

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 17 March <i>St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland</i>	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McLoughlin , Jonathan & Irene Ramm, Dec'd Members of McLoughlin and McCormick Family & P of P			
Sunday 18 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Day of Prayer:</i> <i>Candidates for the Sacraments</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish 4.00 pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	10.30 am Mass Olive McKenna & People of the Parish	
Monday 19 March <i>St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>				
Tuesday 20 March <i>St Cuthbert, Bp, Patron of the Diocese</i>	9.15 am Mass (with School) Holy Souls			
Wednesday 21 March		9.15am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention 10.00 am (Church) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 22 March			9.15 am Mass Tom & Mona Lawlor	
Friday 23 March				9.15 am Mass In Thanksgiving
Saturday 24 March	6.00 pm Mass Veda Ramm, Godric & Rose Jennings & People of the Parish			
Sunday 25 March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass Martyn Anthony Hallam & People of the Parish 4.00 pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	10.30 am Mass Eric Hunter & People of the Parish	

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

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

Nichol Moralee, Francis Hastings (6) from Esh.

Recently Dead: John Joyce (formerly of Ushaw Moor); Norah Stebbings (nee Traynor) formerly of Esh Winning.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Peter Hughes, William Walsh, Edward Keelty, Tony Kennedy, Jackie McEleavey, John McElavey, Eddie Keelty, Winnie Murray, June Mary Powell, Monica Gibb, Jane Brophy, Mary Elley, Winnie Alderton, Isabella Dodds, John Joyce, Rose Keelty, Shirley Web Elley.

Esh Winning: Michael Hogan, Olive McKenna, Paul Wright, Ezliabeth Cantwell, Michael Rochford, Angelina Jordan, Mona Lawlor, Mary Dodds, Agnes Connolly, John McKenna, Joseph Nicholson, Peter Gannon, Anthony Corrigan, Kathy Hall, Andrew Donnelly.

Esh & Langley Park: Edward Moralee, Michael Gilroy, Sarah Kavanagh, V Merring, Mary Todd, Francis Harold Coates.

Collection Details:
Ushaw Moor: £173.93
Esh & Langley Park: £293.10
Esh Winning: £164.63 Attendance: 72

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings, Lauren Kirkwood, Christina Parker	Jonathan Yates Pat Ives Veronica Chapman	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Readers	Christine Brennan	Anne McMahan Stuart Cox	
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside Angela Jones		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			Judy Quinn & Mary Rochford

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mission or Maintenance? Over forty years ago, when I was a student at Ushaw College, a man called Michael Winter wrote a book called 'Mission or Maintenance?' His concern then was that, as members of the Church, we can spend over much time maintaining our buildings and propping up 'the system'. Instead, he said, our primary task is one of mission, reflecting on the message of Jesus for our own lives, and then seeking to make that message real for the people we meet each day. We can, indeed, devote lots of time and lots of meetings to propping up the system, and our buildings. With today's gospel we are drawn back to our true role when some people with questions about life approach Philip saying: 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip represents all of us in the Church today. How often today people can voice their concerns about life to us. Perhaps their underlying request is that 'they should like to see Jesus'. This is our invitation to share our faith. This is our *mission*.
David Coxon



'The Way of the Cross' This Sunday (March 18th): St Michael's church *with Mini-Vinnies from school*.
Next Sunday (March 25th): St Michael's church *led by parishioners*.

Preparing for sacraments: Some of our children are preparing to share in Holy Communion and, over the months, we have been looking at the significance of different parts of the mass. Recently, we have been thinking about *the preparation of the gifts*, that part of the mass when we bring forward the bread and wine to the altar. We will have a short liturgy about this during our mass today.



Feast of St Joseph: On Tuesday we are going to celebrate the feast of St Joseph. We will have mass at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 9.15am on Tuesday, to which everyone is welcome. We will not have an evening mass, nor confessions.

Holy Week : Our Holy Week liturgies are to be celebrated at Ushaw College this year.

- Maundy Thursday (March 29th), 7.00pm;
- Good Friday (March 30th), 3.00pm;
- Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 31st), 7.30pm.



Some of us have cars. Might we be able to offer lifts to those who are without cars so that as many of us as possible are able to share in the services at the college.

Wanted: For our Holy Week services we are wanting:

- twelve people to share in the foot-washing liturgy on Maundy Thursday;
- as many altar servers as are available for these services.

There is a list in each church porch for those who are willing to volunteer. Time is getting short so we need you to sign up as soon as you can!

Easter morning: Mass at St Michael's, Esh at 9.00am. Mass at Newhouse at 10.30am.



The Finchale Partnership: The Partnership Development Group (PDG) met at the end of February. At the meeting the PDG supported the proposal from the parishes of Coxhoe, Sedgfield and Trimdon to become one

parish. The proposal has now gone forward to the Episcopal Council. We discussed the appointment of a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator in Durham Martyrs parish and the next steps with the Partnership Development Plan following the consultation meeting. There'll be more information about the plan after Easter, but in the meantime, you can read the minutes of the PDG meeting at the back of church or on our Partnership webpages hosted at www.steuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information.

Representatives from all of our parishes are part of a group to develop our sense of being an active 'partnership of parishes'. The next meeting of our development group will be this Wednesday, 7.00pm, at St Joseph's, Gilesgate.

This Friday (23rd) : a day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse.

Next weekend: Next weekend will be Palm Sunday. If the weather is okay it would be good to start *outside the church* so that we can have a proper procession back into the church as part of the liturgy. Where to gather? At Ushaw Moor: on the presbytery lawn. At Esh: beside the church gate. At Newhouse: at the side of the church closed to Fr Mark's house. If you are reasonably mobile, do try to take part in our procession. ALSO on Palm Sunday, we will take a collection to support fellow Christians who sometimes struggle to survive in the Middle East. ALSO, remember that *next weekend the clocks will go forward by one hour*.



Singing Practice for our Holy Week Services:

Please note the next practice of the singers for our Holy Week services will be this Tuesday evening in the St Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw College. Same time as usual - 7.30pm - entry will be by the main door. As before, more details available from Phil Mackie on pem.durham@gmail.com or talk to Gerry Granath, Margaret Sands or Chris Rae.

Easter raffle: Tickets for an Easter raffle are currently being sold at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. Prizes include Easter baskets, chocolate hampers and a 28" TV. Perhaps you could offer a further prize...? Because we will be at Ushaw College for the Easter Vigil ceremony then we plan to have the draw the following Saturday, on April 7th.

Ushaw College: Ushaw will open again to the public on Wednesday, March 21st. Chapels, Reception Rooms, exhibitions, café and shop are open 11.00am – 4.00pm, Wednesday – Saturday. The shop, café and gardens will also be open on Mondays and Tuesdays 11.00 – 2.00pm. The new in-house café team offer delicious soup, quiche, scones, cake and sandwiches. Afternoon tea can be booked in advance for a special occasion. After three years of free entry, Ushaw is this year introducing an annual admission charge. It will be £5.00 per person and will be in the form of a pass entitling you to free entry after that for 12 months. Children over 5 and under 16yrs will get their own annual pass for £2.00. All welcome to visit the college.

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.

