

**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 7 April	6.00 pm Mass Veronica Halpin, Anne Skelton, Donna Rose & Dec'd Members of the Richardson family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 8 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Ken & Mary Johnston, Special Intention (TH), In Thanksgiving (RA) & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Cecilia McGinn, The Dowdell Family, Katie Brennan and the Brennan Family & People of the Parish	
Monday 9 April <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>				
Tuesday 10 April	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass N.B.F.			
Wednesday 11 April			9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 12 April			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 13 April				9.15 am Mass Elizabeth & Thomas Hewitson
Saturday 14 April	6.00 pm Mass Norah Laidman, Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 15 April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Billy Merrigan Jnr, Veronica Merrigan & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Peter & Kevin Boyle, Philomena Brown & Allan Cunningham & 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:** Fr Oswald Whitaker, Margaret Clough, Helen Hughes, Mary McLoughlin, John Thomas Doran, Alan Skelton, Veronica James, Dennis Sunter, Roy Hall, Lawrence Murray.

Esh Winning: Michael McDermott, Annie Robinson, Agnes Starr, Catherine Brennan, Agnes Collins, Thomas Hansom, William Elsdon, Colin McPhail, Rose Anne Coad, Ann Cutmore, Kevin Boyle.

Esh & Langley Park: James Hogan, Ann Brennan, Elizabeth Forster, James McNaughton, Jane Dixon.

Collection Details: Esh Winning: £223.02 Attendance: 125

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson, Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Jonathan Yates Lynn Dumighan Denise Kendall	Colin Davies Kenneth Kitching
Readers	John Thornton	Gerri Yates Pat Ives	David Low Jim Shoulder
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy – School Holidays		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			Phil & Paula Mackie

Thank you: After Anne Adams' funeral we were invited to contribute to a collection for Cancer Care. Anne's family want us to know that £285.55 was collected and pass on their thanks.

Sick and retired clergy: we are invited to contribute to a collection as we leave church today.



Still waiting for the resurrection? Today's gospel reading tells us that Thomas was not with the others when Jesus showed himself after his resurrection. We hear that a full week went by before Thomas realised for himself that Jesus was risen. So, the resurrection had happened, yes, but, until now, it had not yet become something that Thomas knew for himself. The very same thing can be true for us. Until we each discover for ourselves that Jesus is 'real', then this story of resurrection remains only hearsay. We might ask the risen Jesus to let us feel him close to us, personally. David Coxon

Easter raffle: This Saturday is your last chance to buy tickets for the Easter raffle which is to be drawn this evening at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. Prizes include Easter baskets, chocolate hampers and a 28" TV. Many thanks to all who have bought tickets, and to Margaret Coonan and helpers for organising it.

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>



Food bank Today we are happy to accept further donations of food items.

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the Parish Office this week.

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 5th 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.

Next weekend: In our part of the world travel can occasionally be difficult because of snow. In other areas of the world travel between parishes and mass centres can be spectacularly hazardous. Next weekend we will have someone coming to speak about this on behalf of 'Survive-Miva'. We will also be invited to contribute financially to the work of this charity.



Parish meetings:

- Pastoral Area Council : Wednesday, April 18th, 7.00pm at Parish Office;
- Parish Pastoral Council at Newhouse: Thursday, April 19th, 7.00pm;
- Parish Pastoral Council at Esh: Wednesday, April 25th, 1.00pm;
- Parish Pastoral Council at Ushaw Moor: Tuesday, May 15th, 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.

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 Journey in Faith: Several people recently have been asking either 'how can I become a Catholic?' or 'how can I deepen my faith?' We are trying to respond to these questions in an informal way through meeting on an evening - sometimes a Tuesday, other times a Thursday. 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 you would now like to delve a little deeper into what Catholics actually believe. Interested? Speak to Fr David Coxon or contact our Parish Office (373 0219)

Cream Teas: at Esh Winning Library, 2-4pm every Tuesday. All welcome!

Northern Scripture Festival: There is to be a day for Christians to experience the Bible afresh through informative and inspiring talks, workshops and worship. The keynote speaker will be Fr Eamonn Mulcahy (who is a terrific speaker, and very much down to earth). This will be on Saturday, May 12th at All Saints School, York. There is a poster at the back of church but, with a £5 registration fee you can ensure your place by booking at www.scripturefestival.org



A Day of Reflection: On Saturday, April 28th we are planning 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. We'd like to extend a special invitation to those 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.

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.