



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

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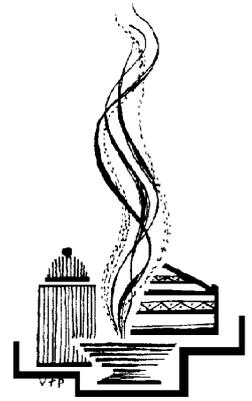
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 5 January	6.00 pm Mass James McLoughlin & People 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, David Stephenson & People of the Parish	
Monday 7 January				
Tuesday 8 January	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
Wed 9 January		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
Thurs 10 January <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 11 January <i>The Holy Innocents MM</i>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 12 January	6.00 pm Mass Parish of the Parish			
Sunday 13 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass Tom Allcroft & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dorothy (Dot) Rochford & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Isabelle Corner, Jean Morgan, Norman Platten, Patrick Thompson, Bernard Sheen, Joseph Finnigan, Katherine Wilkinson, Ann Jennings, Ronnie Marsh, Hilda Chatterton,

Esh Winning: Lyn Carol Davies, Harry Young, Annie Morris, Moira Walsh, Douglas Stuart Tate, Mary Pickering, Joseph Kenny.

Esh & Langley Park: Gertrude Quinn, Ellen Gilchrist, Jim Foy, James Rayner, Ethel Goundry, Mary Collins, Ellen Sands, Patrick Brennan, John Lyons.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: 23rd December: £163.66

30 December: £260.92

Esh Winning: 23rd December: £132.78 Attendance: 70; 30 December: £135.10. Attendance: 60

Esh & Langley Park: Christmas Eve: £301.00; 30 December: £294.40

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings <u>Lauren Kirkwood</u> Christina Parker	<u>Margaret Hallam</u> Lynn Dumighan Pat Ives	Cecilia Wharton Beryl Shoulder
Readers	John Thornton	Denise Kendall Karen Thompson	J.S. & Lynda Elliott
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy		First Communion Liturgy	
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



Epiphany: The principal characters in today's Christmas story are the wise men from the east. Men with strange accents, odd clothes and ideas that didn't always fit in with what others were thinking. These people were outsiders, come among Jewish people to search for Jesus, to recognise him as 'God-in-our-midst'. The wise men were different from the locals, the regulars; they didn't fit in. Yet the child Jesus was revealed to them, too - and this is what the word 'epiphany' means: a 'revelation', making something *unhidden*. There are times when we may feel ourselves to be different from other people, that we don't fit in, that we don't altogether feel at ease with other values or the people around us. Fear not! Jesus is shown to the outsiders too, for those wise men represent you and me!



David Coxon

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 this weekend, the feast of the Epiphany.

Christmas season: The season of Christmas includes several feast days which all fall under the umbrella of 'Christmas'. Each feast offers a different angle on the Christmas story. So, on December 25th, we reflected on the significance of Jesus being born into our world. Last weekend we considered relationships within the holy family, but also within our own families. On New Year's Day we thought about the role of Mary as a mother. Today the significance of Jesus being revealed to the wise men, the first non-Jews to lay eyes on him. Then, next weekend, we can ponder the baptism of Jesus which initiated the mission for which Jesus came into our world. All of these feasts are part of how Christians reflect on the meaning of 'Christmas'.



Preparing for Sacraments:

Reconciliation and Holy Communion:

Our next meeting for children and parents will be this coming Wednesday, January 9th. 6.00pm at the Catholic Club. This time we will be thinking about *the gifts that we offer* at mass. We bring forward bread and wine in the offertory procession; what do these things represent? This will be followed up by a liturgy during next weekend's masses for all of these children.

Preparing for Sacraments: **Confirmation:**

Our next meeting for young people preparing for Confirmation will be next Sunday, January 13th, 2.00 - 4.00pm, in the Parish Centre at Newhouse. If you have not yet returned the forms with your contact details please bring them next Sunday. Thank you.

Used stamps: Used postage stamps can be used to benefit charities such as the Air Ambulance Service. Please cut a 1/2 inch margin around your stamps and then leave them in the box at the back of church. The 'Mini Vinnies' in our primary schools will look after them from there. Thank you.

'Northern Catholic Calendar': There are still a few copies of the 2019 'Northern Catholic Calendar' at the back of church. For £3 this diocesan directory offers up to date information on parishes, churches, partnerships, schools as well as contact details for clergy and convents.

Pastoral Area Council: Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16th, 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Becoming One Parish: Bishop Seamus and his advisors have now given preliminary permission for our three parishes to come together as one single parish. On **Thursday evening, January 24th, we will have an open meeting at St Joseph's, Langley Park** so that people from all of our parishes might share hopes and concerns. It would be really helpful if members of our three Parish Pastoral Councils were to be there. After this meeting we will prepare a more detailed proposal for our plan, then present this to our Partnership Group, and finally 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 [wdrcp.org]. 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.

Ushaw Moor Raffle raised £243.00. Many thanks to all who organised and supported this raffle.

Esh Winning Coffee Morning: With grateful thanks to all who have supported our coffee morning over the many years. Please note that we are no longer able to offer coffee after Mass.

Asking Questions We are hoping to start a new Journey in Faith shortly. This is primarily for people who are not Catholic who may wish to find out more of what Catholics believe. It is also for those who have been baptised Catholic but may now feel a bit 'at sea' in their faith. It's a chance for us to deepen our inner spiritual lives. Please contact our Parish Office, or have a word with me. David 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