

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

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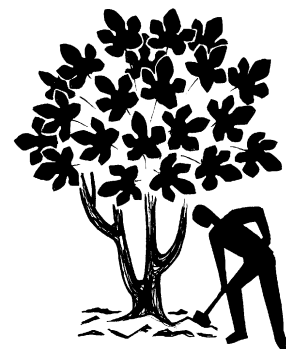
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 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 <i>4pm Stations of the Cross</i>	
Monday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD				
Tuesday 26 March	10.30 am Funeral Mass Pat Loftus No Confessions today			
Wednesday 27 March		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention		
Thursday 28 March			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 29 March				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 30 March	6.00 pm Mass Living and Dec'd Members of Elly & Pattinson Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 31 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		9.00 am Mass Martyn Anthony Hallam & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joan Emmerson, Billy, Mary & Patrick Quigley & People of the Parish	<i>4pm Stations of the Cross</i>

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

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Shirley Web Elley, Mary Joyce, Patricia Jennings, Kathleen Robinson, Kathleen Murray, William Cairns, Jimmy Connolly, Frank Kelly, Alice Pattinson, John Pattinson (jnr).

Esh Winning: Agnes Connolly, John McKenna, Joseph Nicholson, Peter Gannon, Anthony Corrigan, Kathy Hall, Andrew Donnelly, James William McKenna, Edward Hanlon, Ann Mickle, Agnes Newton, James Michael Kelly, Winnifred Harrison, Joan Emmerson, Edith Mary Hughes.

Esh & Langley Park: Francis Harold Coates, Mary Annie Quinn, Thomas Sherry, Frank Soulsby, Katherine Towns, Doris Cooper, Irene Bailey, Henry Fitzsimmons, Paul Standing, James Hayden, Teresa Adcock, Margaret Hancock, Vera Forster.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £172.80; Esh Winning: £108.00 Attendance: 48
Esh: 3rd March: £284.40 10th March: 293.10 17th March: £263.65

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly David Mortimer	<u>Denise Kendall</u> Karen Thompson Jonathan Yates	Colin Davies & Kenneth Kitching
Readers	David McDonough	Elizabeth Hidson Gerri Yates	Kathleen Flatley & Ann Lawlor
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy	First Communion Liturgy	
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell

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 27th, April 3rd and 10th with refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

God is now! In today's first reading Moses has a deep spiritual moment of awareness of God. Like all of us, Moses could spend his time thinking about the past, thinking, maybe, about 'the good old days'. Or sometimes we dream about the future, how life will be so much better in years to come. Yet, if we want to encounter God, we cannot relive the past and we cannot time travel into the future. The only place we can encounter God is in the here and now. So when Moses asks God his name, God answers 'I am'. 'I am now, in the present moment. I am here for you. Now.'

David Coxon

**Our new bishop:
Bishop Robert Byrne:**

- Solemn vespers for all in St Mary's cathedral at 4.30pm today (Sunday).
- Monday, 12 noon: Bishop Robert's installation as bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.
- Wednesday, April 10th: Bishop Robert visiting us for mass.



Bishop Seamus: Thank you to everyone who contributed to a gift of £419.10 from our family of parishes for Bishop Seamus Cunningham as he retires tomorrow as our bishop.

Preparing for sacraments: On Wednesday evening at 6.00pm we will have a further session for those children and parents preparing for Holy Communion. This week we will be thinking about what we are doing when we share in *communion*. What does 'communion' actually mean? What are we doing when we eat this bread and drink this wine? We'll meet in the Catholic Club this Wednesday.

Finchale Partnership Mass: Bishop Robert will be visiting our 'Finchale partnership' on Wednesday, April 10th. He is keen to meet people from across the partnership so the day will end with mass in Ushaw College chapel at 7.00pm, and everyone is invited. If you need a lift to Ushaw, or if you can offer a lift to someone else, please contact Parish Office (373 0219).

Holy Week: Would you like to help with the foot washing liturgy on Maundy Thursday? Or perhaps read a short prayer on Good Friday? Contact Parish Office.

Congratulations... to Mary Hannah Soulsby of Esh Village who celebrates her 100th birthday on 24th March.



LiturgySome people in our parishes may 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.

Gift Aid boxes - Esh and Ushaw Moor: Boxes for the next financial year are available at the back of church. Please collect and start to use on the first Sunday in April. If there's a query or you want to join the Gift Aid scheme contact Margaret Sands on 3731270 or email quinnssands@aol.com for Esh and Peter Murray at Ushaw Moor on 3730219.

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. Anyone to lead at Newhouse this Sunday? Or Langley Park next week? The venues for Lent: 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.

Service of Reconciliation: We will have another service, with opportunity for confession, at 7.00pm on Wednesday, April 3rd. This will be at St Joseph's, Gilesgate.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: If any young people from our parishes are interested in volunteering to help on the Diocesan Pilgrimage this year (Fridays, July 26-August 2nd) then please contact the Parish Office (373 0219) or email:

stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com;
juliekitching@sky.com;
siobhan@emerald-architects.com.

Young helpers must be between 16- 25 years old, and a large part of their responsibility is to offer assistance to sick pilgrims and others, under the guidance of registered helpers, doctors and nurses. We are looking to secure some funding to help towards the cost of each young helper. – Julie Kitching and Siobhan McMahon.

'Alarm notice' at office: When you come in to the Parish Office at Ushaw Moor there may be a notice on the floor to warn you that the security alarm is switched on. If so, switch it off but then, before you leave, switch on the alarm again. Please remember to put the notice back on the floor to warn people coming in after you!

Used Stamps: Our 'Mini Vinnies' in our primary schools are collecting used postage stamps for the Air Ambulance Service. Please leave them in the box at the back of Church. Thank you!

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