



**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 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 4.00 pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Monday 5 March				
Tuesday 6 March	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 7 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 8 March			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 9 March				9.15 am Mass Philip and Robina Quigley, Maureen Rowntree, All members of the Quigley and Hewitson Families
Saturday 10 March	6.00 pm Mass Tommy & Ruby Stoddart & People of the Parish			
Sunday 11 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	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick), Ellen & Sandra Rowley & People of the Parish	4.00 pm <i>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: Edmund Burke, John Joyce, The Keenan Family, Thomas Stoddart, Robert Ward, Leonora Finlay, Harry Gallagher, Sheila Thompson, Ellen Gillon, Godric Jennings, Mary Kathleen Gibbon, Patrick Glennon, Jonathan Ramm.

Esh Winning: Nora Know, Josephine Murphy, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary McGinn, Anne Rochford, Mara Reed, Norah Wilson, Betty Jones, Winifred Halliburton, Billy Rochford, John Duggan, Jenny Eltrington, Georgina Chandler.

Esh & Langley Park: Veronica Merrigan, James Adcock, Andrea Ewen, Doreen Rollitt, Anne McDermott

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £162.02

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Jo Bresnen Karen Thompson Jonathan Yates	Colleen Brown & Kenneth Kitching
Readers	Peter Murray	Joanne Sands Pat Ives	Jim Shoulder & Linda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Julie Kitching Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Colleen Brown & Linda Elliott
Coffee Morning			Phil & Paula Mackie

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The Commandments: One of the many reasons why fewer people come to confession now is that, quite often, people don't know what to say in confession. Some suggest that we look to the Ten Commandments that we hear in today's first reading. But is that really helpful, just as it stands? Maybe not. Even if we are tempted to steal or commit adultery, for the most part we probably haven't broken the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill'. But what do these commandments *mean*? I may not literally have killed, but perhaps have undermined someone's character by gossip and rumour. I may not actually have committed adultery and yet acted inappropriately. Stolen? Maybe taken things from work, or not returned something I borrowed. What do the commandments *imply*? Could **this** help me with my confession?

David Coxon

Food bank: The total donated to the Food Bank in February was 164.2kg. We are again happy to take items for the Food Bank this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations ...to those children who last Sunday celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time through coming along to confession. Thanks to all who have helped them: parents, family, catechists, teachers, parishioners.

Preparation for First Communion: Our next preparation session will be at St Michael's school at 6.00pm on Wednesday, March 14th.

Confessions: Tuesday evenings 6.15pm at Ushaw Moor and after each weekday mass in Lent. **ALSO:** our new partnership consists of our own three parishes along with the parishes of Durham, Langley Moor, Sedgfield, Coxhoe and Trimdon. We are planning to have a Service of Reconciliation during Lent for the whole of our partnership. This will be at *St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 7.00pm on Thursday, March 15th*. Everyone welcome to this.

One parish: The recent vote at our churches indicated a wish for our three parishes to become one single parish. However, I would like to take people's hopes and also their concerns on board. I invite you to write on to one sheet of paper anything you think that, as one parish, we might be able to do better, then, to write on another piece of paper those areas of concern you have in our becoming one parish. It would be helpful too if, on your papers, you could indicate which parish you currently belong to. Thank you. DC.

'The Way of the Cross': This Sunday (March 4th), 4.00pm, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Next Sunday (March 11th): St Joseph's, Langley Park. Sunday (March 18th): St Michael's *with Mini-Vinnies from school*. Sunday, (March 25th): St Michael's *led by parishioners*.

Pray the rosary: All welcome to our Newhouse Parish Centre on Thursday, 8 March, 7pm

Thank you: After Veda Ramm's funeral at Ushaw Moor on January 17th we were invited to contribute to a collection for the Alzheimer's Society. Veda's husband, Terry, wants us to know that a magnificent £505-31 was collected. Thank you.

Ceilidh: The Friends of St Leonard's School are organizing a ceilidh on Friday, March 16th, 7.00 – 10.30pm at Bowburn Community Centre. Entry £5. Tickets available from school or at the door.

Singing in Holy Week: The first practice of the singers for our Holy Week services will be this Tuesday evening, the 6th of March in OLQM Newhouse at 7.30pm. Feel very free to simply turn up! Remember, no need to be able to read music, or have been involved in singing before. If you would like more details, please contact Phil Mackie on pcm.durham@gmail.com <mailto:pcm.durham@gmail.com> or talk to Gerry Granath, Margaret Sands or Chris Rae.

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 in public. 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.

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 10.30am on Saturday, March 10th. Parents wanting to attend should let us know at the Parish Office (373 0219) by Wednesday evening.

Useful website contacts

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

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