

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 December	6.00 pm Mass Veda, Irene & Jonathan Ramm, Clifton Ward & People 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	
Monday 31 December				
Tuesday 1 January <i>Mary, the Mother of God</i>				10.00 am Mass For everyone in our area
Wed 2 January				
Thurs 3 January <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 4 January <i>The Holy Innocents MM</i>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 5 January	6.00 pm Mass James McLoughlin & Parish of the Parish			
Sunday 6 January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn, Harry & Nancy Adams & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Veda Ramm, Jean Grayson, Jim McLoughlin, Henry Brady, Joyce Taskas, Arthur William Elley, Tizzy Brockbanks, Rose Ellen Fishwick, John Kennick, Thomas McEleavey, Eddie Scanlon, Isabelle Corner, Jean Morgan, Norman Platten, Patrick Thompson, Bernard Sheen, Joseph Finnigan..

Esh Winning: Joseph Kenny, Bernard Corrigan, John Comerford, Mary Stebbings, Ann Dinsdale, Mary Murphy, Agnes Chapman, Teresa Lamont, Lynda Carol Davies, Harry Young.

Esh & Langley Park: Catherine Davidson, Sarah Layton, John Callan, Mary Waller, Winifred Robinson, Catherine Glover, Margaret Tiplady, Walter Beavis, Rev. Fr Tony Battle, Mary Lyons.

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes Uma Nicholson Siobhan McMahon-Walsh	Susan Clark Veronica Chapman Emma Peverall	Gerard Towns Anne Sewell
Readers	David & Joyce McDonough	Ann Rush Jean Ruddock	Kathleen Flatley & Anne Lawlor
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside & Angela Jones		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Your family: At what young age does a child begin to react to sounds, lights and people's faces? How old is a child when she speaks her first word? How often does he try to copy what mam or dad do? We were all in this position once with people delighting in our responses and our progress. So was Jesus. The shared joy when he smiled. When he was able to crawl for the first time. Mary and Joseph were the people who taught Jesus to say 'please' and 'thank you'. They taught him his manners and, gradually, how to relate to other people. How to speak and how to listen. He was formed by his family, as we all are. And today we think of that holy family of Jesus with Mary and Joseph. Today we might pray too for all the members of our own families - those we get on with and also, perhaps, those we don't. David Coxon



Christ mas season: Recently we had the season of Advent. Now we are celebrating the season of Christmas which includes several feast days which all fall under the umbrella of 'Christmas'. Today, for example, we honour 'the Holy Family' of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On Tuesday we will reflect on Mary's role in the Christmas story as we celebrate 'Mary, the Mother of God'. Next weekend we will have the feast of the Epiphany (twelfth night). The word '*epiphany*' means 'a revelation', or 'a making visible'. In the Epiphany, then, we will recall how the newborn Jesus was revealed, made visible to the wise men, those who represent all of the non-Jewish world.

New Year's day: On Tuesday, January 1st, we will honour Mary, the Mother of God. It is not a holy day on Tuesday but many people like to have a spiritual start to the New Year. It can also be good for all of us to come together for a single mass on this day. Our mass together on Tuesday will be at Langley Park at 10.00am.

'Northern Catholic Calendar': This diocesan directory offers up to date information on parishes, churches, 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 be in the Parish Office only on Thursday this week.

Thank you: Thank you to all who were kind enough to send me cards this Christmas and, in some cases, gifts too. Thank you. I appreciate your kindness. - David Coxon

Becoming One Parish: Bishop Seamus and his advisors have now given preliminary permission for our three parishes to come together as one single parish. In the New Year it would be helpful to have an open meeting so that people from all of our parishes might share hopes and concerns. We will then present a detailed proposal for our plan to our Partnership Group, and then to the bishop and to the Council of Priests.

Names on Rota: Recently we had some YELLOW forms at the back of church. These were to be taken and filled in by everyone whose name tends to be listed in our newsletters for the various ministries at weekend masses. This is now a requirement for data protection. Most people across our parishes have now completed the yellow forms indicating whether or not they are happy to have their names printed since the newsletter is also published on-line on our parish website [*wdrep.org*]. If anyone hasn't yet completed a yellow form could they please collect one from the back of church and complete it & return it asap.

Just askingSometimes children come home from school and ask questions which their parents find hard to answer. Why did people put Jesus on a cross to die? Why do people dip their fingers into water when they come into the church? Is the bible true? Then the children ask their grandparents, and sometimes grandparents aren't sure of the answers either. Or else adults wonder who God really is, or if there is a God at all. It is questions like these, and many others, that we consider in a little group that meets informally in our Parish Office most weeks. If you are interested in finding out more, then give me a call on 0191- 373 0219, or email stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com David Coxon



The Finchale Partnership: Our partnership of parishes consists of churches at Newhouse, Esh, Langley Park, Ushaw Moor, Langley Moor, Durham, Sedgfield, 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/>

Job Vacancies: Health and Safety Officer - required to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, ensuring that all Diocesan properties and activities conducted in and around them are safe and without risk as far as reasonably practicable. Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 11 January.

Administrator, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley - 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 15 January.

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16 /1/19.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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