

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 19 May	6.00 pm Mass Mr & Mrs Robinson & People of the Parish			
Sunday 20 May <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	
Monday 21 May				
Tuesday 22 May	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention			
Wednesday 23 May		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 24 May			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 25 May				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 26 May	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 27 May <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>		9.00 am Mass Howard and Nora Waites, John Coulson, All Dec'd Members of the Foy Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rose & Andy Webster, 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 (7) from Esh.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Irene Connolly, John Kirkup, Joseph Ernest Cant, Vera Donaldson, Arthur Gilfoyle, John Keelty, Teresa Kennick.

Esh Winning: James Sedgewick, Agnes Wright, James Lesley Brown, Roger Shaw, John Newton, Alma Daughtery, John Brennen, Evelyn Rippon, John Turner, Mary Ellen Woodmass, Doris Finnigan, Austin Jones, John Frederick Richardson, Charles Cran.

Esh & Langley Park: Monica Quinn, James Sedgewick, Peggy Thompson, Lizzie Armstrong, Ella Callan, John Coulson, Thomas Seymour, Margaret Finley, Augustine Tomaney, Eileen Coates, Vera Rowntree, Mary Brown.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £237.60. World Communications Day: £26.93

Esh & Langley Park: £295.00. World Communications Day: £40.00

Esh Winning:

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes Uma Nicholson Siobhan McMahan-Walsh	Karen Thompson Jonathan Yates Margaret Hallam	Kenneth Kitching Maria Spirlet
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Eileen Tallentire Gerry Yates	Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy – School Holidays		
Counting Team	Julie Kitching & Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			Colleen Brown & Eileen Rowland

PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit: You might say that your *spirit* is your essence, your core, whatever it is that makes you '**you**'. God's *spirit* is whatever it is that makes God '**God**'. God has already breathed his God-ness into each one of us, and it is this that gives us our energy, our sense of humour, our personality. Yet sometimes we can become weary and jaded, and God can reawaken that life that is within us. It is then that we notice things afresh, with a renewed sense of vibrance and enthusiasm. It is this rediscovered energy that prompts to work together with cooperation toward a shared goal. This is what we mean by our experience of Pentecost. The spirit of God within us is reactivated. This is the release or the 'coming' of the Holy Spirit. *David Coxon*

Take this and eat it' Our children who are preparing for Holy Communion have recently been thinking about *what it is that we are eating and drinking* in Holy Communion, for the sacrament is more than just ordinary bread and wine. We will have a short liturgy during our mass today.



Lay Training Fund: This 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.



Readers: To read the Scriptures for us at mass is a real privilege for we are not just 'reading out loud' but communicating God's message. Those people who are readers will have the opportunity to renew their commitment

next weekend and be recommissioned in this ministry.

Holy Communion ministers:

'Communion' means 'togetherness', so Holy Communion ministers are called upon to create a sense of belonging, establish 'togetherness'. Part of this is through taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, to allow them to feel some genuine attachment to our community even if they can no longer come to church. All our Holy Communion ministers will be invited to be recommissioned on **June 2nd/ 3rd** on the feast of Corpus Christi.



A Journey in Faith: Over the past few months several people have met together on a Tuesday or a Thursday evening to think about various aspects of Christian faith: the significance of the bible, who was Jesus, what is baptism, Holy Communion and confession all about, etc. Some people who have come along are Catholic, some are not. Others were brought up as Catholics but perhaps have 'drifted' over the years. It doesn't matter. This is simply an opportunity to think about the faith that we might have in God, and to deepen our understanding. If you feel you may be interested you may like to speak to Fr David Coxon or contact our Parish Office (373 0219)

Ushaw College: Ushaw is to have a Flower Festival from June 12 – 17th, 11.00am – 5.00pm. Entry charge will be £5, but this will entitle you to a free pass giving access to the college for 12

months. For more information go to www.ushaw.org or phone 0191-373 8500. And remember, the college is now open to the public 11.00am – 4.00pm, Wednesday – Saturday. The shop, café and gardens will also be open on Mondays and Tuesdays 11.00 – 2.00pm. All welcome to visit the college.

How to look at Scripture afresh: There is to be a one-off session at St Hilda's, Sunderland [SR5 2JD] on Thursday, June 28th, 7.00-9.00pm. No cost for this, but please book at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

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 25th-27th and is being organised by the FcJ Sisters ('Faithful Companions of Jesus'). Please see the poster in the church porch.

Children's Liturgy: Sometimes people wonder: 'What is "Children's Liturgy"?' It is not a sort of school assembly and it's not a creche. It is genuine worship geared to children of primary school age. The children look at the gospel reading of the day, think about its message and, perhaps, do some activity to help understand it. We have 'Children's Liturgy' at each of our churches during mass.



Parish Pastoral Councils: The Pastoral Council for St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor will meet **THIS** Tuesday, May 22nd at 7.30pm. There will then be an extraordinary meeting for St Michael's Council on Wednesday, May 23rd at 10.45am, and a similar meeting for OLQM's Council on Thursday, June 7th, at 7.00pm. These meetings will be to put together an outline proposal for our three parishes to become one single parish.

Diocesan Festival : June 23/ 24th, 2018 (See poster at back of church)

'Holiness': Pope Francis has recently publishes a practical little book about holiness. '*Gaudete et Exsultate*' can be downloaded, or bought as a book for £4-95.

Partnership Prayer

Risen Christ,
from your abundant grace,
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede ,
may our Partnerships continue the mission
of building your Kingdom on the earth:
to give living witness to your love,
and to your compassion and hope for our world.
We pray in trustful confidence
that your power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen