

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

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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 |
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| Saturday 19 January | 6.00 pm Mass James Riley & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 20 January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace</i> | | 9.00 am Mass People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass Dermot Slevin & People of the Parish | |
| Monday 21 January | | | | |
| Tuesday 22 January | 6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF | | | |
| Wed 23 January | | 9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention | | |
| Thurs 24 January | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | 6.45 pm Open Meeting |
| Friday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul,</i> <i>Apostle</i> | | | | 9.15 am Mass Louisa & Clara Weighill & Members of Davidson family |
| Saturday 26 January | 6.00 pm Mass Carole Hart & John Halpin & Parish of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 27 January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Ray Coates & People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass Joseph McKenna Snr & Olive McKenna & Joseph McKenna Jnr, Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish | |

Recently Dead: John Villis (Esh Winning). John's funeral will be at St Godric's, Durham this Tuesday (22nd) at 11.00am

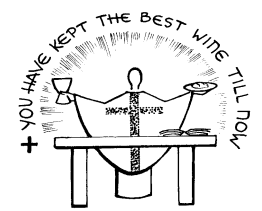
Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Mary Burley, Leo O'Neill, Jim Riley, Julie Ann Bradley, Margaret Gaynor, Joseph Corner, Elizabeth Harrison, Mabel Harrington, John Hope, George Gallagher, Carole Hart, Cynthia Rowland, Agnes Franey, John Webster.

Esh Winning: Joseph Cutmore, Joan Taylor, Brian Joseph Finnegan, Agnes Corrigan, Nora Cran, Abraham Turner, George Stebbings, Joe McKenna, Alfred Wright, Betty Cantwell, Thomas Brown.

Esh & Langley Park: Robert Mullaney, Steven Brown, Robina Quigley, Brian Smart, Rev. Mgr. Hugh Cogan, Fr Michael Mahon, Sarah McCabe, John Thompson, Frank Goundry, Fred Attle, Christine Marie Ewen, Jack Callan.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £212.26;
Esh Winning: £ 127.10 Attendance: 68
Esh & Langley Park: £292.20 CAFOD Box: £95.00

| | Ushaw Moor | Esh/Langley Park | Esh Winning |
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| Holy Communion Ministers | Peter Murray Cath Rae Jo Smith | Denise Kendall Susan Clark Karen Thompson | Colin Davies Kenneth Kitching |
| Readers | Kirsty Doran | Jean Roddock Geraldine Granath | Anne Lawlor & Kathleen Flatley |
| Prayers of Intercession | | | |
| Welcomer | | Jo Bresnen | |
| Children's Liturgy | Sally & Debbie | Gerri Yates Chris Thompson | |
| Counting Team | Julie Kitching & Siobhan McMahon-Walsh | | Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell |



The Wedding Reception: If ever you should think that the bible is all very serious with no sense of humour then reads today's gospel! We have the wedding reception where Jesus, with a mischievous smile, tells the servants to fill the containers with water, and then offer a taste to the wine waiter. And he is blown away by the taste of - superb wine!! But, for all that, is this just a Jesus-style party trick? The final part of the story says this was the first of the 'signs' given by Jesus. It is a sign of the transforming change Jesus can bring about in things, in people, in you, in me. Would you like to be changed for the better? Would you like to be rid of the spiritual hang ups and burdens from the past? Perhaps you need only ask Jesus to come into your life to change you, transform you...

David Coxon

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 today.

Becoming One Parish: Bishop Seamus and his advisors have now given preliminary permission for our three parishes to come together as one single parish. **This 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 come together to share hopes, concerns and plans for the future. It would be really helpful if members of our three Parish Pastoral Councils were able 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.

Data Protection: This Tuesday we have someone calling to the Parish Office from the diocese to check out how well we are accommodating new regulations on Data Protection. I am hoping that everyone who has any ministry in our parishes, and has their name printed in newsletters, has now completed and returned a YELLOW form. If not, could you please pick up a form from the back of church, then return it before yesterday!!

Raffle prizes: A number of prizes were not claimed after the Christmas raffle at Ushaw Moor. If you still have your tickets please check the numbers.

Ushaw Moor Catholic Club: Membership book will be open at the back of Church.

St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor: £250.00 was raised from the sale of goods. Thank you to all who support the Repository throughout the year.

Bill Wilkinson: For around 20 years Bill Wilkinson has played the organ at St Michael's church and then, more recently, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. It was after the Claretians left Esh that he moved down to Newhouse on a more regular basis, taking over from Kevin Sands. Bill has now retired from playing the organ at Newhouse, at least on a weekly basis; he is still available for funerals and weddings. His leaving is partly for family reasons and partly because playing older organs demands a firm pressing down of each key. This becomes more difficult when your fingers become more stiff! Yet, for all that, Bill's fingers seem to have almost danced along the keyboard with a real lightness of touch. Bill will be playing part time at St Patrick's at Langley Moor where they are fortunate enough to have a brand new organ where an organist need not 'press' the keys, but only 'touch' them, and the sound emerges. Many thanks to Bill for his dedication over the years. Bill is keen to add that "I have enjoyed my years working with all the choir members and congregation and hope that, in some small part, have added to their depth of worship".

Going into hospital? If you, or anyone close to you, is to be admitted to hospital in Durham, Chester le Street or Shotley Bridge then you might leave a phone message for Fr Paul Tully, the Catholic Chaplain on 01388-818544. Remember to give the name of the patient and in which hospital and ward, and Fr Paul will try to call in to visit. If anyone is going into hospital for an operation then you may wish to have the sacrament of the sick at home before you are admitted. Let us know at the Parish Office (373 0219).



Forthcoming meetings

- Parish Pastoral Council (St Joseph, Ushaw Moor): Tues Jan 22nd, 7.30pm.
- Parish Pastoral Council (St Michael's, sacristy) : Wed, Feb 13th, 1.30pm.
- Parish Pastoral Council (OLQM), Thursday Feb 14th, 7.00 pm.

Christmas candles: People bought Christmas candles bearing the names of loved ones who now have died. These candles may now be at the back of church. Take them if you wish or, if you prefer, you can leave them for us to use as altar sanctuary lights.

Forthcoming dates:

- Ash Wednesday : March 6th
- Easter Sunday : April 21st.

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