

**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 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	
Monday 26 February				
Tuesday 27 February	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
Wed 28 February		9.15am Mass (School) Priest's Intention <i>10.00 am (Church) Stations of the Cross</i>	9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 1 March <i>St David Bp, Patron of Wales</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 2 March				9.15 am Mass Maria Smith
Saturday 3 March	6.00 pm Mass Sheila Kelly, Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 4 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass Terry and Sylvia Hennessey & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Christine Potts & People of the Parish <i>4.00 pm Stations of the Cross</i>	

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: Beryl Flatley, Mary Howarth, Joseph McQuillan, Bill Johnson, Susan Sanders, Mary Smith, Felix Mooney, John Burke, Patrick Everett, Norah Boyd, Francis Doran.

Esh Winning: Margaret Dowdall, Betty Cantwell, Bill McMahon, Christine Potts, Kathleen McKenna, Kathleen Brown, Rosina Keeling, Annie Lyons.

Esh & Langley Park: John Tiplady, Mary Whitty, Rose Grieve, Alan Roland Lamb, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Anthony Marley, Thomas Foy.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £178.88
Esh & Langley Park: 11 February: £292.70; 18 February: £271.55
Esh Winning: £ 128.15 Attendance: 69

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae Jo Smith	Susan Clark Emma Peverall Veronica Chapman	Colin Davies & Linda Elliott
Readers	Pat McMahon	Gerri Yates Denise Kendall	Ann Lawlor & Kathleen Flatley
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			George & Cecilia Wharton

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Discovering Jesus: When early Christians wanted to say something about what they believed about Jesus, they turned to their Hebrew Scriptures to find how people of the past experienced God. They then use those words and images to describe Jesus. So, they have the setting 'up a high mountain', the traditional place for meeting with God. They have God's voice coming from a cloud, to represent 'mystery'. They mention the great prophets Elijah and Moses, and present Jesus as their equal. In drawing on this ancient imagery, the Christians now portray their conviction that Jesus is no less than the Son of God. During Lent we try to discover more about what we ourselves are really like. We try also to discover more of what Jesus is really like, and who Jesus really is. Lent is a journey of discovery, and growing faith.

David Coxon

Food bank: The total donated to the Food Bank in February was 164.2kg. Thank you for this. Items are again welcome for the food bank next weekend. Items of shortage are long-life fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, jam, sponge puddings and custard.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: At 4.00pm this Sunday we will have a Service of Reconciliation at St Michael's church which will create an opportunity for children celebrating their First Confession. Parents and family, catechists, teachers and parents are all welcome, not only to attend, but to share in the sacrament themselves through coming to confession. We will have several priests to assist.

The Finchale Partnership - Consultation on our Development Plan: Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting at St. Leonard's on Thursday evening to share thoughts and views on the partnership development plan. The Partnership Development Group will be meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss all the ideas that came out of the meeting, and more information on how the plan will be taken forward will be available in the next few weeks.

Confessions: Tuesday evenings 6.15pm at Ushaw Moor and after each weekday mass in Lent.

Holy Week : As you know, our Holy Week liturgies are to be celebrated at Ushaw College this year. Once again it would be good to have people happy to share in the foot-washing on Maundy Thursday evening. This doesn't involve any speaking. Ten others might each like to read a short prayer on Good Friday afternoon. Anyone can offer to take part in these parts of the liturgy but it is always a good opportunity for those are usually more hesitant about 'coming to the front'. Please offer your names to Lisa Cummings or Geraldine Barnes (Ushaw Moor), Jill Cox (Esh), Angela McKenna (Newhouse), or to Fr David Coxon.



One parish: This week a parishioner sent information to a newspaper about our proposal to come together as one parish. This was unfortunate since we are only at the very start of the process. The diocese offers guidelines for this move forward. This includes further discussion and consultation at local level, and

then by our Partnership Development Group. In due course, it is hoped that our proposal might then go to the bishop and his advisors for approval. In these changing times, this whole venture is very much a journey and not in itself a destination. This will all take a little bit of time but our recent vote does start us off on this journey.

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 our Parish Office (373 0219)

Information about baptism: If any parents are wondering about baptism then we are planning a session to think about its significance. This will be at St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor at 10.30 am on Saturday, March 10th. Parents wanting to attend should let us know at the Parish Office (373 0219)

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.

Useful website contacts :

- Our own parishes : wdrep.org
- Hexham and Newcastle diocese: redhn.org
- Our local partnership: <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-plan>



Lent: 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.

Next Sunday at 4.00pm we are invited to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church. Do we have anyone willing to lead this service? Those leading, in any church, should remember to use a microphone. Maybe have a hymn too?

Lenten Alms Appeal 2018: Please consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care's Hardship Fund. Donation box at the back of Church. Thank you.

St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor Easter Raffle Any donations for prizes and baskets please leave at the back of church. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

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.

£10 notes: The old paper £10 notes (showing Charles Darwin) cease to be legal tender on Friday, March 2nd.

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