

**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 23 February	6.00 pm Mass People of the Parish			
Sunday 24 February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Aileen Cook, James & Winnifred Sherry & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Syd Duggan & Paul Boddice (sick), Keith Wardman & People of the Parish	
Monday 25 February				
Tuesday 26 February	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Ann Cutmore			
Wed 27 February	10.30 am Funeral Joseph Boyes			
Thurs 28 February			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention 11.00 am Funeral Paul Wightman	
Friday 1 March <i>St David Bp, Patron of Wales</i>		9.15 am Funeral Mass Laurie Gray		-No Mass today -
Saturday 2 March	6.00 pm Mass People of the Parish			
Sunday 3 March <i>8th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Terry & Sylvia Hennessy & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Josephine Murphy, Nancy & Harry Adams, Christine Potts & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Joseph Boyes: St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor, Wednesday 27th at 10.30am.
 Paul Wightman : OLQM, Newhouse, Thursday 28th at 11.00am.
 Laurie Gray (Quebec): St Michael's, Esh, Friday 1st March at 9.15 am.

Anniversaries:

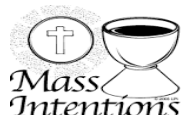
Ushaw Moor: John Campion, Beryl Flatley, Mary Howarth, Joseph McQuillan, Bill Johnson, Susan Sanders, Mary Smith.
Esh Winning: Norah Stiff, Maria Brennan, Thomas Marley, William Hughes, Mary Ann Shaw, Jane Quigley, Olive Emmerson, Sarah Ellen Hughes, Ellen Rochford, Mary Bone, Larry Joyce, Margaret Dowdall, Betty Cantwell, Bill McMahon, Christine Potts, Kathleen McKenna, Kathleen Brown.
Esh & Langley Park: Peter John Gilroy, Carl Vitali, Mary Whitty, Rose Grieve, Alan Roland Lamb, Lesley Dunhill, Anthony Marley, Bishop Kevin Dunn.

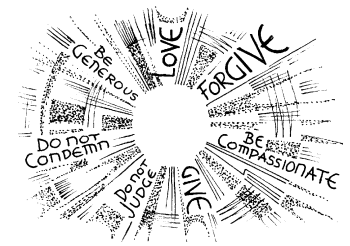
Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £203.59
 Esh Winning: £121.80 Attendance: 56
 Esh & Langley Park: £280.55

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray <u>Cath Rae</u> Jo Smith	<u>Jonathan Yates</u> Denise Kendall Jo Bresnen	Colin Davies & Lynda Elliott
Readers	John Thornton	Anne McMahon Ann Rush	Lynda Elliott & J.S.
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy	Denise Kendall Anne McMahon	
Counting Team	Julie Kitching Siobhan McMahon-Walsh		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott

St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor:

If anyone has any mass intentions all dates are now available.





Getting your own back Saul was Israel's first king, anointed by God. But Saul had seriously misused his position, taking advantage of what he could get out of the role. In a spirit of justice, David is being urged by his followers to overthrow Saul. In today's first reading David has a chance to kill Saul while he is sleeping in a cave. Yet, despite all the wrongdoing Saul has done to him, David refuses to 'raise his hand against the Lord's anointed'. Revenge and retribution can never be the right course. Jesus follows this up today by speaking about 'compassion'

- David Coxon



Food bank: Food items welcome next weekend. As ever, all donations are welcome, and the items that the depot have a shortage of just now are **tinned fruit, dried rice, tinned rice pudding and sugar.** Thank you.

Preparing for sacraments: On Wednesday evening at 6.00pm we will have a further session for those children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This week we will think about what we mean by 'reconciliation' since this is big part of what we are doing whenever we come to confession. We will have a Service of Reconciliation on Sunday, March 10th. Everyone is welcome to come to this but, during that service, some of our children will celebrate their first confession.

Bishop Seamus: Seamus Cunningham has been bishop of our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle for ten years. It is over 18 months since he had his 75th birthday, the time when Catholic clergy retire. Bishop Seamus' successor was announced recently. Robert Byrne is currently an auxiliary bishop in the diocese of Birmingham. He is 62 years old and has been a bishop for five years. Bishop Seamus had his retirement mass at St Mary's Cathedral last Friday. His time as bishop has been a time of great change and he has served us with leadership and obvious spirituality. If you should like to contribute towards a gift for him then envelopes are available at the back of church. Alternatively, put any donation into an ordinary envelope marked 'Bishop Seamus' and that will get to him too.



Altar servers: One or two of our younger people have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers. This is an opportunity for anyone, of any age, who has already celebrated their First Communion. Anyone interested might like to have a word with me. - David Coxon

Asking Questions: A few people who are not Catholic have been asking questions about what Catholics believe, and how what we believe can affect how we live. This is an opportunity not only to 'find out more', but also to deepen the sense of God that we already have. We had a first meeting recently and we plan to meet again on Tuesday evening. Over the next few weeks we will take a closer look at the story of the bible. Would anyone else, Catholic or not, like to join us?

Spirituality in Times of Trauma: This day course will be held at Ushaw College on Saturday, March 23rd, 10.15am - 3.30pm. Several workshops available. Soup and roll lunch provided. See poster in church porch.

Our 'Finchale Partnership'

We have a meeting of our Partnership Development Group at Gilesgate this Thursday at 7.00pm.



Job vacancy: Reminder: St Joseph's Primary School, Ushaw Moor is looking for a caretaker..... The full advert is on bright green paper at the back of church. Closing date for applications is at noon, Thursday, February 28th.

'An Easter Offering' Lanchester Choral Society is to present 'An Easter Offering' at Lanchester Methodist Church at 7.15pm on Friday, March 8th. Tickets cost £8 and include refreshments. Tel. 01207-521 458 or 01207-290822. Poster in porch.



Ash Wednesday (March 6th)

Please note a change for Ash Wednesday: the 9.15am mass will be at Newhouse, the 7.00pm mass at Ushaw Moor. The mass at St Michael's will be at 11.00am as usual.

Abuse in the Church: Pope Francis has called a meeting in Rome of the world's senior bishops to look at abuse in the Church and the cover up which has sometimes followed. Cardinal Nichols is attending from England and asks our prayer.

Next weekend: At our masses next weekend we will have someone speaking about the 'Medaille Trust'.

Scripture readings for next weekend:

- Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7: *Do not praise anyone before you have heard them speak.*
- 1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58 : *When 'death' is swallowed up.*
- Luke 6: 39-45 : *A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.*

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