



**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 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	
Monday 26 August				
Tuesday 27 August	6.15pm Confessions 7.00pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 28 August	11.00 am Funeral Mass Monica Mitten			
Thursday 29 August			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 30 August				9.15 am Mass Louisa & Clara Weighill & All Members of the Davidson Family
Saturday 31 August	6.00 pm Mass Ann Cutmore, Sheila Kelly & People of the Parish			
Sunday 1 September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Karl Stonebank & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Edith & James Hughes & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Monica Mitten (Ushaw Moor). Funeral mass at St Joseph's at 11.00am on Wednesday, August 28th.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Emily Middleton, Bozena Pollakova, Donna Rose, Mary Harriet Oliver, James McQuillan, Tom Nicholson, Ann Cutmore, James Hughes, Thomas McQuillan.

Esh Winning: Michael Mallen, Frankie Francis, Mary Crosby, John Sands, Peter Corrigan, Tom Lawlor, Tom Nicholson, Henry Turner, Michael Brennan, Jimmy Hughes, Maureen Hayton, John George Reed, Isabella Linsley, Mary Sullivan.

Esh & Langley Park: Jack Young, Alice Burke, Mary Clinton, Edie Eltringham, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Rowntree, Jack Gray, Fiona Ballentine, Ronald Noel Ives.

Collection Details:
 Ushaw Moor: £173.90
 Esh: £244.90
 Esh Winning: £102.80 Attendance: 54

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	<u>Janet Dawson</u> Kath Gardner Pam Stoddart	<u>Lynne Dumighan</u> Veronica Chapman Denise Kendall	Colin Davies & Lynda Elliott
Readers	David McDonough	Elizabeth Hidson Eileen Tallentire	Kathleen Flatley & J.S.
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart & Madeleine McLoughlin		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



Gathering in. Doors can be opened to let people in, or they can be closed to keep people out. In this sense, a 'door' can be a symbolic thing; it can express an approach to life. We may choose to 'open the doors' to let in new ideas, or 'close the doors' to keep ourselves safe. Today's first reading shows a God who is '*coming to gather the nations of every language*'. And, in Jesus' disconcerting story, he speaks of people who presume they will safely get a seat in God's kingdom - only to find that they are actually turned outside while '*others, from north and south, east and west, will take their places in the kingdom*'. Doors ... To be opened, or closed...?

David Coxon

Food bank: Because next weekend straddles the two months of August and September then our next collection for the food bank will be Saturday/ Sunday September 7/ 8th.

Golden wedding: This coming Friday Pat and John Fairbrass, from Esh Winning, will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. John was from Prudhoe but Pat was a Gateshead lass and so they got married at Corpus Christi church Gateshead on August 30, 1969. Congratulations to them!

Heritage Open Day: Sunday, September 15th will be the 'Heritage Open Day' this year. Our own church of St Michael's will be open to any visitors between 1.00 – 4.00pm.

Day of Reflection: Some people attended a Day of Reflection earlier in the year either at Ushaw College or at Gateshead. This was for people who hold any ministry in their parish (readers, Holy Communion ministers, children's liturgists, choir, sacristans etc). 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.

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 Ushaw Moor. 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.

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.

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the Parish Office this week.

'Open the Book' The liturgical year (the 'Church year') runs from Advent through to the feast of Christ the King of the following year, so from roughly December 1st to the same point the next year. Our bishops have asked if this next liturgical year could be dedicated to a renewed look at the bible. Our primary school children will be getting set up for this with 'Open the Book'. Apart from anything we adults might do to become more accustomed to the bible, our schools wonder if any adults might like to assist with 'story-telling'. This is how the bible was first passed on from generation to generation, through the telling of stories. Some people have already expressed interest but we wonder if any more parents, grandparents, parishioners, newly retired, anybody at all, might like to share in this fun..... All materials will be provided and guidance/ training will be offered. Contact details for the Parish Office are given at the top of page 2 of this newsletter. Let us know and we can pass on your names to schools.

Finchale Partnership Open Afternoons: In July we had an Open Afternoon at Newhouse and many people from across our partnership came to chat with us and look around our church and Parish Centre. It was a very happy and successful afternoon - as were the Open Afternoons at Coxhoe and Langley Moor in May and June. The next such occasion will be at St Cuthbert's in Durham on Sunday, September 15th.

Education Day: Next Sunday we will be celebrating 'Education Day'. We invite you to contribute to a retiring collection for Catholic Education.

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