



**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 20 April <i>Holy Saturday</i>		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 & James Hughes, Janey Slevin & People of the Parish	
Monday 22 April				
Tuesday 23 April				
Wednesday 24 April				
Thursday 25 April				
Friday 26 April		10.00 am Funeral Mass Terry Kendall		
Saturday 27 April	6.00 pm Mass Stan Harper Norah & Norman & Norman Laidman & People of the Parish			
Sunday 28 April 2nd Sunday of Easter		9.00m am Mass Mary & Arthur Rowntree & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Alice McKenna, Sheila & Bob Collinson, Paul Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	

Recently Dead: Terry Kendall (Funeral Mass at St Michael's, Friday April 26th, 10.00am).

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Roy Hall, Lawrence Murray, Ray Dawson, William Payne, Gertrude Towns, Ronald James Cassidy, Richard Purdom, John Robinson, John Burke, Bill Gardiner, Tom Boyle, Lee Anthony Routledge, John Dodd, Fr Michael Shelley, Peter Martin, John Dodds, Joseph Towns, Edward Manford, Michael Corrigan, Norah Laidman.

Esh Winning: William Quinn, Janey Slevin, Norah Barrigan, Peggy Hughes, Alice Smith, George Smith, Peter McGinn, Mary Heffernan, Sheila Collinson, Sarah Anne Doyle, Fr Philip Charles Fortin, Michael Corrigan, David Stephenson, May Johnson, Alice McKenna.

Esh & Langley Park: Mary Jane, Armstrong, Arthur Rowntree, Katie Moralee, Frank Steel, Patrick Sherry, May Johnson, Arthur Facey, Robert Knox.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: 7th April: £166.41; 14th April: £178.93.
Esh Winning: 7th April: £127.80 Attendance: 65; 14th April: £105.00 Attendance: 61

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	<u>Lisa Cummings</u> Lauren Kirwood Christina Parker	<u>Jo Bresnen</u> Karen Thompson Lynn Dumighan	Lynda Elliott & Judy Quinn
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Geraldine Granath Jill Cox	David Low & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	Donna Hunter Pat Ives	School Holidays
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Angela White & Susan Carmedy

EASTER SUNDAY



Resurrection: By Monday morning you will be able to cross 'Easter Sunday' off your calendar. What you can't do so easily is to cross 'resurrection' off your calendar because 'resurrection' is not a date; it's an experience. It's an experience whereby we feel and sense Jesus, God, to be real and vibrant in our lives, now and each day. It's in the light of that newfound awareness of God's presence in our lives that we begin to see, with a new clarity, everything that happens in our own lives, and in our world. May we all have the courage to allow God into our lives so that we may then know what it is to be 'raised up'. A very happy Easter to everyone!

David Coxon



Preparing for Confirmation: Our next preparation session for Confirmation will be next Sunday afternoon (April 28th), 2.00 – 4.00pm, in the Parish Centre at Newhouse. I know students from St Leonard's are on school holidays until the following day, but this was the only day that we could squeeze in another session before

Confirmation day. Do, please, come along to this session if you are able to. And remember, our Confirmation Day is now **Thursday, May 2nd, 6.30pm**, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church.

Baptism, Confirmation and welcome: Among those preparing to be confirmed, we have two adults. One of these is Natalie Peart from Esh Winning. Natalie is part of a group who have been coming to a 'Journey in Faith' for the past few months. This is primarily for people who are not Catholic who want to find out more about what Catholics believe. Natalie has asked to become a Catholic and so will be confirmed at our 10.30am mass next Sunday. Her son will also be baptised.

Partnership welcome days: Our parishes are now part of a group of parishes that we call a 'partnership'. We are called 'the Finchale partnership', named after the ancient monastic community that used to be at Finchale on the banks of the River Wear in Durham. This partnership is made up of our own churches at Ushaw Moor, Newhouse, Esh, and Langley Park, along with churches at Coxhoe, Sedgfield, Trimdon, Durham and Langley Moor. We seek to work together as closely as we can and, in future, do things together such as preparation for confirmation, marriage, training for ministries etc. Yet we don't necessarily know much about one another! We are trying, then, to have some 'open days' or 'welcome days' to give us the opportunity to visit one another's churches. The first such day will be Sunday, May 5th when we are all invited to Sts Joseph, Patrick and Cuthbert in Coxhoe between 3.00 – 5.00pm.

Our Partnership Mass: Quite a few of us were able to come together for a Partnership Mass at Ushaw College on Wednesday, April 10th with our new bishop. Afterwards, Bishop Robert Byrne wrote to thank us for the warm welcome we gave to him.

'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.

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.

'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. Ticket prices are: adult £10; children 8-16, £5; under 7, free; family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children, £25. For tickets or more information please contact our primary school in Esh Winning (373 4343) after their return on April 29th.

Pastoral Area Council: ext meeting: Wednesday, May 8th at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Becoming One Parish: There may be some people at our Easter masses who are not aware that we are hoping to bring together into one parish our current three parishes of

- St Michael's Esh/ St Joseph's, Langley Park;
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse;
- St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor.

This proposal is in the process of being presented to our bishop. Each of our church buildings will keep its own name but, at a meeting for all parishioners in January, we wondered about a name for our new parish. 'St John Boste', 'All Saints', and 'Holy Trinity' were suggested. We'll ask your views on this very soon.

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