



**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 27 January	6.00 pm Mass Carol Hart & People of the Parish			
Sunday 28 January <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Billy and Veronica Merrigan, Laurie Standring & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joseph McKenna Snr, Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
Monday 29 January				
Tuesday 30 January	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
Wed 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 1 February		1.00pm Funeral Service Marie Crawford	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>				9.15 am Mass Robina Quigley
Saturday 3 February	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward and Veda Ramm & People of the Parish			
Sunday 4 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Dec'd Members of the Hennessy Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn & People of the Parish	

Sick: Ann Waugh, Faith Wilthew (16), Caitlin Minnis (11) and Monica Mitten from Ushaw Moor.

Connor Robinson (10), Anne Adams, John Fairbrass Jnr from Esh Winning.

Nichol Moralee, Francis Hastings (6) from Esh.

Recently dead: Marie Crawford (funeral service at St Michael's, Thursday February 1st, 1.00pm

Lidia Liddell (funeral service at crematorium, Friday, February 2nd, 11.00am

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Mary Ann Hughes, Tommy Mahon, Arthur Rowland, Joseph O'Brien, Ann Taylor, Rose Jean Dawson, Martha Jennings, Mary Killian, John Martin, Winifred Harrington.

Esh Winning: Agnes Corrigan, Nora Cran, Abraham Turner, George Stebbings, Joe McKenna, Alfred Wright, Betty Cantwell, Thomas Brown.

Esh & Langley Park: George Smith, Marie Sherry, Laurence Standring, John Brennan, Margaret Clitheroe, Tom Quinn, Edward Wallis, John Lyons, Joseph Armstrong, Gladys Lynn, Elizabeth Quinn, Mona Brown, Richard Ryan, Bridie Tobin, Val Barkham, Agnes and George Curtis, Frederick Smith, Robert Wilkinson, Fr John McHugh.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £164.37

Esh & Langley Park: £227.70

Esh Winning: £142.44

Attendance: 74

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Emma Peverall Pat Ives Margaret Hallam	Beryl Shoulder & Maria Spirlet
Readers	Christine Brennan	Jean Ruddock Karen Thompson	Anne Lawlor & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jo Bresnen	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Julie Kitching & Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell
Coffee Morning			Phil & Paula Mackie

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Speaking with authority: Politicians get accused of this, and preachers too, and other people besides... Speaking for the sake of speaking. Talking while having nothing to say. Politicians who keep churning out the party line using the very same words. Priests who come out with pious platitudes. But Jesus, we are told, *he spoke with authority!* People who speak with authority speak from the heart and captivate their listeners because you can immediately tell that they believe what they are saying. It is like a breath of fresh air. This is the role of a prophet in today's world. Today's readings speak about the people God gives us as prophets. And today we are in need of prophets, people who speak with authority.

David Coxon

Food bank: Items, especially tinned fruit, will be welcome for the food bank next weekend.

Pastoral Council: Newhouse: Our scheduled Parish Pastoral Council meeting was postponed recently because of the snow and ice. Could we now have our meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm on Thursday, February 1st?

Children's Liturgy: There is a day course coming up next weekend 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 3rd at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. Interested in going? Let us know ASAP at the Parish Office by Tuesday night. You will need to take a packed lunch, though tea and coffee will be available.

One parish? Recently I proposed that, from our current three parishes, we seek to create one united parish. For the most part, there wouldn't be any obvious change to day-to-day pastoral experience of parish life for people. Most change would be less visible, mainly the administrative situations behind the scenes: meetings, paying of bills and even copyright licenses for one parish rather than three! Do, please, ask any questions. I will try to answer them. – David Coxon

A Journey in Faith: For a year or more three people met most weeks to think about what Catholics believe and to deepen the faith they already had. These three people were welcomed into the church and confirmed on the feast of Christ the King at the end of November. Perhaps *you* are in a similar situation of not personally being Catholic but wanting to find out more. (Remember it is not obligatory for you to become a Catholic!) It may also be that you were baptized Catholic but then grew up without any further grounding and so understand little of what Catholics actually believe. If you should want to come along to an informal group then please speak to Fr David Coxon or phone the Parish Office on 373 0219.



The Presentation of the Lord: When Jesus was 40 days old he was taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple in Jerusalem, as was the custom, so that they could thank God for their child. This was his formal 'presentation to God'. We look upon Jesus as 'the light of the world' and the symbolism of light plays an important part in the day's liturgy. Our mass at Langley Park on Friday will be at 9.15am as usual. We will there celebrate the feast

of the Presentation of the Lord.

Churches Together: Apologies! Last week I advertised the wrong Tuesday for the next Churches Together meeting. It will be THIS Tuesday (January 30th) at 2.00pm in our Parish Centre in Newhouse. This meeting is for all of us from churches that are Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and all others to discover what we can better do together. All welcome.

Ushaw Moor : There's an additional handout with your newsletter today.

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, for more information.



Holy Week: After the Reformation, it was illegal to be a Catholic priest in England. Any priest who was caught would be tortured and put to death. Men training to be priests often went to Douai, in Northern France, before coming back

to England. Douai College was opened in 1568 and over the years provided 500 priests for England. Of these, 160 priests were executed. Ushaw College is a 'daughter college' of Douai and Ushaw is having a series of events this year to celebrate the 450th anniversary of Douai. As part of this celebration our own parishes have been invited to celebrate the Holy Week services in the Ushaw College chapel. This will involve Maundy Thursday (March 29th) at 7.00pm, Good Friday (March 30th) at 3.00pm and the Easter Vigil ceremony (Saturday, March 31st) at 7.30pm. You may like to make a note in your diaries.

Advent Alms: The 'Advent Alms' boxes were at the back of church until the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Any money in these boxes help the work of 'St Cuthbert's Care' in its support of families in difficulty or hardship, whether financial or emotional. We were able to send off £91.55 to St Cuthbert's Care from our parishes. Thank you.

Diary dates:

- Ash Wednesday : February 14th;
- First confessions : February 25th;
- Re-commissioning of Parish Readers: May 26/ 27th
- Corpus Christi: re-commissioning of Holy Communion ministers: June 2/3rd.

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.