



**West Durham Catholic Parishes:  
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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 30 December</b>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 31 December</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary and Joseph Tobin Louisa and Clara Weighill, Members of the Davidson Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan and People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 1 January</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>				<b>10.30 am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 January</b>	7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wed 3 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 4 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 5 January</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass James McLoughlin People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 7 January</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary, Jonty & Carol McGinn & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Felton & People of the Parish	

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**Our family:** Today we celebrate the feast of the holy family. By this we mean Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We think of how Jesus grew up, physically, emotionally and spiritually within the context of a family. Yet today also gives us an opportunity to pray for the different people within our own families. We may get on well with everyone in our family, or we may not ... Today's first reading, though written long ago, sounds amazingly real for us today: *'My son, support your father and mother in their old age, do not grieve them. Even if their mind should fail, show them sympathy; do not despise them in your own health and strength'*. As our parents, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives become more frail, whether physically or mentally, today we have an invitation for Scripture to pray for them and to hold them to God's love. The message of the bible can be incredibly relevant.

D. Coxon



Thanks too for all that everyone does throughout the year.

– David Coxon

**Parish Office:** Lisa will not be in the Parish Office this week.

**'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.

**Concluding 2017....** As we come to the end of 2017 we might like to take time to think of the people we have known who have died during the course of this past year. We might like to take this a little further still and take time to pray for them, and to pray for their families. As we move from one year to another bereaved families are always particularly conscious of their loss.

**Food bank:** During the course of 2017 our family of parishes donated 2555.31 kg of food items to the Food Bank. That is enough food for 3,200 meals for people who are struggling to make ends meet! Brilliant! Next weekend, the first weekend in January, we are again happy to receive food items at each of our churches.

**Catholic schools:** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

**Mass Intentions** for the New Year are now available for any date at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor.

**Pastoral Councils:** Dates for forthcoming Pastoral Councils:-

- Pastoral Area Council: Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm at Ushaw Moor;
- Parish Pastoral Council (Ushaw Moor): Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm;
- Parish Pastoral Council (Esh): Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1.00pm;
- Parish Pastoral Council (Newhouse): Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm.

### **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.olqom.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.



**New Year's Day:** Over the Christmas season we look at what we are celebrating from various angles. Today we celebrate the feast of the holy family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph. Next weekend we will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, with those wise men from the east coming to the crib to represent all of us who are not Jewish. This Monday, on New Year's Day, we will honour the role of Mary as mother of the Lord; she was the one who brought Jesus into our world. On New Year's Day we will have our mass at **10.30am at St Joseph's church, Langley Park.**

**Preparing for Sacraments:** Our next preparation session for children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion will be on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. This, as usual, will be at St Michael's school, Esh.

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.

