



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

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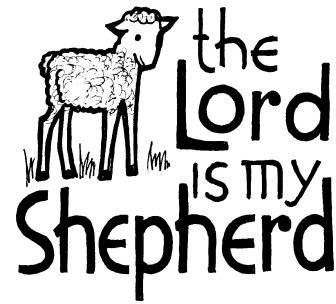
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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 21 April</b>	6.00 pm Mass Kathleen Avery & Bob Middleton, Bill Gardiner & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 22 April</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Elizabeth & Thomas Patterson, Norah Stebbings, Sheila Collinson, Janey & Gerard Slevin, Joan Peart & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 23 April</b> <i>St George, Patron of England</i>				
<b>Tuesday 24 April</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wednesday 25 April</b> <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 26 April</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 27 April</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 28 April</b>	6.00 pm Mass Stan Harper, Maureen Mahoney, Daphne Wong She & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 29 April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary and Arthur Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret & Peter Rochford, Alice McKenna, David Stephenson, 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), John Fairbrass Jnr from Esh Winning. Nichol Moralee, Francis Hastings (6) from Esh.

**Anniversaries:** **Ushaw Moor:** Tom Boyle, Lee Anthony Routledge, John Dodd, Fr Michael Shelley, Peter Martin, John Dodds, Joseph Towns, Edward Manford, Peter Martin, Michael Corrigan, Norah Laidman.

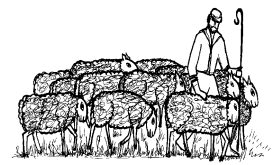
**Esh Winning:** Norah Barrigan, Peggy Hughes, Alice Smith, George Smith, Peter McGinn, Mary Heffernan, Sheila Collinson, Sarah Ann Doyle, Fr Philip Fortin, Michael Corrigan, David Stephenson, May Johnson, Alice McKenna.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Katie Moralee, Frank Steel, Patrick Sherry, May Johnson, Arthur Facey, Robert Knox.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: 8 April: £241.26 NBF: £6.81 15 April: £204.44  
Esh & Langley Park: 8 April: £338.70. NBF: £28.30. 15 April: £238.00  
Esh Winning: 8April: £137.95 Attendance: 65. NBF: £30.60. 15 April: £126.54. Attendance: 68

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings Lauren Kirkwood Christina Parker	Pat Ives Margaret Hallam Lynn Dumighan	Cecilia Wharton Beryl Shoulder
Readers	Christine Brennan	Ann Rush Karen Thompson	Bill McCormick Linda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy	First Holy Communion Children		
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell
Coffee Morning			Judy Quinn & Mary Rochford

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**The Good Shepherd:** From childhood we will have seen pictures of Jesus, perhaps with a small lamb around his neck, while the rest of the flock follow happily. Even today people with animals often know them by name. This story of 'the good shepherd' offers an image of us feeling comfortable in the presence of Jesus and, at the same time, Jesus knowing each one of us individually by our name. Pope Francis has famously said that priests, if they are to be true pastors, should 'have the smell of the sheep about them'. In other words, priests and other ministers should be steeped in the lives of the people they serve. A powerful image! Today is a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. But it is not simply *more* priests that we seek for our world today. It is priests who are *steeped in the lives of their people*. Like the good shepherd.

David Coxon

**The Little Sisters of the Poor:** The Little Sisters have a convent and Care Home in Newcastle but they do an amazing job caring for the sick and dying from all parts of the North East. Since they depend on charity for their work, Bishop Seamus has given them permission to ask for a collection at all masses in our diocese this weekend.



**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. We will have another meeting for children and parents this Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm but this week we will meet **at St Joseph's school in Ushaw Moor**. There we will be thinking about the way in which we **give thanks to God** at mass. Actually, the word 'eucharist' means '*thank you*'.

**A Day of Reflection:** Next Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> we are to have a Day of Reflection at our Parish Centre in Newhouse. This will be from 10.30am – 3.30pm. In this Easter season Fr Jeroen (Minsteracres) we lead us in thinking about '*Discipleship*'. This is for all of us in our partnership of parishes but we'd like to extend a special invitation to those people who have been received into the Church over these past few months, and at Easter. The day will be free of charge but we ask that people sign up on the list at the back of church. Tea and coffee will be available but maybe participants could bring a packed lunch.

**Food Bank:** Our food bank total for April is 164.22 kg – our best so far this year! Thank you.

### Parish meetings:

- Parish Pastoral Council at Esh: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1.00pm;
- Parish Pastoral Council at Ushaw Moor: Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm.

After our recent vote to move formally towards becoming one parish it would be helpful to use much of these meetings to consider concerns and also our way forward.

**Ministries** 'Ministry' is a word that means 'service'. Those people who have ministries in our parishes have generously offered to serve our people in a variety of ways, perhaps as a Reader, a Holy Communion minister, a Children's Liturgist, a member of a counting team, or whatever. Fundamental to being of service, though, is that we are first and foremost a part of our community. It is important, then, that those who minister are themselves coming regularly to celebrate mass with us as a 'community'. In busy lives we can sometimes be tempted to come to mass only if we are on ministry that weekend. This can indeed be tempting, but not really what we mean by 'ministry'! Those people wanting to renew their commitment to our parish as Readers are reminded that this will take place on May 26/27<sup>th</sup>. People wanting to be recommissioned as Holy Communion ministers have the chance to do this at Corpus Christi (June 2/3<sup>rd</sup>).

**A Celebration of Marriage :** For the past few years there has been an annual 'celebration of marriage' with Bishop Seamus in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This year it will be on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. Anyone is welcome to go along, but any couples celebrating a 'special' anniversary will receive a specific invitation to this if they let us know at the Parish Office as soon as possible. This is to give us time to pass on your contact details to Peter and Pauline Lavery who are organizing the event.

**First World War:** In the sacristy at Ushaw Moor is a crucifix with the inscription: '*In memory of Sergt S. Cunningham. Killed in France July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1916*'. In 2016 a couple of people did some research and, for Stephen Cunningham's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death, we had some information and even a photo available in St Joseph's church. As we come to the centenary of the end of the First World War perhaps people would like to select one name from the war memorial at their own church and then do some research on that person. The information on all who are mentioned in our churches could then be collated and made available in November. Maybe if parishioners each took one name rather than one person do it all... ?

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Friday 27th July to Friday 3rd August 2018** We have managed to secure some funding from the Parish Council to support any Youth from our Cluster of Parishes who wish to give up their valuable time to volunteer and help support our pilgrims visiting Lourdes this summer with the diocese. All Youth must be 16 or over to volunteer. Should you wish to go please get in touch with Siobhan McMahan or Julie Kitching through St Joseph's Parish Office by Friday 18th May 2018 so that the funds can be allocated. The diocese is also desperate for nurses to come due to the large number of pilgrims wishing to go, and there is some funding available for nurses.

**Finchale Partnership** The minutes of the March meeting of the Partnership Development Group are now available on the noticeboard and at the partnership webpages hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>.

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw April 2018			
1 <sup>st</sup>	£50.00	12	P Glennon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30.00	194	C Rae
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.00	95	P Murray	4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	52	A Clark
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	17	M Jackson	<i>Next Draw: 4 May 2018</i>			

### NEW SEASON 2018/2019 starts next month. Annual subscriptions due.

Thank you to all the collectors for their work during the year. We have raised £964.04 for Parish funds. We have lost several members and we are currently looking for at least a dozen new members. Please remember that existing members can hold up to 4 numbers each. If you wish to join please see Billy Donnelly, Cath Rae, Peter Glennon, John and Lesley Thornton or Lil Sowerby who will get you started.

**Living Faith: April – June 2018 available at the back of Church, priced 75p**