



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

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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	6.00 pm Mass Jackson & Bullen Families, Jimmy McQuillan & Dec'd Members of McQuillan Family & P of P			
<b>Sunday 2 December</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass Joseph and Mary Tobin, Shirley Oliver, Kenneth Johnston & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Francis Teresa Rutter & Patrick Gannon & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 3 December</b>				
<b>Tuesday 4 December</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wed 5 December</b>		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
<b>Thurs 6 December</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 7 December</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 8 December</b> <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese</i>	6.00 pm Mass Clifton Ward & Dec'd M embers of Brennan and Nelson Family			
<b>Sunday 9 December</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass Sarah & James Rankin, Anne Rankin, Frank & Lizzie Armstrong, Denis Gavin, Margaret & John Bell, Peggy and Gerald Hannant & P of P	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Thomas Wilson, Jenny Donnelly, Arthur Rowland, James Coonan, Eric Barnes, Beatrice Towns, Brian Kelly.

**Esh Winning:** Margaret Rochford, Emily Richardson, Irene Rippon, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Atkinson, Michael McMahon, Dennis Brogan, Thomas Rowan, Mary Hughes.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Paul Hassan, Jim Goundry, Paddy Gannon, Robert Towns, Joseph Tobin, Michael Hillyard, Robert Tiplady, Mary Young, Dennis Brogan, Tommy Johnson, Anthony Sands, Mary Woodhouse.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £181.95  
Esh & Langley Park:  
Esh Winning: Attendance: Collection: £

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae Jo Smith	<u>Jonathan Yates</u> Denise Kendall Pat Ives	Gerard Towns & Anne Sewell
Readers	John Thornton	Elizabeth Hidson Stuart Cox	Anne Lawlor & Bill McCormick
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy		First Communion Liturgy	
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott
Coffee Morning			George & Cecilia Wharton



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**Advent:** 'Advent' means 'a coming' and so, if we sometimes struggle in our personal faith, then Advent gives a chance to invite God to come to us afresh. The season of Advent falls into two parts. The first part, from today until December 16<sup>th</sup>, invites us to think, to ponder, to reflect on what makes us tick. If you were to meet God face to face what would you like to ask about your life? An Advent calendar sheet is available today to help with this.

**Food Bank :** total for last weekend was a most impressive **247.88kg**. All sorts of lovely Christmas items. Thank you!

**Clergy Training Fund:** total collection sent off this week: £324.90. Thank you!

**Becoming One Parish:** Bishop Seamus and his advisors have now given preliminary permission for our three parishes to come together as one single parish. There is still work to be done on this, however. More information later.

**Reflections for Advent:** 'Lectio divina' involves not just reading the bible, but pondering the story and quietly letting the words sink in to our hearts. It's a great way to pray the bible. Churches Together is pursuing this during the season of Advent. See notice in church porch.

**Advent Fayre in OLQM Parish Centre :** Today, after mass till 3.00 pm Everyone welcome.



**The Finchale Partnership –**

**Advent Service:** Please join us at Ushaw College for our Partnership Advent Service in St Cuthbert's chapel **this Sunday** at 4.00pm. During the

service we'll be lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath. Treasure trail for the children and refreshments afterwards. We'll take a collection to donate to the college.

**Preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion:** Our next preparation meeting for First Communion will be in the Catholic Club this Wednesday (December 5<sup>th</sup>), 6.00pm. We will be thinking about how best we *listen to God's word in the scripture readings*. We will follow up Wednesday's session with a short liturgy during masses next weekend.

**Confirmation:** Last Sunday we had an Information Meeting about Confirmation at Newhouse. Those wanting to prepare for Confirmation are asked to return the two forms that were given out. Our preparation together will not be hard work but will, hopefully, prompt us to think and to share our thoughts with one another. Our first session will be to think about 'baptism' and will be next Sunday (December 9<sup>th</sup>) 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Parish Centre at Newhouse.

**Justice and Peace:** We invite all Justice and Peace groups within the partnership to come together at 7.00pm on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at our Parish Centre at Newhouse. Anyone else who has an interest in justice and peace issues is also very welcome with a view to learning from each other and investigating ways we might work more effectively together across the partnership.

**Lighting of Christmas trees:** Friday 7 December:- 3.30pm at Ushaw Moor; 4.00pm at Esh Winning.

**More about Confirmation .....** In the future, *after our current confirmations*, we hope to prepare our young people together, as a partnership. Any adults from across our partnership interested in finding out more are invited to a preliminary meeting at St Cuthbert's, Durham at 7.15pm on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be led by Fr Michael McCoy from the Diocesan Formation Team.

**Names on Rotas:** All people who have ministries .... If you didn't pick up a YELLOW form from the back of church last week, you can do so today. Thank you.

**School fayres: All welcome!** OLQM school: Tuesday (Dec 4<sup>th</sup>), 2pm; St Joseph's school: Wednesday, 2pm.

**Christmas cards at Ushaw Moor:** now on sale at the back of church.

**Esh Village Carol Service:** Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm in All Saints Church. If you would like to be part of the choir, we are gathering in the Anglican Church at 2.00pm today for a rehearsal. Everyone welcome. No previous experience needed. It's all about enjoying yourself and celebrating the season.

**St Joseph's Christmas raffle:** Prizes welcomed! Tickets on sale from today.

**Peru:** Last Sunday 200 plastic ducks raced down the River Deerness. The fastest ducks brought prizes. Prizes were: £100: Kevin McGann Contractors. £50: Lil Sowerby. £25: Angela Carney of Carney Consultants. £20: Jo Smith. The duck race raised a further £750 for two students going to Peru.

**Events at Ushaw College:**

\* Christmas in the gardens: Join the team of volunteer gardeners for seasonal outdoor activities in the Ushaw grounds: Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-3pm.

\* Durham Police Band and Choir: Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm, £7.

\* 'The Snowman' film: Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm and 3.00pm

\* 'Voices of Hope' Christmas concert in chapel: Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, £15.

\* Christmas Sunday lunches in the college refectory from November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup>. Booking is essential. Tel: 0191-373 8500 or email [meet@ushaw.org](mailto:meet@ushaw.org)



**CAFOD:** Help others...

Christmas gifts ideas...

Pick up a brochure from the back of church.

**Christmas lamps:** Envelopes are now available at the back of church for you to fill in. If you are able you might like to offer a donation of, perhaps, £5 to cover the cost. If you cannot afford the £5 please take a lamp anyway. The lamps will be lit at Christmas.

**Advent Alms:** St Cuthbert's Care works all the year round helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of our communities. When you contribute to the 'Advent Alms' box you are supporting this work in a very practical way.

**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