresa, Tommy & Terry Duffy, Harry Adams, The Kenny Family & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Rita Hogan (Cornsay Colliery), funeral mass at Newhouse on Friday at 11.00 am.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Being 'pastoral' We talk about the importance of being a Church that is 'pastoral'. Yet being 'pastoral' is more than just being nice to people, being easy going or a good listener. Being 'pastoral' is rooted in the incarnation, recognizing God in each person we meet, and in our world. How can we make God's plan, God's love, more real for *this* person, in front of me now? Listen carefully to today's readings on this feast of Christ the King. – David Coxon



Welcome! This weekend Kirstie Davidson and Melanie Lee are to be welcomed into the Catholic Church and then confirmed at our 6.00pm mass at Ushaw Moor, and then, at our 9.00am mass St Michael's, Esh, Bev Rochester will also be welcomed and confirmed. This is a

great day for them, but also for us, as a faith-community. These three people have their own stories of what has led them to this day but the occasion gives all of us an opportunity to think afresh about what our own faith means to us, day by day. Please keep them in your prayer as they gradually seek to become fully a part of our community..

** 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

Youth Sunday collection: Today, we pray for our young people, and take a collection to help with the work of the Youth Ministry Team.

Fayres and Raffles: Raffle tickets are available to buy today at the back of each of our churches. Please get some if you are able. We are also still collecting donations for raffle prizes at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. Any donations would be very much appreciated. **Also today, at Newhouse, our Fayre in the Parish Centre from 11.30am – 3.00pm. All welcome from whichever parish.**

Preparing for sacraments: This Wednesday (November 29th) we will have our second preparation session for children and parents who are preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This will be at **6.00pm at St Michael's school, Esh.** Children and adults will be invited to think about their own baptism because, really, that is why we start our Mass with the sign of the cross: to remind us of our baptism. But what is the *significance* of our baptism for the rest of our lives? On Wednesday the children are invited to bring their own baptism candle, their christening shawl, or perhaps a photograph of their baptism day. Wednesday's session will be followed up next weekend by a short liturgy during each of our weekend masses. It is important that the children attend all of the preparation that we are offering.

Clergy Training Fund: If you want to make final donations to the Clergy Training Fund let us have this at the Parish Office by Tuesday evening. Our total will be sent off mid-week.

Children's Liturgy: We certainly have a couple of people at Ushaw Moor interested in helping with Children's Liturgy. Perhaps in our other parishes too...? On Saturday, February 3rd, in Newcastle, there is to be a course to help people with Children's Liturgy. This is obviously open to those who have led liturgies for a while in addition to new helpers. Further details later, but bear it in mind....

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

St Andrew the Apostle Thursday 30 November Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Durham at 7.00 pm. Celebrant: Fr Paul Tully. All welcome.

Christmas lights: Friday, December 1st:- 3.30pm at Ushaw Moor (centre); 4.00pm at Esh Winning (surgery).

Christmas Cards and Calendars on sale this weekend at the back of St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor.

Ushaw College: On Friday at 7.30pm Alan Barnes will return to the college for another taste of his take on a Dickensian Christmas. Admission £12. Refreshments in the refectory from 6.00pm. Then, on Saturday December 2nd at 4.00pm, there will be the blessing and lighting of the Ushaw Christmas tree. Booking is essential so phone 0191-373 8500 or go to ushaw.org. Afternoon tea available all afternoon. Also on Saturday December 2nd (until December 16th) there will be an exhibition of art in the college museum where there will be many items for sale.

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, next weekend on 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. Next week: food items in crib for food bank.



Food bank: Any donations of food from the Christmas Shopping List, (notice at the back of Church) would be most welcome next weekend. There is a shortage this month of **long-life fruit juice** and **hot chocolate**. Thank you.

Christmas masses: This year Christmas Day falls on a Monday. Our Christmas masses will be:- Christmas Eve (Sunday), 5.00pm at St Michael's, Esh then 7.30pm at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. On Christmas morning our 10.00am mass will be at Newhouse. But, **please note:** because Sunday is also Christmas Eve we will have only one mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent. The mass for Sunday will be the vigil mass at Ushaw Moor at 6.00pm on Saturday, December 23rd. There will be no masses on Sunday morning, December 24th.

Christmas lamps: Envelopes will be available at the back of church next weekend.

'Lepra' Ros Kerry has been here two or three times to speak about leprosy and the work of 'Lepra'. She is a great speaker and always has people captivated. Ros will be here again on Saturday/ Sunday, December 9th/ 10th and will make an appeal on behalf of 'Lepra'.

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.

