



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

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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 2 February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	6.00 pm Mass Special Intention, Sheila Kelly & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 3 February</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 4 February</b>				
<b>Tuesday 5 February</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
<b>Wed 6 February</b>		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
<b>Thurs 7 February</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 8 February</b>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday 9 February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	6.00 pm Mass Jackson & Bullen Family, Patricia Edwards & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 10 February</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Paul Boddice (sick) Teresa Rochford & People of the Parish	

Funeral of **Ian Chamberlain** (Bearpark), Durham crematorium: Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm. **Note change of time.**

**Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor:** Henry Brady, Margaret Kelly, Sheila Kelly, Margaret McQuillan, Aidan Keenan, Jean McCarron, Clifton Ward, Agnes Joyce, Tommy Donnelly, Mary McMahan, Jack O'Connor.

**Esh Winning:** Nora Jones, Clive Hogarth, Leo Traynor, Thomas Conroy, Teresa Rochford, Ann Teresa McManus, Vincent Barrigan, Beradette Watkin.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Angela Tobin, Margaret Caygill, Olga Johnson, Anne Marie Johnston, William Mullaney, Clare Crawford, John Marley.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £178.80;  
 Esh Winning: £103.25 Attendance:49  
 Esh & Langley Park: £ 266.20

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes <u>Uma Nicholson</u> Siobhan McMahan-Walsh	<u>Karen Thompson</u> Jonathan Yates Lynn Dumighan	Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott
Readers	Christine Brennan	Elizabeth Hidson Ann Rush	David Low & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside & Angela Jones		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott



**The Job Description of Christians:** Last weekend we heard how Jesus went to his local synagogue and did the reading which was taken from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus read: *'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and, to the blind, new sight. He has sent me to set the downtrodden free'*. He then said: *'This text is being fulfilled today, as I am reading it to you. Today we hear that, in saying this, Jesus won the approval of all. For a while, anyway. Very quickly the locals are saying 'We know his family. We knew him as a lad. Who does he think he is?'* Increasingly, they refuse to accept him. We may meet the same reaction since we too can claim that *'the Spirit of the Lord has been given to us'*. And yet, people don't actually *like* to be poor, blind and downtrodden. People do respond to good news. So, this is our calling, as individuals and as a parish: to offer the good news, to give support when people feel trapped by the circumstances of their lives, to offer a sense of direction to those who feel blind, and to give a help up to those who feel downtrodden. Our mission!

David Coxon

**Food bank:** Items for the food bank are very welcome today. Thank you for all that you donate, month by month.



**Preparing for sacraments:** On Wednesday evening at 6.00pm we will have a further session about the mass for those children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The word 'eucharist' means 'thank you' or 'gratitude'. An essential part of the mass, then, is

about an attitude of wanting to express thanks to God. This is what we will be thinking about this Wednesday when we meet in the Catholic Club. Once again, we will have a short liturgy during masses next weekend. We expect our children to take part in this.

**Confirmation:** Our next meeting for young people preparing for Confirmation will be next Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 – 4.00pm, in the Parish Centre at Newhouse.



**Singing Group (St Michael's):** Next meeting: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 10am, at Geraldine Granath's (1 Whitefield House, Front St, Esh). All welcome.

**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.

**Work at Newhouse:** You may have noticed that the porch at Fr Mark Carroll's house at Newhouse is not in a good condition. This is because a corner of the porch was originally built over a well and the porch has suffered severely from dampness. Work will begin this week to rectify the situation. The work will last three weeks and should not interfere with access to the church.

**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).

**Becoming One Parish:** Recently we had an Open Meeting to be brought up to date with progress in our three parishes becoming one. We also looked at two questions: (i) what priorities do we want to focus on if we are genuinely to be a parish that seeks to bring good news to others? (Remember last weekend's gospel reading about *'the Spirit of the Lord has been given to me to bring good news to the poor'*?) (ii) what shared events, activities, projects could we engage in to enable the people of our three parishes to pull together? Following 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.

**Forthcoming meetings:**

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

**Christmas candles:** Some 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 sanctuary lights at the altar.

**Scripture readings for next weekend:**

- Isaiah 6: 1-8: *I am a sinful man, but I invite you, Lord to use me.*
- 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 : *I. Paul, hardly deserve the name 'apostle'.*
- Luke 5: 1-11 : *Simon Peter said: 'Lord, I am a sinful man,'*

**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