

**West Durham Catholic Parishes:  
Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor**

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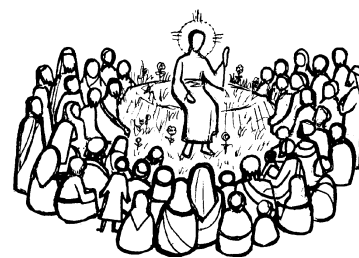
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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 10 February</b>	6.00 pm Mass Patricia Ann Edwards & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 11 February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, Ann Marie Waters & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Teresa Rochford & Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 12 February</b>				
<b>Tuesday 13 February</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wed 14 February</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15am Mass People of the Parish	11.00am Mass (in Church) People of the Parish	7.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	
<b>Thursday 15 February</b>				
<b>Friday 16 February</b>				9.15 am Mass Veronica Donnelly
<b>Saturday 17 February</b>	6.00 pm Mass Alison Davidson & McQuillan and Finnigan Family & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 18 February</b> <i>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass James Sherry & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan & 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:** Sheila Kelly (Alan Kelly's wife, Ushaw Moor).

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Tommy Donnelly, Mary McMahon, Jack O'Connor, Agnes Finnigan, Margaret Davies, Teresa Corrigan, Olive Barr, Alison Davidson, Ann Olive Brown.

**Esh Winning:** William Cantwell, Robert Bastain, Philomena Traynor, Peter Shaw, Ethel Duggan, Dick Garr, Celia Walton, Jimmy Doyle, Thomas Turner, Henry Bradley, Veronica Hale, Roseann Slevin, Richard Rayner, Henry Turner, Harry Oliver, Agnes Thompson, Violet Atkinson, Norah Stiff

**Esh & Langley Park:** Colin Carey, Vincent Wrangham, James Patrick Sherry, James Redmond, Tom Dixon, Mary Johnston, Jane Turnbull, Kenneth Tague, William Parker, Joseph Hennessy.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £203.35

Esh & Langley Park: £311.55

Esh Winning: £130.01

Attendance: 70

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings Lauren Kirkwood Christina Parker	Jonathan Yates Pat Ives Denise Kendall	Cecilia Wharton & Gerard Towns
Readers	David & Joyce McDonough	Geraldine Granath Jill Cox	David Low & Anne Lawlor
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Ann Rush	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside Angela Jones		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott
Coffee Morning			Judy Quinn & Mary Rochford



**Treated like a leper:** Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease of the skin and nerves and is spread through coughing and sneezing. It is contagious through close contact and can lead to a loss of sensation in hands and feet, leading to disability. In the time of Jesus there was no known cure and so people would, understandably, avoid lepers. People wanted to avoid all possible risk of infection. But the lepers themselves became outcasts. No-one wanted to touch them, hug them, be close to them. They were isolated from family and friends. If we want no contact with someone today we talk about 'treating them like a leper'. They become isolated, unwanted, marginalised. Have you ever been treated like an outcast? Well, there is hope because today Jesus dares to stretch out his hand to touch that leper, to break that feeling of isolation and being unwanted.

David Coxon



**One parish?** In our cluster of parishes we currently have Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor and St Michael's, Esh along with St Joseph's, Langley Park. I am proposing that, from our three parishes, we might seek to create one united parish. As I have said, there wouldn't, for the

most part, be any obvious change to day-to-day pastoral experience of parish life. We could still have baptisms, weddings, funerals and masses in our present churches and a priest could still make home visits, as now. Most change would be administrative, less visible stuff behind the scenes. **Do you think that now is the time to move towards becoming one single parish?** You can vote after mass today.

– David Coxon

**Ash Wednesday:** This week we have Ash Wednesday. It's a day when we deliberately fast from food and abstain from meat to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent. The word 'Lent' means 'springtime' so it is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. It is a time to focus afresh on things that *matter* in life, as opposed to doing things and eating things that are 'nice' but 'unnecessary'. We have a mass in each parish on Wednesday (see mass grid) with distribution of ashes at each mass. Anyone, young or old, Catholic or not, can receive the ashes so long as, in their hearts, they are wanting to be more open to God.



**Food bank:** The Food Bank total for February was 164.2kg. Thank you!



**Lent:** In the Parish Office we now have several versions of 'The Way of the Cross', with several copies of each. These should be useful for the services we have each Sunday afternoon during Lent. They can also be used by those people offering to lead the mid-week Stations of the Cross.

**Thank you:...** to all who came along to share views at our Open Meeting at Ushaw Moor on Tuesday evening. Lots of things were discussed: would we like to have a prayer group, rekindle the SVP, build links with our schools? Some people wondered about resources and events offered by our diocese: do check the diocesan website at [redhn.org.uk](http://redhn.org.uk)

**A Journey in Faith:** Some people may not be Catholic; others may have been baptized Catholic, and had First Communion, but didn't have the opportunity to pursue things in any deeper way. Might this describe you? Perhaps, in an informal way, you would now like to delve a little deeper into what Catholics actually believe. Interested? Speak to Fr David Coxon or contact our Parish Office (373 0219)

**Catholic Club:** 2018 subscriptions for club are now due.



Please note, Lisa will be in the Parish Office on Tuesday and Wednesday only next week.

**Preparing for sacraments:** Our next session of preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 6.00pm, at St Michael's school. We will think about what we mean by 'reconciliation' and then we are all invited to celebrate First Confessions at St Michael's church on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.



**The Finchale Partnership: Development Plan:** Our Partnership was set up at Pentecost 2017, and we have made good progress in getting to know each other and starting to work together. But it's important that we agree what our priorities are, so that the Partnership takes forward the right things to support

and build the church across our 9 parishes. The Partnership Development Group (PDG) have drafted a development plan, but we need your views on whether we have included the right things, and we need you to get involved with taking forward all that needs to be done. Please take a copy of the summary draft development plan, and let us have your views, by attending the **open meeting at St. Leonard's School on Thursday 22 February at 7.00pm**, speaking to your parish's representative on the PDG (Bill Donnelly (Ushaw Moor), Jill Cox (Esh/Langley Park), Angela McKenna (Newhouse) or emailing the PDG secretary, Margaret Doyle, at [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com). The full draft development plan can be viewed at the back of church or on our Partnership webpages, hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-plan>

**Cafod Fast Day:** We are invited to share in a 'fast day' on Friday 23 February. Please take a fast day envelope this weekend and return it next weekend. This money will seek to support people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

**A Choral Medley:** Lanchester and District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society presents 'Seasonal Selections' at Lanchester Methodist Church on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.15pm. Tickets: £8 including refreshments. Tel. 01207-521458 / 01207-290822.

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