



**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 13 April	6.00 pm Mass Kathleen Avery, Veronica Halpin & Anne Skelton, Bill Gardiner & People of the Parish			
Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY		9.00 am Mass James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Peter & Kevin Boyle, Paul Boddice (sick), Cecilia McGinn & P of P	
Monday 15 April				
Tuesday 16 April	7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 17 April		1.00pm Funeral Mass Jack Hewitson		
Thursday 18 April Holy Thursday			7.00 pm Mass of the Lords Supper Watching until 9.00 pm	
Friday 19 April Good Friday	3.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion			
Saturday 20 April Holy Saturday		8.00 pm Vigil Mass Tom Allcroft For a sick child (JB) & People of the Parish		
Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am Easter Mass People of the Parish		10.30 am Easter Mass Nancy & Harry Adams, Edith & Teresa Hughes, Janey Smith & P of P	

Recently Dead: Jack Hewitson (Langley Park). Funeral mass at St Michael's, Wednesday, April 17th, 1.00pm

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Robert Wilkinson, Raymond Stoddart, Fr Oswald Whitaker, Margaret Clough, Helen Hughes, Mary McLoughlin, John Thomas Doran, Anne Skelton, Veronica James, Dennis Sunter.

Esh Winning: William Elsdon, Colin McPhail, Rose Anne Coad, Ann Cutmore, Kevin Boyle, Winifred McDermott, Jack Gannon, James Lowergan, Joan Peart, Tommy Patterson, William Quinn, Janey Slevin.

Esh & Langley Park: John Burns, John Robinson, Patrick Mullaney, Kenneth Manghan.

	Ushaw Moor Easter Sunday: 9.00 am	Esh/Langley Park Easter Vigil Saturday 8 pm	Esh Winning Easter Sunday 10.30 am
Holy Communion Ministers	<u>Geraldine Barnes</u> Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart	<u>Veronica Chapman</u> Pat Ives Karen Thompson	Anne Sewell & Gerard Towns
Readers	Kirsty Doran	Eileen Tallentire Joanne Sands	Anne Lawlor & Kathleen Flatley
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside & Angela Jones		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week: Our masses and liturgies can sometimes seem very wordy. This can cause us to get bored and 'switch off'. The more we feel able to get involved in the service then the less bored we feel. This is why it is good to have a plentiful supply of Readers, Holy Communion ministers, altar servers etc. It is good to be actively 'doing' something rather than just listening to words. In Holy Week there is far more opportunity for action and involvement. Foot washing and then, after mass, quiet 'watching' on Thursday. Coming forward to venerate the cross on Good Friday. All sorts at the Easter Vigil! The fact that the services are *different* is helpful too. I invite you to come along, and to be involved as far as possible.

David Coxon



Holy Week services:

- Maundy Thursday (April 18th):
7.00pm at Newhouse.
- Good Friday (April 19th):
3.00pm at Ushaw Moor.
- Easter Vigil ceremony (April 20th):
8.00pm at Esh.
- Easter Sunday (April 21st):
9.00 am **at Ushaw Moor;**
10.3 0am Newhouse.



This week

Holy Week is the 'big week of the year' for Christians. We will gather on Thursday at 7.00pm to reflect on the eucharist that Jesus gave us in his Last Supper. On Friday at 3.00pm we meet to commemorate Jesus' passion and death. This will culminate in what, for Christians, is the most important liturgy of all, the Easter Vigil ceremony on Saturday at 8.00pm. For the sake of the symbolism, the Church asks us not to begin our celebration before sunset. This 'new life' liturgy will spill over into Easter morning. Check the times of our Easter morning masses.



Maundy Thursday: After the Last Supper, Jesus invited his closest friends and followers to join him in the Garden of Gethsemane to watch, to wait and to pray. After our mass on Thursday we will have the opportunity for quiet 'watching' until 9.00pm.

Good Friday: Good Friday is traditionally a day of fasting and abstinence. We seek to *fast* from comfort foods and try to rely on one main meal in the day, and *abstain* from meat. This is to help focus our minds on those deeper things, within, in which we hunger for the things of God. Also on Good Friday we will have our usual Procession of Witness starting at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Primary School at 11.30am. All welcome to join in!



Holy Places: This weekend there will be a retiring collection to support Christians living in the Holy Land.

'Living Faith' These little booklets offer a reflection on Scripture for each day. The April/ May/ June edition is now available at the back of church for 75p.

Gift Aid boxes - Esh and Ushaw Moor : Boxes for the next financial year are available at the back of church. If you have not yet collected yours then you can pick them up today; they are ready to use today. If there's a query or you want to join the Gift Aid scheme contact Margaret Sands on 3731270 or email quinnsands@aol.com for Esh and Peter Murray at Ushaw Moor on 3730219.



Altar servers: One or two of our younger people have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers. Anyone interested might like to have a word with me.

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 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.

'Serve the Lord with Gladness' A Day of Reflection for people in any ministry... Saturday, May 4th, 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.

'The Mastersingers' This group of singers will be presenting a concert in our church at Newhouse on Saturday, May 11th at 7.00pm. This is a fundraising event to benefit our primary schools at Esh Winning and Ushaw Moor. More detail later but ticket prices are: adult £10; children 8-16, £5; under 7, free; family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children, £25.

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