

**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 25 May	6.00 pm Mass Kathleen Avery & People of the Parish			
Sunday 26 May 6th Sunday of Easter		9.00 am Mass Norah May Gowland; Joseph & Mary Tobin & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rose & Andy Webster, Payl Boddice (sick) & People of the Parish	
Monday 27 May				
Tuesday 28 May	6.15pm Confessions 7.00pm Mass NBF			
Wednesday 29 May				
Thursday 30 May Ascension Thursday	9.15am Mass Ron Jackson	11.00am Mass	7.00pm Mass	
Friday 31 May Visitation of Our Lady				9.15am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 1 June	6.00 pm Mass Jim Rae; Robert Hendry; Rachel & Peter Usher & People of the Parish			
Sunday 2 June 7th Sunday of Easter		9.00am am Mass Eileen Coates; Terry Kendall & People of the Parish	10.30 am Louise Tindle, Christine Potts; Nancy, Patrick & Frank Shoulders; & People of Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Mary Teresa Casey, William Pattinson, Winifred Cairns, Bennett McEleavey, Thomas Simpson, Michelle Roberts, Malcolm Kemp, Betty McLoughlin, Bobby Hendry, Louise Tindle.

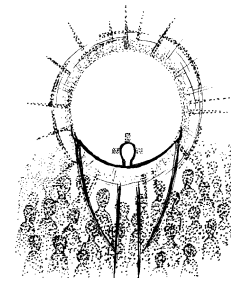
Esh Winning: Austin Jones, John Richardson, Charles Cran, William Brennan, Isabella Moran, Nancy Brennan, Rose Webster, Sarah Ann McElwee, Hilda Nicholson, Gloria Peart.

Esh & Langley Park: Mary Brown, Frank Goundry, Aloysius Goundry, Thomas Tighe, Sarah Smith, Michael Carey, John Carey, May Seymour, Wallace Tyrie, Tom Quinn.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £263.85
Esh: £343.80

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Lisa Cummings <u>Lauren Kirkwood</u> Christina Parker	<u>Denise Kendall</u> Susan Clark Karen Thompson	Judy Quinn Lynda Elliott
Readers	Peter Murray	Jean Ruddock Geraldine Granath	David Low Kathleen Flatley
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy	<i>School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Jacqueline Ball & Anne Sewell

Raffle prizes available: At Easter a couple of our young people going to work in Peru next year had a raffle to subsidise their expenses. Some prizes were won by people at Esh Winning, others by people at Ushaw Moor. Please check the list of winners at the back of your church.



The spirit of God: On the frosty days of winter you can breathe out and see your breath emerge like a little cloud. During the summer you can get a similar effect by breathing against a mirror and see the moist cloud that is left on the glass. The breath that emerges was thought to be an expression of your inner self, your inner being, your inner spirit, your actual 'you'. This is an image people used about God too. If God were to breathe on to a mirror then what emerged would be an outpouring of God's inner self, his spirit. This is what we mean by God's 'holy spirit'. It is the inner being of God, his very self, that he breathes into us so that we are filled with God-ness. It is an out-pouring of God's spirit on us that we ask for at Pentecost. A long tradition is that between the feast of the Ascension (this Thursday) and Pentecost (June 9th), we pray each daily that God breathe his holy spirit into us.

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Welcome: Br John McAllister s.m. will speak at all masses on the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and brothers) Missions working in education and pastoral care in Oceania, South Asia, Africa, and South America, for which there will be a retiring collection.

Partnership Open Day: On 5th May a number of people visited the Church at Coxhoe. This was an opportunity to meet some of the people in the partnership of parishes we now belong to. Next Sunday (June 2nd) we will have the opportunity to visit **St Patrick's, Langley Moor**, between 3-5 pm, and meet parishioners there, to look around, chat over refreshments, learn a little about the parish and experience the spirituality of Church. Everyone is welcome. The 'visiting date' after that will be Sunday 7th July. On that occasion people from across our partnership will visit Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish. It would be good if, on that day, we could do all we can to make our visitors welcome. See you at St Patrick's next Sunday!

Renewal of ministries: Each year people are invited to renew their service to their parish through being re-commissioned in their ministries. There are a couple of things which concern me in this, though. One is that people exercising any ministry in the parish should themselves be sharing in our weekend mass on a regular basis, and not coming only when they are 'on duty'. The second is that sometimes people might have exercised their ministry during mass, whether as Reader, Holy Communion Minister, children's liturgist or whatever, and then they leave before the end of Mass. That having been said then this year, Readers wanting to be re-commissioned will have that opportunity on June 15/16th. Holy Communion ministers will have a chance the following weekend, June 22/23rd.

Name of New Parish: Voting June 8/9th. (Feast of Pentecost).

Partnership Development Group: Next meeting is Thursday 6th June, 7.00 pm at Gilesgate.

The minutes of the recent meeting of the Partnership Development Group are on the noticeboard. The meeting reviewed the plans of our 6 sub-groups and shared key issues from across our parishes. The full minutes can also be found on the Partnership webpages hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>

Parish Pastoral Council: (St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor). Next meeting on Tuesday 4 June, 7.30 pm in the Parish Office.

Feast of the Ascension: This Thursday. Check mass times.

Journey in Faith: This group is primarily for people who are not Catholic, but want to find out more about what Catholics believe. Before Easter our group looked at the story of the bible, and its significance. Our next topic is to think about sacraments. We will have our next session thus Tuesday, 7.30 pm in the Parish Office in Ushaw Moor. If anyone is not Catholic, or 'an unsure Catholic' (!), then feel free to join us.

First Communions: We have now celebrated our First Communions across our parishes. This has included 27 families. During our preparation for sacraments we have taken time to think about the significance of the different parts of the mass. We will have our final session in the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club on Wednesday 5 June at 6.00 pm. On that occasion, we will think about that final part of the mass when we are blest, and then sent out to take the message of Jesus to others. That session will, as usual, be followed by a liturgy at our masses on June 8/9th, the feast of Pentecost. On that occasion we will also distribute certificates to our children.

Esh Parish History: Have you any photographs of St Michael's and St Joseph's Churches/School/ parish events? We would like to put together a 'history display' for the Partnership Open Day on June 30th. If you can help please give any photos to Jill Cox or Margaret Sands so we can make copies and return original to you ASAP. Thank you.

The Finchale Partnership is organising a Partnership Day at Ushaw on Sunday 30 June. There will be Mass at 12.30pm (including children's liturgy), followed by activities and prayer for the rest of the afternoon. There will be a schools' choir concert and games for families, information about all the parishes in the partnership, a Memory Cafe for those affected by dementia, treasure trails and guided tours. Please see the poster on the board, and there will be more information on the programme for the afternoon and how to sign up for the guided tours or if you need a lift to Ushaw in the coming weeks

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