



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

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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 25 August	6.00 pm Mass Anne Cutmore, Bob Middleton, Donna Rose and Dec'd Members of Richardson Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 26 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dermot Slevin, John Hepper & People of the Parish	
Monday 27 August				
Tuesday 28 August	7.00 pm Mass Tom Stoddart			
Wednesday 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 30 August			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 31 August				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 1 September	6.00 pm Mass James McQuillan and Dec'd Members of the McQuillan Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 2 September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Billy Merrigan and All Members of the Merrigan Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Anthony Hogan and Paul Boddice & People of the Parish	

Recent deaths: John Turnbull (aged 14, Quebec) died on August 6th; Peter Doyle (Esh Winning) died on August 7th;
Fr Peter Wareing (Claretian priest) died on August 8th; Norman Laidman (Ushaw Moor) died on August 14th.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Bozena Pollakova, Donna Rose, Mary Harriet Oliver, James McQuillan, Tom Nicholson, Anne Cutmore, James Hughes, Thomas McQuillan

Esh Winning: Michael Mallen, Frankie Francis, Mary Crosby, John Sands, Peter Corrigan, Tom Lawlor, Tom Nicholson, Henry Turner, Michael Brennan, Jimmy Hughes, Maureen Hayton, John George Reed, Isabella Linsley, Mary Sullivan.

Esh & Langley Park: Alice Burke, Mary Clinton, Neil Hill, Edie Eltringham, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Rowntree, Jack Gray, Fiona Ballentine, Ronald Ives, John Hall.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: 5 August: £192.40; 12 August: £202.28; 19th August: £234.15.
Esh & Langley Park: 5 August: £252.30; 12 August: £190.55; 19th August: £207.90
Esh Winning: 5th August: £142.85 Attendance: 74, 12th August: £127.62 Attendance: 68
19th August: £158.59 Attendance: 71

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	Susan Clark Veronica Chapman Emma Peverall	Colleen Brown & Kenneth Kitching
Readers	David & Joyce McDonough	Ann Rush Jean Ruddock	Anne Lawlor & Linda Elliott
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy – Holidays		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell
Coffee Morning			No Coffee Morning until 9 September

Do you want to leave too? As usual we today have the first reading, its accompanying psalm and then the gospel following a common theme. These readings ask whether or not we want to follow the ways of the Lord. Today's gospel is also the final part of the five-week serialization of the long story from John's gospel, chapter 6. So - do we, or do we not, want to follow in the ways of the Lord? Jesus has described himself as 'the bread of life' who feeds our inner hunger for purpose and meaning in life. He has said 'unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you will not have life in you'. Many of us have family and friends who were baptized as youngsters but have now drifted away from the practice of their faith. Many people have become disinterested and cynical and want little to do with what they see as religious nonsense. And this can be hurtful to parents and grandparents. Yet Jesus had exactly the same problem. After all his words these past few weeks some now describe what he says as 'intolerable language', and they left him and stopped being his followers. I find this quite encouraging in its own way. Jesus too could be left frustrated, and maybe hurt.

David Coxon



Food bank: The food bank total for August was **172kg**. Thank you very much for this, as ever. We will welcome further items (shortages at present are tinned potatoes or packet mash, dry rice,

tinned spaghetti, coffee, sponge pudding and packet custard) for the food bank next weekend.

Going into hospital? If you or a relative or friend is to be admitted to hospital then you might like to inform Fr Paul Tully, the Catholic hospital chaplain. He will then be able to visit you while you are in the hospital, and possibly bring you Holy Communion. You can leave a voicemail message for Fr Paul by ringing 0191-526 5131. Remember to give the name of the patient and on which ward in which hospital that person can be found. [NB. Fr Paul's telephone number can always be found at the top of page 2 in our newsletter]

Heritage Weekend:



In September each year we now have buildings up and down the country which are open for people to visit and look round. This is called 'Heritage Weekend'. Our own St Michael's church will be open on Sunday September 9th from 1.00 – 4.00pm, with guides to explain the church's history. St Cuthbert's church in Durham will be open on Saturday, September 8th with similar guides on hand. This can be a great opportunity to look closer at things even for those people who attend these churches regularly.

Our Partnership: Over the past couple of weeks we have mentioned the 'Discipleship Conference' which is coming up at the Sacred heart School, Fenham, Newcastle, NE4 9YH on Saturday, September 15th. This is for everyone wanting to deepen their own faith and, at the same time, become more involved in what our Partnership of Parishes is striving to do together. The main speaker at this will be David Wells, who is an outstanding communicator. The day will be free of charge. There are leaflets at the back of church but, *if you are wanting to attend, perhaps you could let us know at the Parish Office this week.*

Day of Reflection for All Ministers:

There is to be a Day of Reflection for all who share in any ministry. This will be held at Ushaw College on Saturday, September 29th, from 10.30am – 3.30pm and will be led by Fr Andrew Downie, who is the dean of our local partnership. More information next week.

Mission Boxes Ushaw Moor: If you have a mission box due to be emptied please bring it into Church. Thank you.



First Communions: After the summer there will be an Information Evening for parents who have children in Year 4 who have been baptised in the Catholic Church. That meeting will

outline the way in which, with children and with parents, we will prepare for sacraments over the coming months. 'Holy Communion', though, is about deepening our own personal bonds within our community of faith. Without this underlying intention, preparation for sacraments is unlikely to mean much. Full preparation can be hugely beneficial to both parents and children.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2018-2019:

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2018-2019. Look at the diocesan website: www.eduredhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

A free CCRS information evening will be held at St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY on Monday 10 September 2018 from 5.00pm-6.30pm. If you would like to attend this or would like further information, please contact the Diocesan Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Looking ahead: On the weekend of September 8/9th a priest will be coming to our parishes to make an appeal on behalf of the missions.

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

