



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

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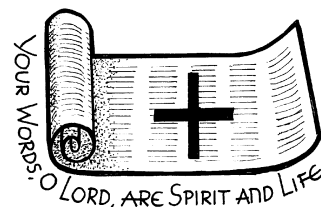
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 26 January	6.00 pm Mass Carole Hart & John Halpin & People 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	
Monday 28 January				
Tuesday 29 January	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
Wed 30 January		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
Thurs 31 January			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 1 February		1.00 pm Funeral Mass Aileen Cook		-No Mass -
Saturday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	6.00 pm Mass Special Intention, Sheila Kelly & People of the Parish			
Sunday 3 February <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn & People of the Parish	

Recently Dead: Aileen Cook (Langley Park). Funeral mass at St Michael's Friday, February 1st at 1.00pm.
Jim Mearman (Ushaw Moor). Service at Durham crematorium, Thursday, January 31st, 3.00pm.
Fr Bill Bellamy (Newcastle)

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Agnes Franey, John Webster, Mary Ann Hughes, Tommy Mahan, Arthur Rowland, Joseph O'Briend, Ann Taylor, Rose Jean Dawson, Martha Jane Jennings, Mary Killian, John Martin, Winifred Harrington, Henry Brady, Margaret Kelly, Sheila Kelly.

Esh Winning: Betty Cantwell, Thomas Brown, Jack McElwee, Lawrence Matthew Close, Mary Carroll, Fr Edward Beech, Fr Francis Reed, Tony Quinn, Nora Jones, Clive Hogarth.

Esh & Langley Park: Agnes Thompson, George Smith, Marie Sherry, Laurence Standing, John Brennan, Margaret Clitheroe, Tom Quinn, John Lyons, Joseph Armstrong, Edward Wallis, Gladys Lynn, Elizabeth Quinn, Mona Brown, Richard Ryan, Bridie Tobin, Val Birkham, Frederick Smith, Robert Wilkinson, Rev. John F McHugh, Agnes and George Curtis.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £195.90;
Esh Winning: £ 111.00 Attendance: 63
Esh & Langley Park: £ 278.35

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson <u>Kath Gardiner</u> Pam Stoddart	<u>Jo Bresnen</u> Lynn Dumighan Pat Ives	Beryl Shoulder & Gerard Towns
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Denise Kendall Joanne Sands	Lynda Elliott & J.S.
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy	Sally & Debbie	Donna Hunter Pat Ives	
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



Reading the Scriptures: For a long time Catholics didn't have any tradition of reading the bible. Not outside of mass, anyway. In recent years many people seem to have acquired a real thirst for the Scriptures. Some people like to read something each day, and ponder it. Others are keen to discover the background or context of any given passage. Yet others like to look through the readings of the following weekend, and reflect on those. Even though I studied the Scriptures at college, it wasn't until I had been a priest for two or three years that the message of the bible started to become real for me. Now I find that being aware of the back story can really help my understanding. All sorts of simple leaflets and reading programmes are available for individuals, and also for small groups who may wish to reflect together. Maybe I could help you with this? In today's first reading we have the man called Ezra who stands on a dais in the town square sharing the Scripture's message 'with men, women and children old enough to understand'. In the gospel we have Jesus, in his home village, standing up to read. Yet what they read are not just 'holy stories'. It is God's word, designed to challenge our attitudes and lifestyle. I wonder if *you* might like to become more acquainted with the bible?

David Coxon

'Holocaust Memorial day': Today we are invited to be at one with so many people in the world who are remembering the men, women and children who were persecuted and died in the Holocaust. Last weekend some of the ashes from six victims were finally laid to rest in a service led by the Chief Rabbi.

'White Flower' appeal: Thank you for the £156.32 that was given to the White Flower collection in our churches last weekend. This is to support women who feel trapped and pressurised into having abortions, but it also funds those who try to draw the attention of our legislators and the public to the rights of unborn children.



Food bank: Next weekend we will be very happy to accept the following for the food bank: tinned spaghetti, dried rice, sponge pudding, safety razors and shaving foam. Thank you for all that you donate, month by month.

Friday: No Mass at Langley Park. Funeral Mass for Aileen Cook at St Michael's at 1.00 pm.

Forthcoming meetings:

- Parish Pastoral Council (St Michael's, sacristy) : Wed, Feb 13th, 1.30pm.
- Parish Pastoral Council (OLQM Parish centre) : Thurs, Feb 14th, 7.00pm.

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).

A Question: It's not a question that we ask very often, but perhaps we should, for there may be people reading this who may feel drawn to the religious life, or to becoming a priest. The question is: might God be calling *you*? You don't need to have an immediate 'yes' or 'no' answer but, if you are wondering about this, then we do have opportunities for advice and discernment. Have a word with your priest who will be able to point you in the right direction for further guidance.

Our 'Open Meeting': Thank you to all who came to our Open Meeting on Thursday. This was to plan our way forward as one united parish. We now need to prepare a detailed proposal of our plan to present to our partnership development group, and then the bishop.

Preparation for sacraments

- Preparing for Hoy Communion: Wednesday, February 6th, 6.00pm;
- Preparing for Confirmation: Sunday, February 10th, 2.00pm.



Jubilees: Two of our former parish priests are to celebrate important anniversaries of ordination this year. Fr Martin Morris is to celebrate his 25th anniversary and Fr Michael Griffiths his 40th. We will mention this again towards the summer, or else you can check the dates for yourself in the 2019 edition of the 'Northern Catholic Calendar'.

Praying for the sick: If anyone is ill and would like to be added to our sick list (or be taken off our sick list!) please let us know (Tel. 373 0219). Please ask people before giving their names.

Scripture readings for next weekend:

- Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19: *I, the Lord, have appointed you as prophet.*
- 1 Corinthians 12: 31- 13: 13: *What is really meant by 'love'?*
- Luke 4: 21-30 : *The words of today's gospel Jesus will apply to himself.*

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