

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

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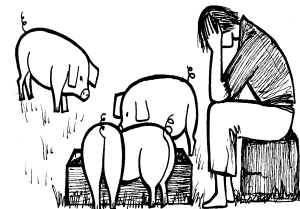
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Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 14 September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6.00 pm Mass Monica Mitten & People of the Parish			
Sunday 15 September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Anne Smart, Mary Johnston & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dorothy (Dot) Rochford, Shaun Henderson & People of the Parish	
Monday 16 September				
Tuesday 17 September	6.15pm Confessions 7.00pm Mass NBF			
Wed 18 September		10.30 am Mass (with School) In Church		
Thursday 19 Sept	10.15 am Funeral Pauline Stones		1.30 pm Funeral Mass Kenneth Robson	
Friday 20 September			11.00 am Funeral Sadie Dodds	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 21 September <i>St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist</i>	6.00 pm Mass Ron Jackson & People of the Parish			
Sunday 22 September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Norman Gowland, Peter White & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joyce Towns & People of the Parish	

Recently Dead: Pauline Stones (Ushaw Moor) Funeral Service on Thursday 19 September, 10.15am, St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. Kenneth Robson (Cornsay Colliery), Funeral Mass on Thursday 19 September, 1.30pm, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse. Sadie Dodds (Esh Winning), Funeral Service on Friday 20 September, 11.00 am, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse. Alan Christopher Wright (Esh Winning), Service at Durham Crematorium, Thursday 26 September at 1.00 pm.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Angela Marsh, Malcolm Stoker, Martin Pickering, Margaret Davies, Arthur Stock, Baby Stella Oliva Chapman, James Gillon, Wilfred Harrington, Audrey Craggs, Chris Duggan, Derek Isles.

Esh Winning: Albert Golightly, Doug Linsley, Pauline Collin, Mary Kervin, Jill Oliver.

Esh & Langley Park: Doreen Cummings, Mary Johnston, Ronald Lewin, Patrick Sands, Kathleen Ryan, Geraldine Beverly, Norman Gowland.

Collection Details:
Ushaw Moor: £184.40
Esh: £212.55
Esh Winning: Attendance: 65 Collection: £119.85

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan Billy Donnelly	Denise Kendall Sheila Robinson Susan Clark	Gerard Towns & Colleen Brown
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Anne McMahon Jill Cox	J.S. & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy		Emma Peverall & Chris Thompson	
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



You are worth it! Today Jesus tells three separate stories. All three are about someone or something that has been lost, yet is worth searching for. The shepherd loses one of his sheep. The woman loses a coin from her purse. The dad loses his estranged son. Each is worth searching for. Perhaps, at some point in your life you have felt lost, disorientated and without direction. In the sight of God, *you* are worth searching for. That is how important each one of us is to the Father. This is important to reflect on too when, during the week, we bump into people who are difficult or unpleasant. We might prefer to avoid them yet, to God, each one of them is worth searching for and reaching out to. No-one is beyond redemption. And the reason Jesus tells his three stories is given in the very first sentence of today's gospel; the religious leaders felt that some of the people who wanted to listen to Jesus' message were simply not worth bothering with. Jesus thought otherwise.

David Coxon

Home Mission Sunday: The recently published British Social Attitudes survey has highlighted the decline of faith over several generations. Many people now have little knowledge of faith and of the language of faith. We might notice at baptisms and funerals that some people are unsure of what to do, or may be unsure of the words of basic prayers, like the Our Father. A church and the sacraments can be 'alien territory' for many, and a bit scary. This is not criticism, but simply an observation. Sometimes, in a parish, we can rush into celebrating sacraments when, in truth, we may not be sufficiently prepared. Perhaps the greater need is for basic evangelisation rather than moving too quickly into the celebration of sacraments. This is what 'Home Mission Sunday' is about: to support ways of deepening our own faith, and looking into ways to make Catholic faith more real for others. Today we will be invited to contribute to a retiring collection for Home Mission Sunday.

Partnership: Today we will have a statement at mass about church properties in our area. In many ways, this statement follows on from the theme of 'Home Mission Sunday' above. The statement points out that, between 1985 and 2017, mass attendance in our diocese fell by 64%. This means that, across the diocese, we now have many buildings that are under-used. This situation places an increasing burden on parish volunteers to manage the properties, and maintain them. Our Partnership is being asked to look ahead to 2030 (*just over 10 years from now*) to identify our priorities in relation to the buildings we have. Each parish is being asked to conduct a Community Audit to look at our own buildings. Perhaps you would like to assist with this....

The Heart of Prayer: 'An Introductory Day on Centring Prayer': Ushaw College on Saturday 21st September 2019, 10.00am - 3.30pm, led by Elizabeth Smith B.Ed, sharing the teaching of Fr Thomas Keating. £10 per person, to include tea/coffee in the morning and in the afternoon. Light meals may be purchased in The Refectory. Booking is essential. To purchase a ticket, go to www.ushaw.org

Parish Pastoral Council: We hope to form a new Parish Pastoral Council for when our three parishes come together into the new parish of 'St John Boste'. Newhouse and Ushaw Moor didn't need elections because of having just enough nominations to the Pastoral Council. St Michael's, however, needed two elected representatives and the second place was a tie. We hope to have a further election today for this second position.

Food Bank: The food bank total for September is a whopping 204.46kg. A big thank you to all who contributed.

Macmillan Day: This Sunday, from 11.30am – 3.00pm there will be teas, cakes, and all sorts of refreshments at Judy Quinn's house on Rowley Farm, Cornsay Colliery to support the work of Macmillan nursing. All welcome.

'Heritage Open Day' This Sunday is 'Heritage Open Day' this year. Our own church of St Michael's will be open to any visitors between 1.00 – 4.00pm. Even if you know the church quite well, here is a chance to take a close-up view and learn a bit more.

Partnership Open day In July we had an Open Afternoon at Newhouse. It was a very happy and successful afternoon. The next such occasion will be at St Cuthbert's in Durham this Sunday, 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Shoe Box Appeal: Because of ill health Judith Hemmingfield feels she has to retire from helping with the Shoe Box Appeal in Ushaw Moor. Anyone willing to stand in to help? Contact Parish Office (373 0219).

Parish Meetings:

- Pastoral Area Council: Wednesday September 18th, 7.00 pm in the Parish Office;

Parish Councils:

- St Michael's, Wednesday September 18th, 1.30 pm;
- St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor, Tuesday September 24th, 7.30 pm
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Thursday September 26th, 7.00 pm.

Anyone want anything to be included on an agenda? Contact the Parish Office.

'Open the Book' A few people have now expressed interest in story-telling as a way of entering into the story of the bible with young children. This is a project being taken up by our primary schools. Of course, in the telling of the stories, we adults might also learn a bit more about the story line of the bible, so children and adults can both benefit. Training and resources are given through the schools. If any adults would like to share in this project then you can either contact the schools direct [*see school phone numbers at top of page 2*] or you can contact the Parish Office.

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

St Joseph's 200 Club				Prize Draw 6 September 2019		
£50.00	26	K Mills	2 nd	£30.00	192	U Nicholson
£10.00	167	W Rippon	4 th	£ 5.00	157	H Nixon
£ 5.00	105	A Rodda	Next Draw: 4 October 2019			