



**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 16 March	6.00 pm Mass Kevin McLoughlin, Jonathan & Irene Ramm & Veda Ramm People of the Parish			
Sunday 17 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass Dec'd Members of the Sherry Family & People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross	10.30 am Mass People of the Parish	
Monday 18 March				
Tuesday 19 March <i>St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15 am Mass Feast of St Joseph's with School No Confessions this evening			
Wed 20 March <i>St Cuthbert Bp, Patron</i>		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention		
Thurs 21 March			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 22 March				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 23 March	6.00 pm Mass Pat Smith Rec. Dec'd & People of the Parish			
Sunday 24 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass Veronica and Billy Merrigan (Jnr) & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Olive McKenna & People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross	

Recently Dec'd: Pat Loftus. Funeral at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor on Tuesday 26 March at 10.30 am.

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Mary McEleavey, Joseph Mountain, Mary Wilkinson, Peter Hughes, William Walsh, Edward Keelty, Winnie Murray, June Mary Powell, Monica Gibb, Jane Brophy, Mary Elley, Winnie Alderton, Isabella Dodds, John Joyce, Rose Keelty, Shirley Web Elley.

Esh Winning: Billy Rochford, John Duggan, Jenny Eltringham, Georgina Chandler, Ellen Rowley, James Hosler, Jimmy Rochford, Patrick Halpin.

Esh & Langley Park: Joseph Wilson, Edward Moralee, Michael Gilroy, Sarah Kavanagh, V Merring, Mary Todd.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £208.37

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	<u>Lisa Cummings</u> Lauren Kirkwood Christina Parker	<u>Lynn Dumighan</u> Pat Ives Jonathan Yates	Gerard Towns & Colleen Brown
Readers	Christine Brennan	Joanne Sands Ann Rush	J.S. & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	Sally and Debbie	Denise Kendall Anne McMahan	
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott

Lent Course: 'Daring to See God Now' at the Methodist Church, Acton Road, Esh Winning, DH7 9PJ on Wednesday afternoons at 2p.m. on March 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th with refreshments to follow. All are welcome.



Getting away from it all?? Today's gospel has Jesus, up the mountain, sharing time with God, and the passage is packed with symbolism! Jesus' face and clothes brilliantly shining, as was Moses' after his meeting with God. Moses, the one who brought God's law from the mountain in the Ten Commandments, and Elijah the great prophet are also here, seen initially as equals with Jesus. We have the cloud representing 'the mystery of God'. And after witnessing this moment we have Peter saying naively, 'Jesus, do we really have to go back down to do ordinary stuff? Can't we just make three tents and stay up here forever?' If only! We may sometimes experience the closeness of God, but we need to carry this experience into the ordinariness of our daily lives. –

David Coxon

Bishop Seamus: Thank you very much to all who have given money as a gift for Bishop Seamus as he retires as our bishop after ten years' service. He has led us through times of great change, change in the church and change in the world. He now looks forward to being *the former* bishop of Hexham and Newcastle! He has sent a personal letter to us that we will hear today.

Bishop Robert Byrne:

- Sunday, March 24th, 4.30pm : Solemn vespers in St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street West, Newcastle . Everyone welcome to attend.
- Monday, February 25th, 12 noon: Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Attendance by ticket only.
- Tuesday, March 26th, 2.00pm: Diocesan Schools event at cathedral. Some children and staff will be present from our own schools.

As Bishop Robert Byrne begins his ministry as bishop of our diocese he asks us to pray for him. Prayer cards are available today.

Preparing for Confirmation: This Sunday,
2-4 pm: Confirmation preparation at Newhouse.

Masses in Lent: Even if you don't usually get a chance to attend daily mass why not try during Lent? Maybe come along to the weekday mass in your own village.

Confessions: Opportunity for confession after each weekday mass during Lent.

An Open Day: Our 'Finchale Partnership' is planning to have an Open Day at Ushaw College on Sunday, June 30th. We are looking for people from each parish to offer help on the day. So far we have one person. The day will include a mass and several activities involving our schools, groups, parishioners and families from all of our parishes. We need altar servers, Readers, Holy Communion ministers, car park marshals, ushers and general helpers. If you would like to offer help please pass on your name to our Parish Office (373 0219).

LiturgySome people in our parishes have a real interest in playing instruments, singing, drama or are willing to read or to put things together imaginatively and creatively. Bishop Robert is going to be celebrating mass with us on Wednesday, April 10th. On occasions such as this when we come together as a partnership for celebrations we are keen to have people take an active part. Might you be interested? Offer your name at the Parish Office.

'Finchale Partnership' Dinner: Our Partnership has organised a dinner at Ushaw College on Saturday evening, 30th March. The cost is £35. We would love you to join us, so please don't let the cost put you off. Have a quiet word with Fr David Coxon if you would like some assistance with the cost. Canon Bob Spence will be the after dinner speaker. See the poster on the noticeboard for details. Please complete a white sign-up slip from the back of church and hand it, together with a non-returnable deposit of £10 per person, to Bill Donnelly, Jill Cox, Angela McKenna or to the Parish Office by **this Sunday, 17th March.**



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.

Ushaw College:

- On the Wednesdays of Lent (except for March 27th) there will be Stations of the Cross at 12 noon in the Stations corridor at the college, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent at 12 noon there will be a short Service of Readings and Prayers in St Cuthbert's chapel.
- There will also be a number of opportunities for prayer and reflection: -
- Wednesday, March 27th, 10.30am – 4.00pm: a *Quiet Day* led by Sr Rosarie Spence. Cost: £10, including tea/ coffee and biscuits to begin and conclude the day. Lunch can be purchased at the college. Booking is essential for this.

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