



St John Boste Parish, West Durham
Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor

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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 30 November <i>St Andrew Apostle, Patron of Scotland (NC)</i>	6.00 pm Mass Tom Brennan Recently Dec'd & People of the Parish			
Sunday 1 December <i>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond, James and Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, Shirley Oliver, Ken & Mary Johnston & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan & People of the Parish	
Monday 2 December				
Tuesday 3 December	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass Holy Souls			
Wed 4 December		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 5 December			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 6 December				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 7 December <i>St Andrew Apostle, Patron of Scotland (NC)</i>	6.00 pm Mass Maureen Duggan Recently Dec'd & People of the Parish			
Sunday 8 December <i>2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		9.00 am Mass Tony Sands, Joseph and Mary Tobin & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Margaret Rochford & Dec'd Brennan and Morris Families & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Tom Brennan (brother of Owen Brennan); Mgr Peter Cookson (President at Ushaw College, 1977-1984)

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Thomas Wilson, Jenny Donnelly, Arthur Rowland, James Coonan, Eric Barnes.

Esh Winning: Jenny Dixon, Joan Turner, Margaret Rochford, Emily Richardson, Irene Rippon, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Atkinson, Michael McMahon, Dennis Brogan.

Esh & Langley Park: Paul Hassan, Jim Goundry, Paddy Gannon, Robert Towns, Joseph Tobin, Michael Hilliard, Robert Tiplady, Mary Young, Dennis Brown, Tommy Johnson, Anthony Sands.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £ 189.19 Esh: £225.45 Esh Winning: Attendance: 59 Collection: £118.13

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray <u>Cath Rae</u> Jo Smith	Denise Kendall Lynn Dumighan Sheila Robinson	Colin Davies & Colleen Brown
Readers	Christine Brennan	Elizabeth Hidson Jean Ruddock	J.S. & Lynda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy		First Communion Liturgy	
Counting Team	Julie Kitching & Siobhan McMahon-Walsh		Angela White & Susan Carmedy

Christmas lamps: Envelopes are now available at the back of church for you to fill in. If you are able you might like to offer a donation of, perhaps, £5 to cover the cost. If you cannot afford the £5 please take a lamp anyway.



John Boste: John Boste was born in Westmorland (now Cumbria) and became a lecturer in logic at Oxford University. His interest in the Catholic faith grew and, in 1580, he went to France to train to be a priest. This was at a time when it was illegal to be a Catholic priest yet it was as a priest that John landed in Hartlepool in 1581. For twelve years he worked secretly, mainly in our own part of the North East. The authorities spent ten years hunting for him, describing him as 'the greatest stag of the North' [see the emblem of the stags at the top of page 2 of this newsletter]. John Boste frequently said mass at a house owned by the Claxton family in the dense woods above the Deerness valley, later known as the Waterhouse. However, an employee of Claxton was an informer so Boste was arrested, taken to Durham for questioning, then eventually to the Tower of London. He was imprisoned for a year then brought back to Durham for trial on Palace Green along with his companions John Ingram and Robert Southwell. John was found guilty of treason and condemned to death through being hung, drawn and quartered. The execution on July 24, 1594 is thought to have taken place in what are now the grounds of St Leonard's school. It is this John Boste, the priest and missionary of our own neighbourhood until his arrest in Waterhouses, that we now claim as the patron saint of our new amalgamated parish. St John Boste: pray for us !

David Coxon

Property Review: In our Partnership we are trying to look at our various properties to see if they might currently be under used. We will hear something about this at mass today.

Food bank: 'Christmas' collection next weekend. Lists available today.

Shoe boxes: 225 shoes boxes from our family of parishes are on their way to Belarus. Thank you.

Advent Alms : In Advent donations are invited to box at back of church to support the work of St Cuthbert's care.

Preparing for sacraments: This Wednesday evening at 6.30pm we will have another session of preparation for sacraments. We will be thinking about the significance of the scripture readings when we gather for mass. 'What is the bible all about?' We will follow this up with a short liturgy during masses next weekend.

Christmas Fayres:

St Joseph's school: Thursday, December 5th at 2pm;

OLQM school: Friday, December 6th at 2pm;

St Michael's school: Friday, December 6th in the Parish/Sports Hall, 3 - 4.30pm

OLQM church : Sun, Dec 8th, after 10.30am mass.

'Blue Christmas' TV adverts suggest that everyone has 'the perfect Christmas' each year, with lots of fun and laughter. Some people do. But many don't. And we can feel bad if our emotions at Christmas don't match what everyone else appears to be feeling. But we are who we are. Things happen during the year, and we can feel very alone at Christmas - because of sickness, bereavement, relationships breaking down, family members away or in prison.... 'Blue Christmas' acknowledges that, at Christmas time, some people feel a bit down or 'blue'. If anyone would like to come to a simple and informal little service at St Joseph's, Langley Park at 10.30am on Saturday, December 21st then please do. You will be very welcome.

Service of Reconciliation: In our Partnership of Parishes, we are hoping to have an Advent 'Service of Reconciliation' at St Patrick's, Langley Moor on Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm. Several priests will be available for confessions.

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle: Raffle tickets now on sale. Thank you for your support.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid declaration forms need to be changed because of our becoming one parish. There will be standing order and declaration forms available in envelopes next weekend for you to complete and return to church ADSAP. The changes will be effective from 4 January 2020.

Evening Prayer (Solemn Vespers): To mark the First Sunday of Advent, Solemn Vespers will be celebrated at 4.30pm this Sunday in St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College. The Finchale Partnership will be co-ordinating the celebration of this service, which also marks the launch of 'The God Who Speaks', a Year of the Word, proclaimed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Vespers will be celebrated simultaneously at four other locations across the diocese. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available afterwards and everyone is welcome. You can seek further information about 'The God Who Speaks' on our diocese's website: redhn.org There are also some leaflets available at the back of church.

Christmas Ushaw Lecture: Dr Anna Rowlands' talk will be: 'Pope Pius XII's Christmas Messages: A Dialogue in Mid-Century Catholic Social Thought'. This will be at the college on Tuesday, December 10th: 5.30pm tea and coffee; 6.00pm lecture; 7.15pm mulled wine and mince pies. This lecture will explore Pius XII's wartime Christmas messages, offering a reading of them in the context of wider Catholic attempts to rethink social teaching in a context of crisis in 1940s. Drawing on the work of Simone Weil and Joseph Pieper, the lecture will conclude with some thoughts on potential ways we might engage and develop such mid-century thought in our own context. All welcome to this free event, but please book <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

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