## **West Durham Catholic Parishes:**

Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor

St John Boste Pastoral Office, Durham Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham. DH7 7LF

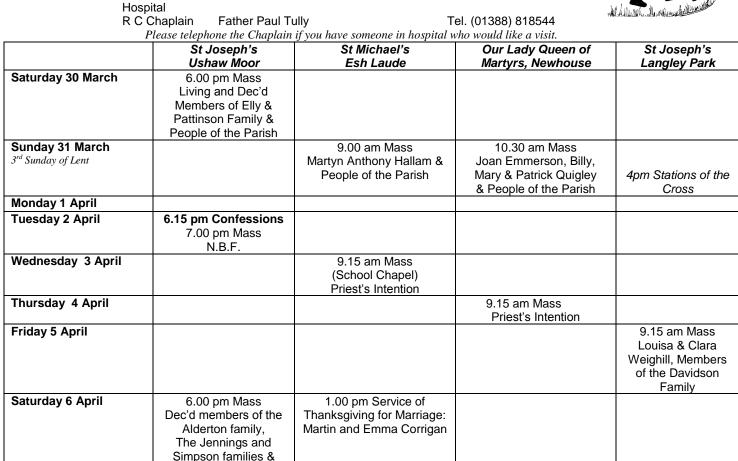
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Recently Dead: Fr Jim Keane (Newcastle), may he rest in peace.

Sunday 7 April

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

People of the Parish

4pm Stations of the

Cross

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: John Pattinson (jnr), Steven Tomlinson, Veronica Halpin, Frank Murray, Catherine Smith, Thomas & Sara Blackburn, Wayne McGowan, Ian Defty, Robert Wilkinson, Raymond Stoddart.

9.00 am Mass

Elizabeth Johnson

and Frank Coates &

People of the Parish

10.30 am Mass

Syd Duggan and Allan Cunningham & Philomena

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**Esh Winning**: Edith Mary Hughes, Bessie Patterson, Jane Marjorie Gallagher, Margaret Chapman, Julie Quigley, Edith Elsdon, Jim Sands, Cecilia McGinn, John Traynor, Andrew Webster, Ernest McKenna.

Esh & Langley Park: William Josiah McTear, Tommy Cummings, Martyn Anthony Hallam, Sharon Ravenscroft, Gregory Paul Welsh, Thomas Blackburn, Elizabeth Hewitson.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £172.69; Esh Winning: £125.77 Attendance: 59; Esh: £235.80

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray	Karen Thompson	Maria & Anne Sewell
	Cath Rae	Lynn Dumighan	
	Jo Smith	Margaret Hallam	
Readers	John Thornton	Denise Kendall	Bill McCormick & David Low
		Anne McMahon	
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thomspon	
Children's Liturgy			
Counting Team	Julie Kitching &		Angela White & Susan Carmedy
	Siobhan McMahon-Walsh		_

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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Family feuds:** Jesus is forever telling stories about everyday situations. He uses these stories to convey something about what sort of a person God our Father is. Listen to Jesus' story today. Are you aware of any resentment or falling out in your own family? How does that make you feel? In Jesus' story, note the way the Father responds to each of his sons, different though they are from each other.

David Coxon

*Our new bishop:* We now pray for Robert Byrne, the new bishop of our diocese. He will be visiting our Partnership on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Preparing for sacraments:** We will have a short liturgy during mass today for those of our children preparing for Holy Communion in May.

**Food bank** > next weekend. The items of shortage are **tinned rice pudding, instant custard, nuts, chocolate** and **sweets**.

An Open Day: Our 'Finchale Partnership' is planning to have an Open Day at Ushaw College on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The day will include a mass and several activities involving our schools, groups, parishioners and families from all of our parishes. It would be good to have any offers of help for the various tasks that will be needed for the day. It's important that we try to play our part in enabling these occasions to work smoothly so, if you would like to offer help, please pass on your name to our Parish Office (373 0219).

**Stations of the Cross:** During Lent we 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 31<sup>st</sup>: Langley Park; April 7<sup>th</sup>: Ushaw Moor. We will also have Stations each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Michael's church. All welcome.

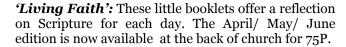
**Preparing for Confirmation:** A couple of weeks ago at our Confirmation preparation, our young people were asked to reflect on *why* they might want to be confirmed, and then to send a letter to Fr David Coxon. Some people have now replied. It would be good to have letters in over the next few days from those others who are wanting to be confirmed. Please use the stamp-addressed envelope and paper you were given!

**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 (373 0219) or speak to Fr David Coxon.

# Holy Week services:

- Maundy Thursday (April 18th): 7.00pm at Newhouse.
- Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>):
   3.00pm at Ushaw Moor.
- Easter Vigil ceremony (April 20th): 8.00pm at Esh.
- Easter Sunday (April 21<sup>st</sup>):
   9.00am at Ushaw Moor; 10.30am Newhouse.

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



**'Serve the Lord with Gladness':** A Day of Reflection for people in any ministry... Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 3.30pm at Ushaw College. There is also a similar day in Gateshead on June 15th. See the poster at the back of church, then sign up. The parish will pay the cost for the day.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>) then please contact the Parish Office (373 0219) or email:

stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com or juliekitching@sky.com or 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.

### **Ushaw College:**

- \* On the Wednesdays of Lent 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 an afternoon for prayer and reflection on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 4.00pm. No charge for this, but it would be helpful if you can let the college know in advance.

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

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 <a href="mailto:quinnsands@aol.com">quinnsands@aol.com</a> for Esh and Peter Murray at Ushaw Moor on 3730219.

#### **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