

**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 23 November	6.00 pm Mass Tommy & Ruby Stoddart & P of P			
Sunday 24 November <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Day of Special Prayer for Youth</i>		9.00 am Mass Dec'd Members of the Coates Family, Hannah and Thomas Foy, Tom Brennan, Private Intention & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Mary Agnes Golightly, Harry and Nancy Adams, James Rochford & People of the Parish	
Monday 25 November				
Tuesday 26 November	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
Wed 27 November		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention 12 noon Funeral Mass Pat Brown	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 28 November			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 29 November				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
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 & P of P	10.30 am Mass Rita Hogan & People of the Parish	

Recently dead: Pat Brown (Langley Park). Funeral mass at St Michael's on Wednesday at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor. Beatrice Everett, Michael Maughan, Elizabeth Stoddart, John Wilson, Elizabeth Dawson, Lucy Isles, Dorothy Robertson, Kitty Nugent, Vera Howarth, John Martin, Lillian Beetlestone, Teresa Mullen.

Esh Winning: James Rochford, Patrick Gannon, Sandra Rowley, Martin Cantwell, Emily Wright, Michael Peel, Mary Agnes Golightly, Harry Adams, Julia Joyce-Gibbons, Ann Swailes, Frances Rutter, Catherine Leadbitter, Michael Quinn, Paul Quigley, John Cuthbert Makepeace, Pat Rochford, Kathleen Bushby

Esh & Langley Park: Minnie Mason, Charles Welsh, Susan Hughes, Bernard Smith, Joseph Sands, Vina Rutter, Martin Rutter, Shirley Oliver, James Willey.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £123.75 Esh: £266.25 Esh Winning: Attendance: 62 Collection: £137.04

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan <u>Billy Donnelly</u>	<u>Pat Ives</u> Susan Clark Karen Thompson	Judy Quinn Lynda Elliott
Readers	Margaret Coonan	Geraldine Granath Eileen Tallentire	David Low Kathleen Flatley
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy		Donna Hunter & Anne McMahon	
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Phil & Paula Mackie

Leadership. We are coming up for a General Election. The different political parties are making lots of promises to voters and voters, in turn, often have high expectations of parties and their leaders. Yet what do we seek from a leader? What sort of leadership do we crave? Today's scripture readings touch on this. In the first reading the people of Israel select a leader who might not have been the obvious choice: *'You, David, are the man who shall shepherd my people. You shall be the leader of Israel'*. And, when we think about it, what sort of a leader was Jesus? One who was crucified! As someone says to Jesus: *'Are you not the Christ? Well, save yourself and us as well'*. In our hearts, what do we want to feel saved from? And what do we want to be saved to do?...

David Coxon

Becoming one parish: Next weekend will be the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is, of its nature, a time for new beginnings, for making a new start. It's very appropriate then that, after much preparation, our current parishes of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor and St Michael's, Esh along with St Joseph's, Langley Park are to come together as the one parish of *'St John Boste'* next weekend. This seems an appropriate time to start this new phase in our history. Our new Pastoral Council is keen to keep an ear to voices of parishioners and so, at the back of each church, there is a suggestion box. Is there a burning issue for you? If so, what is it? Do suggest ways in which you think our new Pastoral Council might proceed to help us grow as a community, a community of faith.

Youth Ministry: Today we invite you to contribute to a retiring collection to support the work of the youth Ministry Team in our diocese.

Wedding ring: Last Sunday a man's wedding ring was found outside church at Newhouse. Have you lost it? Do you know of anyone who has lost a ring? Please contact our Parish Office 373 0219.

Holy Communion ministers Over the summer one or two people 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 used to stand 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. Also, if ministers holding the chalice should run short of the Precious Blood then perhaps take the empty chalice back to the sanctuary to be washed, even if other communions are continuing.

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.

Christmas Fayre (Newhouse) after the 10.30am mass on Sunday, December 8th.

Evening Prayer (Solemn Vespers) To mark the First Sunday of Advent, Solemn Vespers will be celebrated at 4.30pm on Sunday 1st December 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. See diocesan website: rcdhn.org

Food bank Next weekend is straddled by November/ December so our next food bank collection will be Saturday/ Sunday, December 7/8th

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle: Any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully appreciated. Proceeds to Parish Funds. Thank you for your support.

Shoe boxes: Thank you to everyone who has put together goodies for the 'Shoe Box Appeal'. The filled boxes will be collected *this weekend*. The boxes will be taken from each of our churches to our Parish Centre at Newhouse this Sunday afternoon then sent on their journey from there.

Our Primary Schools: Our schools all have a group of governors who play an important role in oversight in how the schools operate. Some governors represent the staff, some the parents, some the local authority. Others, though, are called 'foundation governors'; in our Catholic schools they represent the bishop in keeping the Catholic ethos to the fore as the school determines its vision. We are looking for some new foundation governors. If interested, please contact Fr David Coxon, or contact Mrs Louise Keenan on 373 4343 or 373 0355.

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