



**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 9 December</b>	6.00 pm Mass Jackson & Bullen Family John Cantwell & P of P			
<b>Sunday 10 December</b>		9.00 am Mass Frank and Lizzie Armstrong, Evelyn & Thomas Seymour & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick), Thomas & Mary Johnson & Esme, Mary Agnes Golightly & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 11 December</b>				
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	6.15 – 6.55 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls	12.45 pm Funeral Mass Ken Johnson		
<b>Wed 13 December</b>		9.15 am Mass (in School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 15 December</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	6.00 pm Mass John Halpin & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 17 December</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass Tony Sands, Louisa and Clara Weighill, All members of the Davidson Family, Rita Hogan & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Christine Potts & People of the Parish	

**Recently dead:** Funeral mass for Ken Johnson at St Michaels' Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup>) 12.45pm

**'Northern Catholic Calendar 2018':** Directory for addresses of churches, schools, clergy in our diocese.  
Available at church today: £3, or £3-50 for ring-bound version.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Good News:** Today's gospel reading offers the opening words from the gospel according to Mark: 'The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God'. The gospels are intended to be, for us, news that is 'good news'. Not just ancient words from a dusty old book, but *good news!* We are invited to listen, to ponder, to think about what we are searching for in our lives, and to open our hearts to the message. 'Prepare a way for the Lord' D. Coxon



**Welcome!** Recently, at a Wednesday mass at St Michael's school, the readings spoke about the dreaded skin disease known as leprosy. We had a bit of fun there thinking of how shaking hands with one another, for example, would mean we had to sit in another part of the chapel. Yet leprosy, and having to 'live like a leper', is not exactly fun. Today Ros Kerry is making a return to speak about the real disease, and to make an appeal on behalf of Leprosy.

**Food Bank:** Staff and Volunteers would like to say 'thank you' to all who contributed this year. A total of **2555.31kg** was donated across our family of Parishes in 2017, which translates to **3,200 meals** for people in need across County Durham. Your support is always very much appreciated.

**An Advent Service:** It's important that we try to do practical things to help create a sense of belonging to one another within our partnership of parishes. And so, we have planned an Advent service. Our service will be based on the theme of the Jesse tree, and every church in the partnership is preparing some of the leaves for the tree. We will bring all the leaves together at our service at St Cuthbert's, Durham next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome, and there will be refreshments after the service.



**Carol Service:** This year our Carol Service for Ushaw Moor will be at the Baptist Church on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. For Esh it will be at St Michael's Anglican church at 7.00pm on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with a practice for singers this Sunday, 2pm. Singers needed.



**The Advent crib:** During Advent we can focus on aspects of the crib and respond to that, for people in need. The shepherds, for example, were sleeping rough at night, out in the fields, without roof or shelter. So, thank you for the good quality warm clothing you have brought in today to the crib. Next weekend the figure of Mary will be in the crib to welcome any *new* baby clothes. These will be given to charities to assist young families. Please put your offerings into the crib itself rather than leave them at the back of church or at school, or else the symbolism will be lost.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no masses on Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Esh Christmas radio:** Tune in on-line to our own local radio during Advent: <http://eshradio.uk>

**Fundraising at St Joseph's, Langley Park:** £145.70 has been raised from stall in St Joseph's. Thank you!

### Schools' Admission Arrangements for 2019/20

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation for St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor is available on the school website at <http://www.ushawmoor-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-admissions/>  
For OLQM, Esh Winning: <http://www.olgom.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-admissions/>  
For St Michael's, Esh : <http://www.stmichaelsesh.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/>  
For St Leonard's: <http://www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk/2017/12/consultation-on-admission-arrangements/>  
Consultation will run from Monday 4 December 2017 – Monday 22 January 2018. A consultation response form is available by request from the relevant school. The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019-20.

**Next Sunday: St Michael's:** Canon Robert Spence recently retired as parish priest in Lanchester. He is now living at Ushaw College. However, he is missing the activity of a Sunday morning congregation and so has asked to celebrate the 9.00am mass at St Michael's next Sunday. I'm sure he will have a very warm welcome.

**Ushaw College:** Carol Services this Tuesday and Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup>) at 7.00pm. This Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) there will be carols and readings at 12.30pm then at 7.00pm. Finally, next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>), there will be an afternoon of Festive Brass Bands from 1.00pm with a concert at 3.00pm. Admission to the concert: £7

**Advent Alms:** St Cuthbert's Care works all the year round helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of our communities. When you contribute to the 'Advent Alms' box you are supporting this work.

**Christmas lamps:** Envelopes are available at the back of church. If you are able you might like to offer a donation of, perhaps, £5 to cover the cost. If you cannot afford the £5 please take a lamp anyway. They will be lit at Christmas.

**Raffle tickets** ... available today at Ushaw Moor. Would you like to donate a raffle prize?

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.

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw 1 December 2017		
£50.00	188	C Grimes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30.00	117	M T Thompson
£10.00	163	G Smith	4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	92	M Little
£ 5.00	190	J Avery	Next Draw: 5 January 2018			