



**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 |
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| Saturday 17 February | 6.00 pm Mass Alison Davidson & McQuillan and Finnigan Family & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 18 February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> | 4.00 pm Stations of the Cross | 9.00 am Mass James Sherry & People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan & People of the Parish | |
| Monday 19 February | | | | |
| Tuesday 20 February | 6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls | | | |
| Wed 21 February | | 9.15am Mass (School) Priest's Intention 10.00 am (Church) Stations of the Cross | 9.15am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Thursday 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</i> | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Friday 23 February <i>Family Fast Day</i> | | | | 9.15 am Mass Maureen Rowntree |
| Saturday 24 February | 6.00 pm Mass Veda Ramm & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 25 February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Rose Grieve, All Members of the Grieve and Donnelly Families & People of the Parish 4.00 pm Service of Reconciliation | 10.30 am Mass William & Teresa Newton and Paul Boddice (sick) & 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.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Ann Olive Brown, Alison Davidson, Rose Campion, Maureen McEleavey, Jane Boyle, Michael John Boyle, Isabel March, Jane Ward, Steven Riddles, Gladys Conroy, Olive Pattinson, Catherine Purdom, Jane Wilson, Joseph Craggs, John Campion, Beryl Flatley.

Esh Winning: Norah Stiff, Maria Brennan, Thomas Marley, William Hughes, Mary Ann Shaw, Jane Quigley, Olive Emmerson, Sarah Ellen Hughes, Ellen Rochford, Mary Bone, Larry Joyce.

Esh & Langley Park: Elizabeth Maria Rostron, Ellen Knox, Irene Fenwick, Peter Gilroy, Lesley Dunhill.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £174.52
Esh Winning: £127.26 Attendance: 62

| | Ushaw Moor | Esh/Langley Park | Esh Winning |
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| Holy Communion Ministers | Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly David Mortimer | Susan Clark Emma Peverall Veronica Chapman | Ann Sewell & Judy Quinn |
| Readers | John Thornton | Gerri Yates Denise Kendall | Bill McCormick |
| Prayers of Intercession | | | |
| Welcomer | | Karen Thompson | |
| Children's Liturgy | Sally & Debbie | | |
| Counting Team | Lesley & John Thornton | | Jacqueline Ball & Ann Sewell |
| Coffee Morning | | | Sylvia Patterson & Moira McCallum |

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Lent: Our Journey towards Easter: If we did not celebrate Easter then there would be no Season of Lent. Easter is about resurrection and new life, and so new vision and new priorities. This six-week period of Lent prompts us to take a look at our own lives. Children often give up sweets or biscuits during Lent, but adults are invited to look into their lives a little deeper. How can we re-focus our lives and then consider what attitudes and priorities may need to change if are truly to benefit from the 'new life'? How can we each seek to renew and reinvigorate our personal faith?

David Coxon

One parish? Thank you to all who, last weekend, indicated their feelings as to whether we should propose to the bishop that our three parishes of Newhouse, Ushaw Moor and Esh with Langley Park should formally become one parish. The question was:-

Do you want to become one parish?

Those in favour ('YES') : 166 votes

Those against ('NO') : 15 votes

In light of this we will now seek to proceed to the next stage.

- David Coxon



Singing in Holy Week: Those who sing pray twice! We are putting together a group of people to support the singing at our Holy Week and Easter Vigil services in Ushaw College this year. We are planning to practise every Tuesday evening during March. The first practice will be on the 6th of March in OLQM Newhouse at 7.30pm and should finish at 8.30pm. We also expect that at least one of the practices will be in Ushaw College itself. You do not need to be able to read music, or have been involved in singing before; all we are looking is (boundless) enthusiasm. For more details, please contact Phil Mackie: pcm.durham@gmail.com or talk to Gerry Granath, Margaret Sands or Chris Rae.



'The Way of the Cross' This is sometimes called 'The Stations of the Cross' and is a meditation on the final hours of Jesus' life in his journey to his death on Calvary hill.

There are many versions of this

prayerful meditation; we have several in the Parish Office. On the Sundays of Lent we will have 'The Way of the Cross' at 4.00pm in one of our churches. This Sunday all are welcome to **St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor**. *Do we have anyone willing to lead this?* Those leading, in any church, should remember to use a microphone. Next week we won't have the Stations but will have a Service of Reconciliation at St Michael's church at 4.00pm. This will also be for our children celebrating First Confession, but parents, catechists, teachers and parishioners are welcome. There will also be Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church every Wednesday morning at 10.00 am throughout Lent.

Mini Vinnies will offer simple Lenten lunches on **Wednesday 21 February at 12 noon** in Ushaw Moor Catholic Club and **Thursday 22 February at 12 noon** in Newhouse Parish Centre. Donations welcome which will be given to a Lenten charity. Please contact St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor on 373 0355 or Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse on 373 4343 to reserve a place on either one or both lunches. We look forward to seeing you!



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. 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>

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting: All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Village on Sunday February 25th at 3.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Preparing for sacraments: Our next session of preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be this Wednesday, February 21st, 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 next Sunday, February 25th, at 4.00pm.



Fast day: This coming Friday we adults are invited to go without a meal - and then put the money from that missed meal into an envelope to bring back to church. It will then be given to CAFOD to

benefit those in our world who are hungry every day.

A Choral Medley: Lanchester and District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society presents 'Seasonal Selections' at Lanchester Methodist Church on **Friday, March 2nd**, 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

| St Joseph's 200 Club | | | | Prize Draw February 2018 | | |
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| £50.00 | 38 | P Hardy | 2 nd | £30.00 | 199 | A Stone |
| £10.00 | 59 | A Johns | 4 th | £ 5.00 | 80 | J McQuillan |
| £ 5.00 | 178 | Megan Smith | Next Draw: 2 March 2018 | | | |