



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

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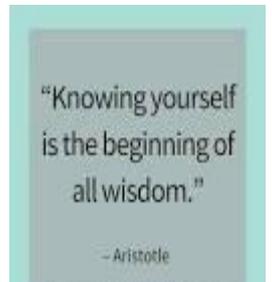
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 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	
Monday 4 March				
Tuesday 5 March	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention			
Wed 6 March <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	7.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.15 am Mass In Church with School People of the Parish	
Thurs 7 March	12.45 pm Funeral Pat Smith		No Mass today	
Friday 8 March <i>St John of God</i>				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 9 March	6.00 pm Mass People of the Parish			
Sunday 10 March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass Aileen Cook & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Ellen & Sandra Rowley; Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Patrick Smith (Bearpark). Funeral Mass at Ushaw Moor on Thursday 7 March at 12.45 pm , may he rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

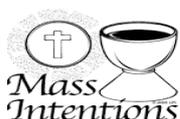
Ushaw Moor: Felix Mooney, John Burke, Patrick Lawrence Everett, Norah Boyd, Francis Doran, Edmund Burke, John Joyce, The Keenan Family, Thomas Stoddart, Robert Ward, Leonora Finlay, Harry Gallagher, Sheila Thompson, Ellen Gillon, Godric Jennings, Mary Kathleen Gibbon.

Esh Winning: Rosina Keeling, Annie Lyons, Nora Knox, Josephine Murphy, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary McGinn, Anne Rochford, Maria Reed, Norah Wilson, Betty Jones, Winifred Halliburton, Billy Rochford, John Doggan.

Esh & Langley Park: Thomas Foy, Veronica Merrigan, James Adcock, Doreen Rollitt.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £148.46
Esh Winning: £ Attendance:
Esh & Langley Park: £

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Janet Dawson Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	<u>Veronica Chapman</u> Pat Ives Margaret Hallam	Colleen Brown & Kenneth Kitching
Readers	Kirsty Doran	Geraldine Granath Eileen Tallentire	Anne Lawlor & Lynda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	Sally and Debbie	Emma Peverall Noreen Gardner	
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell



St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor:

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



8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Wait till he has spoken! When, as priests, we move to a new parish there are many people who are really missing the previous priest since he was there for them at times of both joy and sadness in their lives. It is almost like bereavement for them. The new priest comes in as a stranger, usurping the position of the priest they loved. Yet it can go the other way too. The last priest may have hurt you. So the new man is a breath of fresh air. Before he says or does anything there is palpable relief. But, today's readings are very practical: '*Do not praise a man before he has spoken.*' Do not be too quick to judge either way. Wait and see how they communicate and how they relate. Jesus follows this up in the gospel: '*A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.*' - David Coxon

Welcome! ... to Pat Estall who speaks today about the 'Medaille Trust'.

An Open Day: Our 'Finchale Partnership' is planning to have an Open Day at Ushaw College on Sunday, June 30th. The day will include a mass and several activities involving schools, groups, parishioners and families from all of our parishes. Each parish is asked to provide volunteers for a range of duties: altar servers, Readers, Holy Communion ministers, car park marshals, ushers and general helpers. It's important that we try to play our part in enabling these occasions to work smoothly so we are seeking offers of help, please. If you would like to offer help please pass on your name to our Parish Office.



'Northern Cross': available today with news from around the diocese. The newspaper is available at the back of church.

Ash Wednesday (March 6th). Ash Wednesday is a day when we try to fast from our usual amount of food and, in addition, to abstain from meat so that can have a genuine sense of 'feeling hungry'. The reason for this is so that we may be prompted to recognise our 'hunger for God'. We will have a further, voluntary, fast day on Friday, March 15th. 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.

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 an introductory meeting recently and we plan to meet again this Thursday 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?

A Service of Reconciliation: Some of our children and their parents have been preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Next Sunday (March 10th) we will have a Service of Reconciliation at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor at 4.00pm. During this service our children will be able to celebrate their confession for the first time. Parents, catechists, teachers and fellow parishioners may also wish to have the chance to come to confession. Other than this we have an opportunity for confession every Tuesday evening at Ushaw Moor, or after any weekday mass during Lent.

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

Stations of the Cross: During Lent we will again have the Stations of the Cross around our churches on Sundays at 4.00pm. We have various versions and copies at the Parish Office so it would be good if, each week, one or more people might like to lead the Stations. Let us know at the office. The venues for Lent: March 17th: Esh; March 24th: Newhouse; March 31st: Langley Park; April 7th: Ushaw Moor. We will also have Stations each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Michael's church. All welcome.

Bishop Seamus: For ten years Seamus Cunningham has been bishop of our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Catholic clergy tend to retire at the age of 75 and it is over 18 months since Bishop Seamus had his 75th birthday so he is now ready +to stand down. His time as bishop has been a time of considerable change and upheaval and, in his deep spirituality and approachability, he has served us well. 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. This will be sent off in a couple of weeks.

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

Red Mission boxes: Thanks to all who have 'Red Mission boxes' at home. Donations from Esh/Langley Park in 2018 came to £608-75 and, from Ushaw Moor, £579-56 Thank you for your continued support. (Veronica Chapman/ Mike Brennan, Marion McLoughlin/ Geraldine Barnes)

Scripture readings for next weekend (First Sunday of Lent):

- Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 : *The creed of the chosen people.*
- Romans 10: 8-13: *The creed of the Christian.*
- Luke 4: 1-13 : *Jesus knows what temptation is.*

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