

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

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IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT

	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 5 May	6.00 pm Mass Maureen Thompson & Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 6 May <i>6th 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	
Monday 7 May				
Tuesday 8 May				
Wednesday 9 May				
Thursday 10 May <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	9.15 am Mass People of the Parish	11.00 am Mass (in Church) People of the Parish	7.00 pm Mass Harry & Nancy Adams	
Friday 11 May <i>The English Martyrs</i>				
Saturday 12 May	6.00 pm Mass Peter Michael & Zara Gilroy & People of the Parish			
Sunday 13 May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00 am Mass Philip Quigley, Jim, Philomena and Ossie Outterside & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass May & Thomas Johnson & Esme and Paul Boddice (sick), John & Julia 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.

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Irina Korotash, Catherine Ward, Anthony Joyce, Kevin Liddle, Brian Oliver, Joyce Moore, Ann Walsh, Joseph Martin, Thomas Hurst, Billy Smith, Marie Powell.

Esh Winning: Charles Sanderson, John Shaw, Michael Condron, Margaret Bell, John Duffy, Thomas McKay, Patricia Hogarth, Margaret Pickersgill, John Edward Suddes.

Esh & Langley Park: Hugh Finlay, Catherine Dumighan, Lily Palmer, Joe Donnelly, Pat Hennessy, John and Olive Finlay, Robert Heels, Margaret Rutter, John Caygill, Margaret Goundry, Philip Quigley, Rita Smith, Lisa Richardson.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £187.78

Esh & Langley Park: £

Esh Winning: £ 161.13

Attendance: 88

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae Jo Smith	Susan Clark Karen Thompson Margaret Hallam	Linda Elliott Judy Quinn
Readers	John Thornton	Ann Rush Geraldine Granath	Anne Lawlor David Low
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jo Bresnen	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Colleen Brown & Linda Elliott
Coffee Morning			George & Cecilia Wharton

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Because God is love We can use words quite lightly. When, for example, we speak about 'love' we often say that we *love* Fridays; we *love* chocolate biscuits; we *love* the cookery programmes on television. Then, when we speak about God, we say that God is 'a loving God'. This, surely, is true; but what does it mean? That God is quite nice?? In today's second reading John is incredibly radical. He says not that we have 'a loving God' but that God *is* love. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God. But anyone who has experienced love has experienced God! Think of the moments in your life when you have truly felt that you were loved. Think of those occasions when you felt you yourself were bursting with love. Think of those times, and savour them, for they were moments of knowing the presence of God.

David Coxon



Welcome! A very warm welcome to Canon Robert Spence who is celebrating our masses with us this weekend. Having retired from All Saints' parish in Lanchester last September, Canon Spence is now living at Ushaw College. He has joined us at St Michael's a few times but this weekend he is at all of our churches. Welcome!

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, we will again have Ascension Thursday and we will be celebrating that feast this coming Thursday, May 10th. Because it is a holy day then our masses will be:

- 9.15am at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor;
- 11.00am at St Michael's, Esh;
- 7.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse.

Traditionally, between Ascension and Pentecost, we take nine days of prayer asking the Holy Spirit to come into our lives with renewed impetus.

Needing a priest? If you should need a priest urgently during the coming week please contact Fr Robert Riedling, St Patrick's, Langley Moor (378 4486)

Food bank : items welcome this weekend. Many thanks.

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



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 20th, 1916' In 2016 a couple of people did some research and, for Stephen Cunningham's 100th 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... ?

Another Day of Reflection: If anyone wasn't able to come to our Day of Reflection last weekend then there is to be another at Ushaw College on Saturday, May 19th, 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).



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.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Friday 27th July to Friday 3rd August: 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.

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.

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

Useful website contacts

- Our own parishes : wdrep.org
- Hexham and Newcastle diocese: rcdhn.org.uk
- Our local partnership: <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-plan>

World Communications day: Retiring collection next weekend.

Pentecost Novena: Starting on Friday 11 May, you are invited to join in a diocesan-wide Novena leading up to the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships last Pentecost Sunday. It uses the Gospel for each day and an extract from Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad) to help us focus prayer on our Partnerships. It is available from the diocesan website, on the Spirituality Facebook page or you can subscribe to a daily email and get it delivered direct to your Inbox and the Department for Spirituality will send out a limited number of copies on request. (A few copies of it as a booklet are available at the back of church). Contact spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3302 for more information.

Mission Boxes–Esh Winning: Please can you bring boxes for collection next Sunday or phone me if you need me to collect them from you.

Kim Jennings

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

