

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

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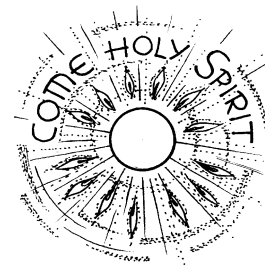
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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 12 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Peter, Michael and Zara Gilroy & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 13 May</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Philip Quigley, Jim and Philomena Outterside & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass May & Thomas Johnson & Esme and Paul Boddice (sick), John & Julia Suddes & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 14 May</b>				
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention			
<b>Wednesday 16 May</b>			No Mass	
<b>Thursday 17 May</b>			No Mass	
<b>Friday 18 May</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 19 May</b>	6.00 pm Mass Mr & Mrs Robinson & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 20 May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		9.00 am Mass Norah May Gowland, Frank and Lizzie Armstrong & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Jim Sedgewick, Nancy Adams, Rachel & Matty Suddes & 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.

**Recently Dec'd:** Fr Paddy Laydon, who served at Langley Park from August 1971 to September 1977, RIP.

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Thomas Hurst, Billy Smith, Marie Powell, Teresa Wells, Elizabeth McDonald, Teresa Richardson, Lily Charlton, Elizabeth Anne Lea, Harry Coates, James Killian, Irene Connolly, John Kirkup

**Esh Winning:** John Edward Suddes, Billy Nicholson, John Ryans, Ann Turner, Isabel Hamill, Thomas Morris, Rachel Suddes, Catherine Thompson, Annie Brady, Marie-Therese Zadziuk, Mariola Doyle, Ellen Condron, Madge Doherty, James Sedgewick.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Norah Gowland, Elizabeth Mullaney, Joseph Hayton, James Bygroves, Mary Smith, Mary Ellen Hennessy, Elizabeth Armstrong.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £199.11  
Esh & Langley Park: 29 April: £299.65; 6 May £241.90.

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson, Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Pat Ives, Lynn Dumighan, Jo Bresnen	Colleen Brown Colin Davies
Readers	Kirsty Doran Yousillya Bunga	Denise Kendall Joanne Sands	Jim Shoulder
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		Linda Elliott
Welcomer		Ann Rush	
Children's Liturgy	First Holy Communion Children		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell	Sue Wicks & Jill Cox	Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell
Coffee Morning			<b>No Coffee Morning</b>

<b>St Joseph's 200 Club</b>				<b>Prize Draw 4 May 2018</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	£50.00	128	DA Donnelly	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30.00	167	W Rippon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.00	112	V Dobson	4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	66	J Ball
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	1	Rev D Coxon	<i>Next Draw: 1 June 2018</i>			

**200 Club: We are still looking for 12 new members**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**As long as we love one another** ....During this season of Easter our second reading at mass has been taken from the first letter of St John. I have thought a lot about John's words because they are so profound and yet so practical. Over the past couple of weeks John has been talking about 'love' being more than just words, but something real and active. He said that anyone who has experienced 'love' has experienced God. John tells us today that as long as we seek genuinely to love one another, then God will be there, in that love, because God is love. Whenever we show some sign or act of love, then God is there, in that act of loving. So, while we may never see God, with our eyes, we can know God and experience God through our daily acts of love.

- David Coxon

**Parish meetings:** 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. Also, an extraordinary Parish Council meeting at St Michael's Church 10.45am Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**World Communications:** Retiring collection today.

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse:** Some repair work will begin on Tuesday of this week. Consequently, we will not be able to have our Wednesday or Thursday morning masses this week.



**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>).

**Preparing for sacraments:** This Wednesday at 6.00pm we will again have a preparation session for children and parents who are moving towards celebrating Holy Communion. This will be at St Michael's school, Esh. We will be thinking about what it is we receive when we take the bread and wine in Holy Communion. We will also have a short liturgy during our masses next weekend.

**Lay Training Fund:** Next weekend we will have a retiring collection to help allay the cost of training people for the various ministries in our parishes. The diocese asks that this fund remain open for four weeks.

**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.

**May Food Bank Collection:** Ken kindly took donations from our cluster, which totalled 148.08 kg. Thank you!

**Esh Winnjng Baptist church** 141<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Service Sat 19th May 7pm buffet to follow. Poster at back of church

**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... ?



**Partnership Development Group:** Next meeting: Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm at St Joseph's, Gilesgate.

**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.

**Finance Committee:** There will be a Finance Committee meeting for St Michael's parish this Tuesday at 1.00pm. It will be at Margaret Sands' house, Highfield, Esh.

**A Journey in Faith:** 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, in an informal way, 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)



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

**Pentecost:** We will celebrate the feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Churches Together group has organized an ecumenical service that day for all the Christians of our area. This will be Ushaw Moor Baptist Church on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. Everyone very welcome.

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.

