

**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 13 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass Bill Gardiner & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 14 January</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Kathleen Rice, Veronica Donnelly & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret & Peter Rochford & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 15 January</b>				
<b>Tuesday 16 January</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wed 17 January</b> <i>St Anthony, Ab</i>	10.45 am Funeral Mass Veda Ramm	9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 18 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 19 January</b>				9.15 am Mass John, Gladys and Terry Lynn
<b>Saturday 20 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass Veda Ramm & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 21 January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Robina Quigley, Private Intention (R.N.E) & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dermot Slevin & People of the Parish	

**Recently dead:** Veda Ramm (Ushaw Moor), Funeral mass on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor.  
Charles Zadziuk (Esh Winning), Funeral at OLQM on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The Lord is calling you.** Today's gospel reading, along with the first reading with its accompanying psalm, all speak about people being called by the Lord. In the gospel we have a couple of ordinary lads, brothers, who are just getting on with their day jobs as fishermen, until Jesus calls them to help in his work. In the first reading, there is a very descriptive passage which tells of a young boy called Samuel who is in the care of an old priest called Eli. Samuel wakes up from his sleep in the holy sanctuary thinking that the old priest is calling him but then comes to realize it is God who is calling him. Sometimes people come into our minds completely unexpectedly. Might God be prompting us to pray for them or, perhaps, get in touch with them? Thoughts, ideas, plans can pop into our minds out of the blue. Might God be calling us to act on some plan he has for us to do? Perhaps it is the Lord who is calling you. David Coxon

**Protecting the unborn ....** An 'abortion' or 'termination' is how the life of an unborn child can be brought to an end. Yet parents who opt for a termination don't necessarily opt for this as their first choice. Very often they opt for an abortion because they feel trapped and see no other way out of the situation. What we can do is to support those people and organisations that offer other options, whether someone to talk to, or fostering, or adoption. As we leave mass today we are invited to contribute to a collection to support those who seek to protect unborn children in our society.

**The Advent crib:** During Advent we focused on different aspects of the crib and tried to respond to that, to benefit people in need. One weekend in Advent we thought of Mary, about to give birth, and in need of baby clothes. Your generosity allowed us to take almost 30 bags of baby clothes and knitted cardigans to asylum seekers, refugees and poorer families. We have received a letter from the diocese's Justice and Peace refugee project thanking us for 'the wonderful gifts'. There is a copy of that letter on the notice board at the back of church.

**Food bank:** Last week's newsletter was incorrect saying that items for the food bank would be collected today. In fact, *last* week was the first weekend of the month. Thank you for what was brought in last week. However, whatever is brought in today will also be passed on to the food bank. Thank you for all your donations.

### Pastoral Councils

Dates for forthcoming Pastoral Councils:-

- 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.

**Preparing for Sacraments:** Our next preparation session for children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion will be this Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. This, as usual, will be at St Michael's school, Esh. We will be thinking about that part of the mass when we are invited to *listen to the scripture readings*. This session will be followed next weekend with a short liturgy for the children during our parish mass.

**Congratulations:** .... to St Leonard's school which has been awarded 'outstanding' in the diocesan inspection.

**Thank you ....** to all who helped take down our crib, tree and decorations this past week.

**Raffle:** The Christmas raffle at St Joseph's raised £271 for our parish. Thank you very much to all who donated prizes, bought tickets and organized the raffle

**Children's Liturgy:** There is a day course coming up for those adults who work with Children's Liturgy. This is for those people who *already* work with Children's Liturgy and for others who may be interested in sharing this important role. A couple of people at Ushaw Moor have expressed interest. The course fee will be paid by our parish but the course itself will be 10.30am-3.30pm, Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. Interested in going? Let us know ASAP at the Parish Office.

**The Finchale Partnership:** The Partnership Development Group met for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in December. Graham Donachie (the Chair of the PDG) reported back from a Diocesan meeting of PDG Chairs. We also agreed the guidelines for our own PDG and discussed a draft development plan for the whole Partnership. This will set our priorities for working together across our 9 parishes over the next few years. There will be a consultation about these priorities during January and February. More information available very soon. In the meantime, the full minutes of the meeting are available on the our partnership webpages at <https://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>

**Pilgrimage to Rome:** St. Cuthbert's, Durham are organising a trip to Rome, just after Easter 2018, travelling on Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday) and staying in Rome for a week. They would like to invite anyone from across the Finchale Partnership to join them. The cost is £956.00 per person (based on 2 sharing), on a half board basis. Further details on our church notice boards, or contact Margaret Doyle on 0191 3783660 or [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com), for more information.

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.

