

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 22 December	6.00 pm Mass Anne & Edmund Burke & People 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	
Monday 24 December		7.00 pm <i>Christmas Carols</i> 7.30 pm Mass All Members of the Gowland & Quinn Families, Martyn Anthony Hallam, Eddie Farrell & For everyone in our area.	4.30 pm <i>Christmas Carols</i> 5.00 pm Mass For everyone in our area.	
Tuesday 25 December <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>	10.00 am Mass For everyone in our area.			
Wed 26 December <i>St Stephen, First Martyr</i>				
Thurs 27 December <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>				
Friday 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents MM</i>				9.15 am Mass Maria Smith
Saturday 29 December	6.00 pm Mass Veda, Irene & Jonathan Ramm, Clifton Ward & Parish of the Parish			
Sunday 30 December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary & Joseph Tobin, Veronica Donnelly & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Christine Potts, Mollie & Michael Brennan & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Jane Finnigan, Renee Connolly, Jean Parry, Catherine Murray, Susan Thornton, Catherine Wilson, Clare Marsh, Mary Jane Gallagher, James Keelty, Winifride Naisbitt, Edward Tomlinson.

Esh Winning: Nance Fairless, Margaret Bradley, Thomas Daly, John Patterson, Rose Ellen Moran, Mary Hannah Curtis, John Rochford, Monica Kitching, Doris Sarah Wilson, Mary Quigley, James Roche, Patrick Dockery, Thomas Carr, Peggy Owen, Joseph McDermott, Joseph McKie, Joseph Kenny, Bernard Corrigan.

Esh & Langley Park: William Lyons, Margaret Tomaney, Mary Bygroves, Peggy and Bob Demmery, Mary Bella Tonner, Jim Roche, Denis Mullaney, Veronica Donnelly, Maria Smith, Mary Tobin, Brian Suddes, John Lyons, Norah Lyons.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £ 74.57 St Michael's, Esh: 9th Dec: £272.90; 16 Dec: £217.25
Esh Winning: £140.22 Attendance: 59

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings Lauren Kirkwood Christina Parker	<u>Jo Bresnen</u> Susan Clark Jonathan Yates	
Readers	Christine Brennan	Gerrie Yates Pat Ives	Bill McCormick & J.S.
Welcomer		Ann Rush	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott

St Michael's Vigil Mass 7.30 pm	
Readers:	Ministers
Eileen Tallentire & Jean Ruddock	<u>Pat Ives</u> , Veronica Chapman, Margaret Hallam Lynn Dumighan, Denise Kendall



Mary: Sometimes we are asked to take on some task that we find quite terrifying. Panic grabs at us. We're not good enough for the job, not sufficiently competent, ill prepared and that, as a result, we are likely to face a lot of criticism. We can forget that maybe the young teenager, Mary, felt all of this. God speaks into the heart of this young girl and asks if she might be willing to give birth to the one who will be the Messiah, the Christ, the Saviour. 'I am only young', she thinks. 'I don't have the experience. I'm not married. I don't want to be pregnant. People will talk. They will laugh and mock behind my back. People can be so nasty. I'm frightened.' But do you trust me, asks God. 'Yes, Lord. I believe you are with me always and would never let me down'. So, will you be the mother of the Messiah, the Christ, God asks. 'Lord, I am willing to do whatever you ask of me. May your will be done'. And so, in faith, begins the story that we will be celebrating this week. But, an underlying question: me, how do I respond to what I feel God is asking of me?

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Christmas feasts: Over the Christmas season we will celebrate several feasts. On Tuesday we will celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world. Next weekend we can reflect on the influence of Mary and Joseph in Jesus' life when we honour 'the Holy Family'. Then, on January 1st,

we think of Mary's role in bringing Jesus into our world when we honour 'Mary, the Mother of God'.

Ushaw Moor Raffle last chance to buy tickets. The draw will be after Mass today.

Esh Winning Coffee Morning: Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer coffee after Mass.

'Northern Catholic Calendar': This directory 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.

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the Parish Office this week. She will return on Thursday, January 3rd.

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. If you receive Christmas cards or letters through the post please remove the stamps carefully with a half inch surround then put the stamps in the boxes at the back of church. Please help us to support this vital service which delivers emergency treatment 24 hours a day. Thank you.



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.



Christmas Carols: We hope to have the opportunity to sing Carols for half an hour before each of our Christmas Eve Masses.

Living Faith: These little booklets offer a reflection on the day's Scripture reading for every day of the year. The latest booklets for January, February, March 2019 are now available at the back of Church for 75p.



Advent Alms: In each of our churches is a box inviting donations for 'Advent Alms'. Any money put into these boxes will be sent to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care which helps people in all sorts of ways: family support, young people, the elderly. Our 'Advent Alms' boxes will remain in church until the feast of the Epiphany.

Duvets: Someone has donated two hardly used king size duvets. One is 10 tog, the other is 3.5 tog for summer. If anyone could use these two duvets please get in touch with me.
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The Finchale Partnership: Our partnership of parishes consists of churches at Newhouse, Esh, Langley Park, Ushaw Moor, Langley Moor, Durham, Sedgefield, Trimdon and Coxhoe. If you'd like to find out more about what is happening in our Partnership, then 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/>

Finding out more: We have a couple of people eager to find out a little more about what Catholics believe. Might anyone else be interested in joining this little group? We hope to start a new 'Journey in Faith' group shortly.
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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