



**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 29 September <i>St Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels</i>	6.00 pm Mass Jackson & Bullen Families & People of the Parish			
Sunday 30 September <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Peter Doyle and Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
Monday 1 October				
Tuesday 2 October	6.30 pm Mass Anne Cutmore 7.00 – 8.00 pm <i>Holy Hour of Prayer</i>			
Wed 3 October		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention		
Thurs 4 October			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 5 October				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 6 October	6.00 pm Mass Norman & Nora Laidman and Norman Laidman Golden Wedding of Tom and Mary Ball & People of the Parish			
Sunday 7 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Gwen March and All members of the March Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Tommy Flatley and Nancy & Harry Adams & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Hugh Keenan, Norah Scales, Barbara Pattinson, Martin Gallagher, Eleanor Howard, Arthur Counter, Luke Dodds, Bernard Martin, Mary Keelty.

Esh Winning: Katy Mullen, Honor Rowan, Terence Brown, Tommy Carr Flatley, Teresa Newton, Margaret Kervin, James Hughes, Patrick Mullen.

Esh & Langley Park: Michael Seymour, Austin Sands, John Rowntree, Jack Hayton

Collection Details:

Ushaw Moor: £161.71

Esh & Langley Park: £297.35

Esh Winning: Attendance: 55; Collection: £144.40. Mission Sunday: £25.45

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers		<u>Karen Thompson</u> Jonathan Yates Margaret Hallam	Cecilia Wharton & Beryl Shoulder
Readers		Eileen Tallentire Ann Rush	Lynda Elliott & Jim Shoulder
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy	Sally and Debbie		
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Colleen Brown & Linda Elliott
Coffee Morning			Phil & Paula Mackie



Let God be in charge! It is good that we say we want to be a people that belong to God. What we can never say, however, is that God belongs to us. We can have no hold over God. God does whatever God desires for our world. We can cooperate with God's plans if we choose, but we can never control or manipulate God. This also means that God, to bring about his plans, can employ people that we might least expect. This was true throughout the bible and throughout history. God shares his spirit and his gifts with the people that God chooses, even if we are left bewildered by God's choice. See today's first reading. What we can do, however, is to take regular quiet time and, in that quiet time, open our hearts to God's plans so that we gradually become more and more attuned to what God wants - rather than do whatever we choose, and expect God to fit in. David Coxon

Letter from bishop: A couple of weeks ago we heard a message from Bishop Seamus about the abuse in the Catholic Church that has so badly damaged the lives of individuals and their families, and contributed to a breaking down of trust between lay people and their priests and bishops. He suggested we have a Holy Hour of prayer in our parishes. For our own parishes we plan to have a time for prayer in St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor from 7-8pm this Tuesday, October 2nd, following a 6.30pm mass.



Food Bank this weekend: As ever, all donations are welcome; the items there are a shortage of at present are **tinned or instant mash potatoes, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce and tinned rice pudding.**

Peru: Two young people from Ushaw Moor have been selected to go to Peru for three weeks in 2020 as part of a group from St Leonard's school. While there, they will be involved in building a chapel, a school and also accommodation for people. However, each person needs to raise £4,295 for the trip and so they will be looking for ways to raise the money. This weekend they will be selling cakes at the back of St Joseph's church. Any support at all would be welcome.

First Communions: Children who have been baptised in the Catholic Church and are in Year 4 or above at school are now eligible to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. At 6.00pm this Wednesday, October 3rd, we will have an Information Meeting for the parents of these children. This will be in St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor and we will outline our plans for sacramental preparation over the coming year. The word 'communion' means 'togetherness' and 'belonging', so preparation for *Holy Communion* is about doing all we can to deepen our sense of togetherness as a church community and to deepen our openness to God in our own individual lives. Parents are invited to our Information Meeting.



Blessing of Graves: Saturday/ Sunday, November 3rd/ 4th



Midnight Walk: Catherine McKeown, from Newhouse, was part of a group doing a midnight walk last weekend. A number of people offered to sponsor her in this walk to raise money for St Cuthbert's Hospice. Catherine will now be delighted to receive this sponsorship money.

First World War : On November 11th the United Kingdom, along with others, will be marking the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War. All over the country there will be services held locally but any church with bells is invited to ring those bells at 7.05pm that day. At Ushaw Moor some people have also researched the names of young men whose names are listed on our war memorial. This may help to make these men a little more real for us.

Pastoral Area Council: Meeting in Parish Office on Wednesday, October 10th, 7.00pm. Any item you want discussed should be given to the Parish Office.

Prayer for those in the world who are hungry Next Friday, October 5th we are invited to have a special day of prayer for those in our world who suffer from hunger. Our mass at Langley Park that day will be one in which we pray for those who hunger. Everyone, from all of our parishes, is invited to this mass. By skipping a meal that day we might also give the price of that meal to CAFOD in our Family Fast collection.

St Leonard's school ceilidh: The Friends of St Leonard's will have their Autumn term ceilidh, Friday 5th October 7:00-10:30 at Bowburn community centre. Tickets at £5 are available from the school reception, or at the door on the day.

Finding out more: A few people have recently said they would like to find out more about what Catholics believe. I have had a chat with each of these people individually but it might be good for them to meet together in an informal way. I wonder if anyone else might be interested in finding out more...? If you think this could be of help, you might like to let me know. There is no obligation in any of this! - D Coxon

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