

**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 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward and Emily Middleton (from Kathy) & People of the Parish			
Sunday 16 September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary Johnston, Laurie & Paul Standing People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Albert Golightly, Paul Boddice (sick), Rose & Andy Webster & People of the Parish	
Monday 17 September				
Tuesday 18 September	9.15 am Welcome Mass with School Tom Stoddart			
Wed 19 September		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention		
Thurs 20 September				9.15 am Mass Robina & Philip Quigley
Friday 21 September <i>St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>			9.15 am Welcome Mass with School	
Saturday 22 September	6.00 pm Mass Ken Mahoney, Emily Middleton & People of the Parish			
Sunday 23 September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Norman Gowland & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joyce Towns & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Malcolm Stoker, Martin Pickering, Margaret Davies, Arthur Stock, Baby Stella Olivia Chapman, James Gillon, Wilfred Harrington, Audry Graggs, Chris Duggan, Derek Isles, John Dodds.

Esh Winning: Albert Golightly, Doug Linsley, Pauline Collin, Mary Kervin, Gill Oliver, Sarah Raynor.

Esh & Langley Park: Doreen Cummings, Mary Johnson, Ronald Lewin, Patrick Sands, Kathleen Ryan, Geraldine Bevenly, Norman Gowland, Mary Bailey.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £189.46
Esh & Langley Park: £223.50

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly <u>David Mortimer</u>	<u>Denise Kendall</u> Susan Clark Karen Thompson	Colin Davies Kenneth Kitching
Readers	Kirsty Doran	Gerry Yates Geraldine Granath	Kathleen Flatley & Ann Lawlor
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Jo Bresnen	
Children's Liturgy	Debbie with Joshua		
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside & Angela Jones		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell
Coffee Morning			Syliva Patterson & Moira McCallum

The Servant of God. We might imagine that, in this world, to be close to God will be all 'sweetness and light'. Being close to God we will be blissfully happy and content, to the envy of all around us. Well, dream on! In today's first reading the holy man, Isaiah, says that he offers his back to those who strike him, and his cheeks to those who tear at his beard. He tells us that he is insulted and spat upon. Perhaps being a servant is not so much a bunch of laughs, after all. Jesus says the same: he knows he will be rejected, suffer grievously and end up dead. Yet, as servants of God, we are still called upon to do what we believe in our hearts to be right and to have God form us and direct us in his ways. This will bring us great difficulties and challenges in our lives but, at the heart of it, we will know we are at least trying to do what we think God is asking of us. *That* is the satisfaction and the blessing.. David Coxon

School masses: This week we will have 'Beginning of Term masses' for St Joseph's school Ushaw Moor and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning. The St Joseph's School mass will be this Tuesday at 9.15am in church and then the mass for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School will be in church at Newhouse on Friday at 9.15am. Please note the mass will be on FRIDAY this week, not the usual Thursday.

Langley Park: This week our mass at St Joseph's, Langley Park will be on THURSDAY at 9.15am, and not the usual Friday.

Offertory Processions: Many parishes have lists where a family or perhaps two or three friends bring forward the offertory procession of the bread and wine at mass. Sometimes, in our own churches, it is the people who take the collection who bring the gifts in the procession. Maybe we have families or groups of friends who might like to share in this. You can give your names to your priest, or to the sacristan at your church, or contact the Parish Office. The sacristans are: St Michael's - Jill Cox; Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Angela McKenna; St Joseph's - Geraldine Barnes or Lisa Cummings.



Pastoral Council: There will be a meeting of St Joseph's Pastoral Council in the parish Office at 7.30pm on Tuesday, September 25th.

First Communions: Children who have been baptized in the Catholic Church and are now in Year 4 at school are eligible this year to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are hoping to have an Information Evening for the parents of these children. That meeting will outline the way in which, with children and with parents, we will prepare for sacraments over the coming months. 'Holy Communion' is about deepening our personal openness to God and also doing all that we can to connect with one another within our community of faith. Without these fundamental intentions, preparation for sacraments is unlikely to mean much. Full preparation can be hugely beneficial to both parents and children. This meeting with parents will be in St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor at 6.00pm on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Day of Reflection for All Ministers at Ushaw College on Saturday, September 29th, from 10.30am – 3.30pm. Led by Fr Andrew Downie, who is the dean of our local partnership. Places can be booked through the parish office

McMillan Coffee Day in School: On Friday 28th September come along to St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 9.00 am and/or Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse at 2.30 pm to support this good cause. Everyone welcome!



Home Mission Sunday: Today on Home Mission Sunday, we have been praying for the spread of the gospel and, in the second collection, you will have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. This money does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. You are also invited to a workshop called "What shall we do with the Good News?". Its aim is to explore the best ways that ordinary Catholics can share the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, if you're an ordinary Catholic, you can help! It's on Thursday 20th September 2018, 7 till 8.30 pm, at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY.

Partnership Development Group: Our next meeting will be at St Joseph's, Gilesgate at 7.00pm on Thursday, September 27th.

To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 13th October at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.** All are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while offering Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.



War Memorials: Some people have been working hard to discover more about the young men, killed in war, whose names are listed on our war memorials. These men were from our local villages and some still have relatives in this area. Across the country there are to be services on Sunday, November 11th to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. It would be good if, in advance of that date, we could have everyone's research brought in to the Parish Office so that the information about our soldiers can be drawn together. Hopefully, all of this will help us to see the *names* on our war memorials to be *real people*.

Partnership prayer:
 Risen Christ,
 From your abundant grace,
 Pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our diocese.
 As 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 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.