



**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 27 July	6.00 pm Mass Peter, Michael, Zara Gilroy and Mary & People of the Parish			
Sunday 28 July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Maureen Baldwin, Karl Stonebank & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Thomas & Mona Lawlor & People of the Parish	
Monday 29 July <i>St Martha</i>				
Tuesday 30 July	6.15pm Confessions 7.00pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wednesday 31 July				
Thursday 1 August			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 2 August				9.15 am Mass Maureen Rowntree
Saturday 3 August <i>St Oswald, King</i>	6.00 pm Mass Margaret Bell & People of the Parish			
Sunday 4 August <i>18th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass James, Anne and Marion Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass George & Cecilia Wharton, Diamond Wedding Anniversary & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Anne Chatterton, Margaret Doreen Halliday, Rose Jennings, Margaret Mortimer, James Naisbit, William Thornton, Robert Wilkinson, Ellen Gallagher, George Blakey, Arthur McLoughlin, Jane Chicken.

Esh Winning: Catherine Shaw, Jean Mary Kenny, Olive Agnes Rooney, Jacqueline May, Edward Condon.

Esh & Langley Park: Elizabeth Johnson, Kathleen Cahill, Elizabeth Marley, Sir Bobby Robson, Carl Benjamin Young, Magda McMahon, William Brennan, Charlotte Marley, Jacqueline May.

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes Uma Nicholson <u>Siobhan McMahan-Walsh</u>	<u>Denise Kendall</u> Karen Thompson Jonathan Yates	Beryl Shoulder & Gerard Towns
Readers	John Thornton	Elizabeth Hidson Gerri Yates	Lynda Elliott & J.S.
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jo Bresnen	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside Angela Jones		Phil & Paula Mackie



Praying: The bible offers an insight into how people understand the person of God. Today's first reading is from the book of Genesis; 'genesis' means our 'beginnings', our 'roots', our 'origins'. And so, without wanting to be condescending, an early view of God was that God could be angry, that God wanted to punish wrongdoing, and that he needed constantly to be appeased. This is what Abraham is doing in today's first reading. God is furiously angry and is determined to destroy the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah. But Abraham pleads with God and, eventually, God says he will not destroy the place if there are but ten decent men in the town. This pleading with God on behalf of others is what we mean by 'prayer of intercession'. This is often what we are doing when we pray for other people in their need. There is a further lesson in praying in today's gospel, this time by Jesus. Jesus is not offering a formula of words, but *a style of praying*, based upon a close relationship with the Father. It is an expression of gentle trust in God as a father. David Coxon

Parish website: If ever you find you do not pick up a newsletter from church then remember you can access it on our website: wdrep.org

Parish Office:

Lisa has been on holiday, but she hopes to be back in the Parish Office this Tuesday (July 30th). [Well, perhaps *'hopes'* is not quite the right word! Not after a holiday!]



Advance notice: On Thursday, August 15th we will be celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. The mass times for the holy day will be as normal.

Altar servers:

One or two of our younger people have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers. Might anyone else be interested? We can then meet and take any training from there.

Catholic Club:

The Ushaw Moor Catholic Club has a large function room and a cosy lounge. The club is open each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening (with bingo on Sunday). The club can also be hired for birthday parties, wedding anniversaries, baptism celebrations etc. For details phone 07519-672570.



A Journey in Faith: A small group of us meets most weeks to look, through the eyes of faith, at the story and the journey of our lives. 'Faith' is not just knowing religious knowledge; it is *living out what we believe*. At the beginning of this year until Easter we looked

at the story of the bible. It was a basic look at the story of Abraham, Moses, the prophets and kings, the invasions of Israel, the significance of the Temple, and then a look at who Jesus of Nazareth really is. It was simple enough but gave us a 'feel' for the bible. More recently we looked more closely at 'the significance of the sacraments'. What are we actually doing when we celebrate sacraments? What is the point? Next, we plan to look at 'ways of praying'. We hope to start this on Thursday.

'Open the Book': Children love to hear stories. In fact, that is how the bible first came to be handed on from generation to generation. At a time when fewer people were able to read then the stories of faith were told with a sense of drama. The stories of God's activity in our world were told as people gathered around the camp fire at night. And children still love stories! Our bishops have asked if the next liturgical year (Advent 2019 until Christ the King 2020) could be dedicated to the theme of 'Open the Book'. Our primary schools are already up for the task! The idea is that the children look at the bible through storytelling. What we are wondering is if **you** who are adults might like to be among those involved in telling the stories to our children? This could a great opportunity for people in our parish to help and to be involved with our schools. So, we are seeking a team of 'storytellers'. The storytellers could include parents, grandparents, parishioners, newly retired, anybody! All materials will be provided and there is even a training session to be offered in September. This could provide immense fun for both children and adults. Anybody interested in storytelling? Please have a word with me, or contact the Parish Office (373 0219). - David Coxon

Car park:

For some time, we have been aware that the lighting in the car park at Ushaw Moor has been rather inadequate. During the darker nights this can deter people from coming to St Joseph's church or to the Club. We have someone who has made a generous donation to update the lighting in our car park. We are very grateful for this kindness which will benefit so many people. Thank you.

Living Faith Booklets:

July – Sept available at the back of Church, priced £1.00

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