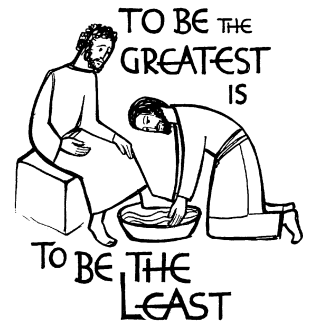




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Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor**

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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 4 November	6.00 pm Mass James Kelly, Donna Rose & Bob Middleton, and dec'd members of Richardson fam & P of P			
Sunday 5 November <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Teresa Coad, Harry McCallum, Kevin Sands & Nancy Maitland & People of the Parish	
Monday 6 November				
Tuesday 7 November	6.15 – 6.55pm Confession 7.00 pm Mass N.B.F.			
Wed 8 November		9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 9 November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basillica</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 10 November				9.15 am Mass Joan Towns
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 & Clare Weighill & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass McQuaid Family, Syd Duggan and Paul Boddice (sick) & People of Parish	

A message for priests Today's message is a bit of a corker! While Malachi's message was addressed to the Temple priests of ancient Jerusalem, and Jesus' message addressed to the religious leaders of his day their directness can still make priests cringe today. *'And now priests this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your hearts to glorify my name then I, the Lord, will send my curse on you and curse your very blessing'*. Then in the gospel, Jesus attacks the Pharisees for seeking recognition and status while not practising what they preach. Here is a call to all who have roles in the Church - but especially priests - to stop and think about why we take on our roles and what is our underlying motivation for doing it.

– David Coxon



Blessing of graves: We had our blessing of graves at Ushaw Moor on Saturday. Graves at St Michael's graveyard and at Langley Park will be blest after the 9.00am mass as usual. For once, feel free to leave mass early at St Michael's, during the final hymn, to be able to go to your family's grave. Our service at Newhouse will be at 3.00pm.

Food bank : Donations of items welcome this weekend. Thank you for the 226.36kg of donations last month.

Rosary: Come and pray the rosary on Thursday, 9th November at 7 pm at OLM Parish Centre. All welcome.

Macmillian Coffee Day: Melanie and Judy would like to thank all who helped raise a grand sum of £1,663.20.



Preparing for sacraments: A number of parents have said that they would like their children to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy Communion over the coming months. These parents should, by now, have received all the relevant information by post. Whichever school the children attend, our first session will be at **St Michael's school, Esh this Wednesday, November 8th at 6.00pm.** We will be thinking about why we are *'gathering together'* when we come to mass. This 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.

World Missions: Thank you for the £114.37 that our parishes together collected.

Thank you: A number of people have recently had training to become Readers or Holy Communion ministers. As new Readers, thanks to David and Joyce McDonough (UM), David Low (EW), Geraldine Granath, Gerri Yates and Joanne Sands (Esh). Thanks too to those who have attended a course for new Holy Communion ministers: Christine Brennan, Lisa Cummings, Uma Nicholson, Cath Rae, Jo Smith, Pam Stoddart (UM); Colleen Brown, Kenneth Kitching (EW); Jo Bresnen, Susan Clark (Esh).



'A Light in the Darkness' This is a service in St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street West, Newcastle for those who have lost a child. The service will be this Sunday, November 5th, 3.00pm.

Clergy Training Fund: Last weekend we opened our Clergy Training Fund for 2017. Thank you for the £146.94 that our parishes together contributed. This collection will remain open for one month in case people might want to make a donation in memory of loved ones.

Congratulations! to Sarah Wilson and Sean Nolan who celebrated their wedding at Newhouse on Saturday.



'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.

Ushaw College: Next Saturday (November 11th) at the college:-

- 4.00pm: A service of remembrance, reconciliation and peace at the college to remember the dead of two world wars and all conflicts since.
- 7.30pm: Lanchester Brass Band. Admission £7.

Thinking about baptism :

Some parents have recently been asking about baptism. Next Saturday, November 11th, 10.30am we plan to have an Information Session at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor to think about the significance of baptism. Please let us know by Wednesday evening if you are planning to attend.

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.

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle: Any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully appreciated. Proceeds to Parish Funds. 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.

Shoe Box Appeal: We are again making an appeal to fill the lives of disadvantaged children with a bit of joy this coming Christmas. Please participate! Leaflets and shoe boxes are available at the back of our churches.

The organisers ask for £5 with each shoe box this year.

Any donations for the boxes or help with the distribution of them would be most welcome.

Collection will be on Monday 20 November from Ushaw Moor Catholic Club between 6-7.30 pm or to your Church the weekend before. Please contact Judith Hemmingfield (0191-373 1013) for further information.

Thank you for your support!

