



**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 December	6.00 pm Mass Special Intention, John Halpin & People of the Parish			
Sunday 16 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass Bro. Denis Casey. CMF., Edward Farrell, Tony Sands & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Kevin & Rosanna Slevin and Frank & Nancy Hogan & People of the Parish	
Monday 17 December				
Tuesday 18 December	10.00 am Mass Holy Souls			
Wed 19 December		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
Thurs 20 December			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 21 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>				9.15 am Mass Louisa and Clara Weighill, Members of the Davidson Family
Saturday 22 December	6.00 pm Mass Anne & Edmund Burke & Parish of the Parish			
Sunday 23 December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond & Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick), John & Julia Suddes & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Robert Ward, John Halpin, James Keelty, Patrick Murray, Mary Mooney, Robert Oliver, Joyce Maughan, Martin Taylor, John Matthew Kerwin, Lauara Elizabeth Layton, Teresa Davison, Kate O'Neill, Colin Hennessey, Jane Finnigan.

Esh Winning: Martin Gannon, Bridget Wilson, Martin Vizard, Kathleen Thompson, Austin Simpson, Joyce Fairless, Joseph Anderson, Juila Suddes, John Rowntree, Nance Fairless, Margaret Bradley, Thomas Daly.

Esh & Langley Park: John Oliver, Kevin Taylor, Elizabeth Heels, Catherine Stockdale, Ann Isles, Margaret McCabe, Arthur Thompson, Sr Mary Carmel, Agnes Coates, Margaret Davidson, Robert Coates, Jenny Turnbull, James Bygroves, Liz Goundry.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £ 233.77
Esh Winning: Attendance: 65 Collection: £ 125.97

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes Uma Nicholson Siobhan McMahan-Walsh	Pat Ives Karen Thompson Lynn Dumighan	Colin Davies & Kenneth Kitching
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Geraldine Granath Jill Cox	Lynda Elliott & Anne Lawlor
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Julie Kitching & Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
Coffee Morning			Colleen Brown & Eileen Rowland

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw 4 May 2018			
1 st	£50.00	209	C Thornton	2 nd	£30.00	135	J T Ramm
3 rd	£10.00	62	K Finley	4 th	£ 5.00	153	Monica Smith
5 th	£ 5.00	100	J T Ramm	<i>Next Draw: 4 January 2019</i>			



I want you to be happy! Do you know anyone who you might describe as being 'happy'? Not just someone with an occasional smile, but someone who seems genuinely 'happy', content with their lives. What is it about them that, to you, makes them seem 'happy'? Is it just their sense of humour? Or does it run deeper than that? Today we hear St Paul saying: 'I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord'. Paul adds that interesting phrase: 'always happy in the Lord'. How could we use Advent well so that people might say of us: 'He/ she is always happy; he/ she is happy in the Lord'. David Coxon

The Season of Advents: The second phase of Advent begins this Monday (17th). This offers a novena of prayer [9 days] for us to reflect on the significance of Jesus' birth into our world.



Christmas masses:

- Christmas Eve, 5.00pm: Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs;
- Christmas Eve, 7.30pm : St Michael's;
- Christmas morning, 10.00am : St Joseph's.

Advent calendar sheet: There are coloured sheets available which offer little points of reflection for each day during Advent. If you didn't get a sheet recently there are still some at the back of church today.

The Finchale Partnership: If you'd like to find out more about what is happening in the Partnership, the minutes of the November meeting of the Partnership Development Group are now available on the noticeboard, and on the partnership webpages hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/>

Ushaw College: Sunday, December 16th, 3.00pm: Handel's Messiah, £12.

* Wednesday, December 19th, 2.00pm: Tour- Behind the scenes in the Library.

* Thursday, Dec 20th, 2.30pm: Christmas cream tea, poems, readings, £9-95.

* Thursday, Dec 20th, 7.30pm: A Jazzy Christmas, £15.

* Friday, Dec 21st, 2.30pm: Film 'It's a Wonderful Life' & refreshments, £5.

* Saturday, December 22nd, 3.00pm: Carols and lighting of 4th Advent candle.

'Northern Catholic Calendar': This is the directory which gives up to date information on parishes, partnerships, schools as well as contact details for clergy and convents. The 2019 edition is now available at the back of church for £3.00

Christmas lamps: Envelopes are still available at the back of church. Please return all envelopes to the parish office by this Wednesday 19 December. Thank you.

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



Ushaw Moor Carol Service: The village Carol Service will this year be at the Ushaw Moor Baptist Church at 6.30pm this Monday, December 17th. All welcome.

Service of Reconciliation: We will have a Service of Reconciliation this Tuesday, December 18th at 7.00pm. This will be at St Joseph's, Gilesgate and, from our Partnership, there will be a number of priests available for confession. All welcome. We also have an opportunity for confession on Tuesdays, 6.15 – 6.55pm at Ushaw Moor or, during Advent, after any weekday mass.

Esh Village Carol Service: Everyone welcome to the service at All Saints Church, Langley Park Tuesday, December 18th 7.00pm.

Carol Singing around Esh Winning: Wednesday, December 19th. You don't have to have a great voice, but a sense of fun and a desire to join in with others. Wrap up warm and meet outside the Stag's Head at 6.30pm. Then afterwards (at about 8.00pm) hot chocolate and mince pies!

St Michael's School: School children will be in St Michael's church this Thursday (Dec 20th) at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm for a nativity/ concert.

St Joseph's School: Carol Service in church at Ushaw Moor this Friday (Dec 21st) at 2.00pm

Used stamps: The 'Mini Vinnies' are Junior SVP members in our primary schools and they are collecting used postage stamps in aid of the Air Ambulance Service. Stamps can be British or foreign. Please place them in the boxes at the back of each church. Please help us to support this vital service which delivers emergency treatment 24 hours a day.

Names on Rota: Most people across our parishes who have any ministry during weekend masses have now completed the YELLOW forms indicating whether or not they are happy to have their names printed in the newsletter. This is now a requirement for data protection. If anyone hasn't yet completed a yellow form could they please collect one from the back of church and complete it and return it as soon as possible.

Food bank: During the course of 2018 our family of parishes donated 1803.48 kg of food items to the Food Bank. That is enough food for 2435 meals for people who are struggling to make ends meet! Brilliant!



St Joseph's Christmas raffle: Prizes welcomed! Tickets on sale now. Draw next Saturday evening.