



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

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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	6.00 pm Mass Stan Harper Norah & Norman & Norman Laidman & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 28 April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		9.00 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	
<b>Monday 29 April</b>				
<b>Tuesday 30 April St George, Patron of England</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass N.B.F.			
<b>Wednesday 1 May St Joseph the Worker</b>		9.15 am Mass (School Chapel) Priest's Intention		
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>			11.00 am Funeral Mass Joe McGinn  6.30 pm Confirmation Mass	
<b>Friday 3 May</b>				
<b>Saturday 4 May The English Martyrs</b>	6.00 pm Mass Pat Smith & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 5 May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		9.00am am Mass Jack Hewitson & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret & Peter Rochford, William & Teresa Newton & People of the Parish	

**Recently Dead:** Joe McGinn. Funeral Mass on Thursday 2 May, 11.00 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. (*provisionally*)  
Konai Meah (Ushaw Moor)

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Norah Laidman, Rachel Usher, Liz Thompson, James Connor, Cecilia McGough, Jeff Thornton, Mary Ann McQuillan, Patrick O'Malley, Sheila Tomlinson, Margaret Hope, Maud Manford, Bobby Doyle, Edgar Halpin, Cissy Doyle, Norah Bartlett, Kathleen Avery, Baby Libby Ditchburn, Thomas McQuillan.

**Esh Winning:** May Johnson, Alice McKenna, James Wilson, Doreen Emery, Mary Young, Allan Thompson, Mary Moran, Thomas Keaveney, Stephen Shaw.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Merie Beatrice Welsh, Robert Knox, Irene Carey, Mary McTear, Ella Callan.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £178.04  
Esh Winning: £215.53 Attendance: 90

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly David Mortimer	Pat Ives Susan Clark Emma Peverall	Colleen Brown & Colin Davies
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Gerri Yates Jean Ruddock	J.S. & Lynda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott



**Thomas and The Risen Jesus:** At Easter time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus to new life. Yet this “raising up of Jesus” is not just an event, it is more of an experience. It is the sense, the awareness, the conviction that Jesus is real and is with us each moment of every day. This experience of Jesus being real doesn’t happen to everyone at the same time. It doesn’t even happen simply because we get baptised or confirmed or receive Holy Communion. It can happen for different people at different times. This is what Thomas discovered in today’s gospel passage. The ‘living Jesus’ became real for Thomas a week later than it did for the other disciples. What is important is that, when it does happen, we allow that experience to transform our lives.

David Coxon

**Baptism, Confirmation and welcome:** We have a little ‘Journey in Faith’ group which meets each week. This is primarily for people who are not Catholic who want to find out a bit more about what Catholics believe. Recently we have been looking at the story of the bible but soon we are to look at the significance of ‘sacraments’. Among those who have been part of our group for the past few months is Natalie Peart and Rachel Jackson. Natalie is to be welcomed into the Church and confirmed at our mass at Newhouse this Sunday. Her son will also be baptised. Rachel is hoping to be confirmed at the same time as some of our young people next Thursday. Perhaps we could keep them all in our prayer and seek to make them welcome.

**Sick and Retired Priests:** We invite any donations after Mass today towards the care and well being of our sick and retired Priests. We will have an opportunity to contribute until May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Preparation:** today, 2.00pm, at Newhouse.

**Finchale Partnership open afternoons:** People often say they would like to know more about the other parishes and churches in the partnership. So, the parish of Bl. Edmund Duke will be hosting an open afternoon next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, from 3.00 – 5.00pm. They are looking forward to welcoming visitors from across the partnership at St Joseph, Coxhoe, DH6 4DA, to look around, chat over refreshments, learn a little about the parish and experience the spirituality of Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. You don’t have to sign up in advance, but if you need a lift to Coxhoe, or if you are able to offer someone else a lift, please leave your details on the sheet on the noticeboard.

**‘The Mastersingers’** This group of singers will be presenting a concert in our church at Newhouse on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Primary School: 373 4343.

**‘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 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone else wanting to attend? See the poster at the back of church, then sign up. The parish will pay the cost for the day.

**Pastoral Area Council:** Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

**Food bank:** The Food Bank total for April was 151.28kg. Thank you very much. Next weekend we will be happy to take our collection for May.

**Becoming One Parish:** At present our family of parishes consists of:

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

However, we are now well on the way to forming our three parishes into one united parish. Each of our churches will keep its name but what do we want to call our joint parish? At an open meeting for all parishioners in January we had three suggestions: ‘*St John Boste*’ because he is our local saint, arrested at Waterhouses and martyred in Durham in 1594. Also ‘*Holy Trinity*’ because we are three parishes joining together as one. Also ‘*All Saints*’ to accommodate all the saints who currently are our parish patrons. You might like to give this some thought.

**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:

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Julie Kitching/Siobhan McMahon.

**Young People to Peru:** Some of our young people at St Leonard’s school are to go on a working trip to Peru for a month in 2020. They recently had an Easter raffle to help with costs. A list of winners is now at the back of your church. Please check your numbers.

**Preparation for Holy Communion:** There will **not** now be a preparation meeting this Wednesday. The First Communion masses will be:

- Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am: Newhouse
- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm: Ushaw Moor
- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am: Esh

**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,

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