

**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 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	
<b>Monday 8 January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>				
<b>Tuesday 9 January</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
<b>Wed 10 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 11 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 12 January</b>		2.00 pm Funeral Mass Maria Smith		
<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 People of the Parish	

**Recently dead:** Monica Kitching (Esh Winning); Veronica Donnelly (Langley Park);  
Maria Smith (Langley Park). Funeral mass at St Michael's at 2.00pm, Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>;  
Veda Ramm (Ushaw Moor).

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**Feast of the Epiphany:** The first people to set eyes on the newborn Jesus were all Jewish. The shepherds, the inn keeper, the innkeeper's wife, the locals of Bethlehem ... They were all Jewish. But look into your church's crib today. There are three new characters who immediately look very different: the wise men from the east, or 'kings' as we often refer to them. These people were 'outsiders'. They were from a different culture. They spoke differently. They even *looked* different. Perhaps they felt their faces didn't fit. They were 'outsiders'. Maybe there are times when things are going on and we feel like outsiders, that we don't feel altogether welcome, our faces don't fit. Look into the crib today and think about the message. Those three characters represent all of us who sometimes feel we are 'outsiders'.

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**Advent Alms:** The 'Advent Alms' box will be at the back of church until after today's feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Any money in this box will help the work of 'St Cuthbert's Care' in its support of families in difficulty or hardship, whether financial or emotional.

**'Northern Catholic Calendar 2018':** This is the directory with addresses and phone numbers of churches, schools, convents and clergy throughout our diocese in 2018. Copies are available at church today: £3, or £3-50 for ring-bound version.

**Raffle:** At the end of the Ushaw Moor mass a couple of weeks ago we drew out the numbers in our raffle. Thanks to all who have supported this. Margaret Coonan has a list of winners at the back of church.

Thank You!

**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 certainly expressed

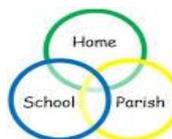
interest. The course fee will be paid by our parish but the course itself will be 10.30am-3.30pm, Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Hilda' Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. Interested in going? Let us know ASAP at the Parish Office.

**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! Thank you for your generosity in this. Next weekend we have our first collection of 2018. Please bring any food items to church.

**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.

Any items anyone wants discussed? Contact the Parish Office.



**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Next weekend ....** ... we will be invited to contribute to a collection to support those who seek to protect unborn children in our society.

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.