

**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 16 June	6.00 pm Mass <i>First Holy Communion Celebrations</i> Dulcie O'Boyle & People of the Parish			
Sunday 17 June <i>11th Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Human Life</i>		9.00 am Mass <i>First Holy Communion Celebrations</i> Alison Margaret Kirk & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Ian Golightly, Kevin Sands, Jim Sedgewick, Syd Duggan & People of the Parish	
Monday 18 June				
Tuesday 19 June	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention			
Wednesday 20 June		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 21 June			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 22 June <i>SS John Fisher and Thomas More MM (NC)</i>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 23 June	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & People of the Parish			
Sunday 24 June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>		9.00 am Mass Dec'd Members of the Hennessy Family, John Hogan, Gerard Slevin & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Norah Stiff & 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), Mary Coulthard from Esh.

Anniversaries: **Ushaw Moor:** Geoff Endean, John Thomas Rowan, Frank Witty, Bobby Craggs, John Gardiner, Frances Fletcher, Thomas Clough, Peter Boyle.

Esh Winning: Winnie Doyle, Isobel Elsdon, Syd Duggan, Susan Sands, John Crosby, Nancy Pickersgill.

Esh & Langley Park: Michael Quinn, Joan Hutchinson, Doris Bernie, Kathleen Douse, Robert Callan, Hilda Mary Brennan.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £167.33
 Esh & Langley Park: £282.45

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Jonathan Yates Pat Ives Veronica Chapman	Colin Davies Colleen Brown
Readers	Peter Murray	Anne McMahon Ann Rush	Jim Shoulder
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Colleen Brown & Linda Elliott
Coffee Morning			Phil & Paula Mackie

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw 1 June 2018			
1 st	£50.00	144	R Outterside	2 nd	£30.00	196	P Keilty
3 rd	£10.00	123	J McDonagh	4 th	£ 5.00	162	EC Middleton
5 th	£ 5.00	5	A Riddles	<i>Next Draw: 6 July 2018</i>			

1 1TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What the kingdom of God is like A few weeks ago I bought two trays of 40 tiny plants, dahlias and geraniums. At that stage each plant came in only ¾ inch of soil. As they grew I repotted each of them into a bigger pot. Then again. Already they are healthy looking plants of 3-4 inches. I can't see them growing but they certainly are. Day and night. Growing. Jesus says: *'The kingdom of God is like that'*. Inside each one of us the kindness of God is growing, unseen. God's understanding, God's laughter, God's thoughtfulness and our ability to love: all this is growing within us all the time. This is 'the kingdom of God'. And it's growing.

David Coxon

Welcome.... to Canon Robert Spence who is celebrating our mass at Newhouse this weekend.

Congratulationsto the following children who, this weekend, are sharing in Holy Communion for the first time:

Olivia Davidson, Lilly-Anne Moyse, Ziva-Steve Riddles, Shaun Thomson, Kira Tindle, Emily Wolanska from St

Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. *And then:* Ewan Brennan, Harley Cairns, Grace Collins, Isabella Collins, Cyprian Drewniak, Sebastian Gibbins, Halle Gregory, William Hanson, Daniel Howson, Sophie Hunter, Emily Jaldin, Archibald Kemp, Millie McDaid, Harriet McMahon, Catherine, O'Donnell, Archie Palmer, Matthew Peverall, Harry Pine, Rose-Marie Thornley, Nathan Watson and Hollie Williams from St Michael's. We welcome our children more fully into our community of faith!



First Communions : final session: After our First Communion celebrations children and parents are invited to a final session this Wednesday (June 20th), 6.00 pm at St Michael's school. We will have a shorter session thinking about how, at the end of each mass, we are **sent out** to others with the message of Jesus. We will then have a little celebration on Wednesday. I wonder if each family might like to bring along a little something of food for a shared table.

'Day for Life': 'Day for Life' is celebrated each year to raise awareness about the value of human life. This year we think about human trafficking and those people who have become slaves in the 21st century. Many are forced to work in brothels, but also on farms, building sites and factories. Treating people as objects to be bought and sold is an assault on a person's innate human dignity. Today's retiring collection for 'Day for Life' will help work against human trafficking.



Holy Communion ministers: Some of our Holy Communion ministers were not available to come to be recommissioned on the feast of Corpus Christi. Perhaps they could come for recommissioning at our 7.00pm mass at Ushaw Moor *this Tuesday* (June 19th). ALSO, I wonder if, after that mass on Tuesday we might be able to have a meeting with all of our Holy Communion ministers at St Joseph's, UM.

This Thursday is the 450 Anniversary of the birth of Aloysius Gonzaga. He died as a youngster and so was 'patron saint' for the Junior House at Ushaw College. There will be a Mass at the College this Thursday at 12.30 pm if anyone would like to go.

Children's liturgists: I'd like to invite all those who help with Children's Liturgy across our parishes to come to a meeting at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 7.00pm on Wednesday, July 11th.

One Parish: In February the people of our parishes voted to ask the bishop if we might become one united parish. Things have been happening since then but, following canon law (ie church law), there is a procedure to follow. Our Parish Pastoral Councils have now prepared an outline proposal as to why we feel we want to make this move. This will be presented to our Partnership Development Group then, if accepted, be passed on to the bishop and his advisors. These 'outline proposals' should be on our church notice boards fairly soon.

Walking group: Next Saturday (June 23rd) Durham Martyrs parish walking group is to have a walk in support of refugees. Starts at St Joseph's, Gilesgate after 10 am mass. Stops for a prayer at St Cuthbert's, St Godric's and then St Bede's presbytery. Want to join in? Contact secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com

Diocesan Festival : next weekend. The theme of this year's Festival is **Encounter** and it will invite us to reflect both on our personal encounter with Christ and on our encounter with him in others, especially the poor and marginalised. All the keynote speakers are passionate champions for positive change in our world: Sr Judith Russi, who will help us look at the world through new eyes, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who founded the charity called Mary's Meals providing a daily meal for over a million of the world's poorest children and Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens UK. The Festival provides something for everyone: there are opportunities for prayer, liturgies, and Adoration in the chapel; good food and plenty of time to relax and meet others; music from the Festival Band, a steel band from Hartlepool and a Ceilidh Band on the Saturday evening; and a vibrant Market place where there is a chance to browse and find out what is happening in our Diocese. The Festival will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Seamus. Under 18's go free. Over 18's pay £20 per person for both days, or £5 for Sunday only. For more information phone 01207-592244, or contact festival@diocesehn.org.uk (Poster at back of church)

Meeting for Prayer: Churches Together arranges a monthly meeting for prayer. The next meeting will be in the Parish House at St Patrick's, Langley Moor at 9.30 – 10.15am on Tuesday, June 19th. All welcome.

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