

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

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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 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	
<b>Monday 30 April</b>				
<b>Tuesday 1 May</b>				
<b>Wednesday 2 May</b>				
<b>Thursday 3 May</b>				
<b>Friday 4 May</b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>				
<b>Saturday 5 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Maureen Thompson & Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 6 May</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Joseph and Ann Steadman & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan & 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 (7) from Esh.

**Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor:** Norah Laidman, Rachel Usher, Liz Thompson, James Connor, Cecelia McGough, Jeff Thornton, Mary Ann McQuillan, Patrick O'Malley, Sheila Tomlinson, Margaret Hope, Maud Manford, Bobby Doyle, Edgar Halpin, Cissy Doyle, Norah Bartlett, Kathleen Avery, Baby Libby Ditchburn, Thomas McQuillan, Irina Korotash.

**Esh Winning:** James Wilson, Doreen Emery, Mary Young, Allan Thompson, Mary Moran, Thomas Keaveney, Stephen Shaw.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Robert Knox, Merie Beatrice Welsh, Irene Carey, Mary McTear, Ella Callan

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £180.34  
Esh & Langley Park: £274.00  
Esh Winning: £136.50 Attendance: 61.

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly David Mortimer	Jonathan Yates Veronica Chapman Emma Peverall	Ann Sewell Gerard Towns
Readers	Peter Murray	Elizabeth Hidson Anne McMahan	Jim Shoulder Kathleen Flatley
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside & Angela Jones		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			Sylvia Patterson Moira McCallum

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Something real** ..... At mass, and in our general thinking of things 'important', we tend to focus on the gospel since this is the message from Jesus himself. The second reading in particular can be overlooked. Yet, during this Easter season, we have readings from the first letter of St John. These passages are quite reflective and often very direct. As Christians we can talk a lot about 'love' and, sometimes, can be a bit superficial about it, pretty much equating 'love' to 'being nice' to people. Today, John says that *'our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but rather something real and active'*. Life can be pleasant when we are *in love* but, in the everyday events of life, love can be very demanding and challenging. It is in this context, when trying each to love God and to love other people, John says that our love needs to be real, and not just words or mere talk.

David Coxon



**'Giving thanks'** As our children and their parents progress towards celebrating Holy Communion we have recently been thinking about the word 'eucharist', which means 'thank you'.

How easy or how difficult do we find it to say 'thank you' to people? How often do we say 'thank you' to God? The easier the word 'thank you' comes to our lips then the more comfortable we are likely to be in coming together to celebrate the eucharist. We will have a short liturgy during our mass today.

**Food bank** : items most welcome next weekend are **UHT milk, long life fruit juice, cereal, sponge pudding and small bags of nuts**. Many thanks.

**Thank you** for the £457.91 contributed last weekend to the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in looking after the sick and elderly. Thanks too for the £422.39.39 given the previous weekend to the charity Survive-Miva.

**Days of Reflection:** Many thanks to those from our parishes who came along to Newhouse on Saturday to share in a Day of Reflection with Fr Jerroen from Minsteracres. We were thinking about what '*Discipleship*' means for today. If anyone wasn't able to come to that, then there is to be another Day of Reflection at Ushaw College on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 3.30pm. This is for all people in any ministry, though it may be particularly useful for Holy Communion ministers who, each year at Corpus Christi, promise to attend some such day. This occasion is being organized by the diocese and places are limited so please let us know at the Parish Office as soon as possible if you wish to attend. The parish will pay your £7-50 attendance fee. (Details on poster in church porch).

**Ushaw College:** Ushaw is again open to the public. 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.

**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's celebration will be next Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. Anyone is very welcome to go along.



**Mission Boxes–Esh Winning:** Apologies that collection of the Mission boxes is overdue due to family commitments. Please can you bring boxes for collection on May 13th or phone me if you need me to collect them from you. Kim Jennings

**Ascension Thursday:** A few years ago, our Catholic bishops moved the feast of the Ascension to a Sunday. They have now decided to move the feast back to a Thursday! So, from this year, we will again have Ascension *Thursday*. We will celebrate this feast on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will once again give us the opportunity for a 'novena of prayer' [ie. nine days of prayer] between the Ascension of the Lord and the great feast of Pentecost (May 20<sup>th</sup>).



**Clergy Retreat:** On Tuesday I will be joining other priests from our diocese for our Clergy Retreat. Canon Robert Spence will be with us for our masses next weekend. If you should need a priest urgently during my absence please contact Fr Robert Riedling at St Patrick's Langley Moor (Tel. 378 4486).



**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 McMahon 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.

**Praying the Rosary:** will take place every Wednesday during May at St Michael's, Esh at 10.15 am. All welcome.

**Vocations weekend:** There is to be a retreat weekend for young women (20s and 30s) who may be considering a vocation to the religious life. This will be May 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and is being organised by the FcJ Sisters ('Faithful Companions of Jesus'). Please see the poster in the church porch.

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.'

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