



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

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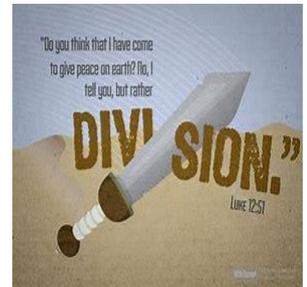
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 17 August	6.00 pm Mass Patricia Edwards Sylvia and Malcolm Thornton & People of the Parish			
Sunday 18 August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Keith Wardman & People of the Parish	
Monday 19 August				
Tuesday 20 August	6.15pm Confessions 7.00pm Mass NBF			
Wednesday 21 August <i>The Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</i>				
Thursday 22 August			No Mass Today	
Friday 23 August				9.15 am Mass Jack Hewitson
Saturday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	6.00 pm Mass Jimmy McQuillan and Family & People of the Parish			
Sunday 25 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Dale Robinson & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass John & Pat Fairbrass (Golden Wedding), John Hepper & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Patricia Ann Edwards (Goodwin), Andrew Wilson, Timothy Joyce, Helen Kirkup, Emily Middleton, Bozena Pollakova.

Esh Winning: Mary Quinn, Violet Vizard, Ralph Murray, Raymond Shoulder, James Hamill, Thomas Finnegan, Hughie Richardson, Agnes Halpin, John Hepper, Billy Rippon, Eileen Gannon.

Esh & Langley Park: Annie Corrigan, Philomena Outterside.

Collection Details:
Ushaw Moor: £191.00
Esh: £235.50
Esh Winning: £120.95 Attendance: 54

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae <u>Jo Smith</u>	<u>Susan Clark</u> Margaret Hallam Jo Bresnen	Anne Sewell & Judy Quinn
Readers	Christine Brennan	Geraldine Granath Joanne Sands	Bill McCormick & David Low
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Julie Kitching Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Phil & Paula Mackie



“I have come to bring division...” In today’s gospel we have Jesus saying: *“Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division”*. He goes on to suggest that, because of him, families will be divided too. This seems very much out of character from Jesus and can leave us quite disturbed. What on earth does he mean? Perhaps we might think of this tension not as Jesus’ *deliberate intention*, but as a *consequence* of his message. If some people take Jesus’ message to heart and others don’t then this can create tension. Yes, even in our own families today! Some within a family might reflect on Jesus’ words, and try to live by his message, while others think Jesus’ words to be ‘irrelevant God-talk’. Even today, this can lead to antagonism and upset. Perhaps this is what Jesus was referring to. David Coxon

Gift Aid Donation statements: In the last financial year those paying through the gift aid scheme allowed us to reclaim (well the diocese) £1588.19 for parish funds. The individual envelopes are at the back of church for people to collect. Gift Aid statements for St Michael’s, Esh and St Joseph’s, Langley Park are available for collection at the back of church. Any queries re Esh or LP, please contact Margaret Sands on 0191 3731270.

Hiring rooms: The Catholic Club in Ushaw Moor is always keen to let people know that the large function room and also the smaller lounge can be hired for parties or other events. And, apart from hiring the rooms, the club itself is always open each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night (with bingo on Sundays). For more information contact 07519-672570. You may need to leave a message here, but someone will get back to you. **ALSO:** we have a terrific, well-equipped Parish Centre in Newhouse. This can also be hired for events and parties. For the Parish Centre seek further information on 373 4278. **ALSO:** our church hall at St Joseph’s, Langley Park can also be hired, though there is no bar here. For use of our hall in Langley Park please phone 373 1594.

Meeting for Prayer: Our churches in ‘DH7’ has a monthly meeting in which we pray for our churches and our communities. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20th, 9.30 – 10.15am at St John’s, Meadowfield. All very welcome. (You can seek further information by phoning Bill on 378 2883.

Praying for the sick: It is one of our privileges as Christians to be able to pray for others. What we are doing when we pray for people is, as it were, to ‘hold them closer to God’s love’. Among those we might pray for are those who are unwell. They may be ill in hospital, in a care home, or at home. Their illness may be temporary or it may make them quite housebound. Being ill can give a sense of losing control over our lives and enforced dependence on other people. Being housebound can also create considerable loneliness. It can be much appreciated if, even occasionally, we are able to call on neighbours who live alone. And yes, we can also pray for them, to ‘hold them closer to God’s love in their need’. Each week our newsletter contains a ‘sick list’ on page 2. If you know of people who are unwell then you might like to ask them [*yes, please ask them*] if they would like their names to be included in our sick list, then let us know at the Parish Office. When people are feeling better, and want to be removed from our sick list, then please let us know that too.

No Mass in Newhouse this Thursday. Some decorating work happening in Church this week.

Parish Office: Lisa will be in the office this coming week, but will be absent August 26-30th.

Day of Reflection: Each year, when Holy Communion ministers are re-commissioned on the feast of Corpus Christi, they are asked to attend some Day of Reflection during the course of the year. However, this can be a great opportunity, not just for Holy Communion ministers, but for all who have any ministry in the parish (readers, Holy Communion ministers, children’s liturgists, choir, sacristans etc). Some people attended a Day of Reflection earlier in the year either at Ushaw College or at Gateshead. If anyone didn’t get the chance to go to one of those days in May then there is to be another at Ushaw College on Saturday, 28 September, 10.30am – 3.30pm. Booking is essential for this so, if you are interested, let us know at the Parish office as soon as possible. In the meantime, see the notice at the back of church.

Holy Communion ministers: One or two people have suggested that it would be good to have some antiseptic gel available for ministers to rub into their hands before distributing the hosts at Holy Communion during mass. At Ushaw Moor and Esh the ministers who are to distribute the hosts have got into the habit of standing closest to the lectern. Perhaps, instead, we could ask those ministers to stand on the *other* side of the sanctuary, on the same side as the sacristy and, again, to stand closest to the congregation. Before taking their place, though, they might like to use some of the gel from the table on that same side of the sanctuary.

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

