

**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 12 January	6.00 pm Mass Bill Gardiner & People 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	
Monday 14 January				
Tuesday 15 January	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wed 16 January		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
Thurs 17 January <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 18 January <i>The Holy Innocents MM</i>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 19 January	6.00 pm Mass James Riley & Parish of the Parish			
Sunday 20 January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dermot Slevin & People of the Parish	

Recently Dead: John Villis (Esh Winning), may he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Sarah Jane Blackmore, Alan Jefferson, James Borner, Margaret Ann Loughlin, Robert William Brown, Robert Gardiner, Jane Laidman, Peter Webster, Mary Burley, Leo O'Neill.

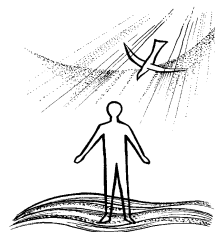
Esh Winning: Charles Zadziuk, Mary Wallace, Sarah Blackburn, Agnes Gannon, Mary Daly, William Quigley, Pat Doyle, Leo Barrigan, Elizabeth McKenna, Thomas Derek Duggan, James Thomas O'Neill, Dermot Slevin, Mary Ann Peel.

Esh & Langley Park: Sarah Jane Blackburn, Peter Coates, Monica Hennessy, Edward Hughes, John Cooper, Derek Duggan, Norah Lyons, Hilda Dumighan, Frank James, Henxie Johnson, Sadie Hayton, Margaret Brennan, Ellen Towns, Robert Mullaney.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £237.11
Esh Winning: £123.91 Attendance: 63
Esh & Langley Park: £249.95

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan <u>Billy Donnelly</u> David Mortimer	<u>Veronica Chapman</u> Jonathan Yates Margaret Hallam	Anne Sewell Judy Quinn
Readers	Peter Murray	Elizabeth Hidson Anne McMahon	Bill McCormick & David Low
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy		Emma Peverall & Noreen Gardner	
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw 4 January 2019			
1 st	£50.00	29	M McCloughlin	2 nd	£30.00	158	Rev D Coxon
3 rd	£10.00	101	M Ward	4 th	£ 5.00	166	J Ball
5 th	£ 5.00	106	R Thornton	<i>Next Draw: February 2019</i>			



The Baptism of the Lord: We've heard recently in the Scriptures about the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem and the fact that he grew up in Nazareth. It was only as an adult that he went down to the River Jordan to be baptised by John. Most of what we read in the gospel occurred after his baptism. In fact, all that happened was as a *result* of his baptism. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his mission, his task, his calling. When we are baptised in his name then this is meant to be a beginning for us too. We can easily see our baptism to be an end result but no, it is intended to be the beginning of our trying to work with others to allow Jesus' plan to become real in our world today. Being baptised is a genuine calling and a genuine challenge, for all of us.

David Coxon

Preparing for sacraments: During the week those children and parents preparing for sacraments have been thinking about that part of the mass where we '*offer the gifts*'. What gifts do you have that you might be willing to offer to God for the service of others? During our mass today we will have a short liturgy on this theme.

Confirmation: Our next meeting for young people preparing for Confirmation will be this 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 with you this weekend. Thank you.

'White Flower' appeal: There are times when women may be pregnant, yet feel unable to have another child. What can they do? Have another child, anyway? Offer the child to be adopted? Some women feel trapped by the situation and think the best thing to do is to opt for an abortion. Yet what about the unborn child, deprived of a right to live? These are not easy issues to handle. The 'White Flower' appeal seeks to support those who feel pressurised into having abortions, yet also seeks to recognise the rights of the unborn. If you feel able to support the 'White Flower' appeal there will be an opportunity as we leave mass next weekend.

Forthcoming meetings:

- Finance Committee (St Michael's parish) Wednesday (16th) at 10.30am;
- Pastoral Area Council : in Parish Office, Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm;
- Partnership Development : Thursday, January 17th, 7pm at Gilesgate.
- Parish Pastoral Council (St Joseph, Ushaw Moor): Tues Jan 22nd, 7.30pm.

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 last 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/>

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

Thank you: Thank you very much for the **136kg** of food items brought for the Food Bank last weekend. This was possibly a little less than it could have been since we forgot to mention it in the newsletter of the previous week. So - thanks!

Used stamps: Used postage stamps can be used to benefit charities such as the Air Ambulance Service. Please cut a ½ 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.

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, at 6.45pm 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.

Vacancy: Finance Assistant based at Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 January. Further information at www.rcdhn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433301, e mail: 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