

St John Boste Parish, West Durham

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 14 December <i>St John of the Cross P,D</i>	6.00 pm Mass John Halpin & Brian Elley & People of the Parish			
Sunday 15 December <i>3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		9.00 am Mass Karl Stonebank Dec'd Members of the Sherry Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass John Logue & People of the Parish	
Monday 16 December				
Tuesday 17 December				
Wed 18 December		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Private Intention	9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 19 December			9.15 am Mass Private Intention	
Friday 20 December				9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention
Saturday 21 December	6.00 pm Mass Ron Jackson & People of the Parish			
Sunday 22 December <i>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond, James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, Frank Coates & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Christine Potts, John & Julia Suddes & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Harry Law, Robert Ward, John Halpin, James Keelty, Patrick Murray, Mary Mooney, Robert Oliver, Joyce Maughan, Martin Taylor, John Matthew Kerwin, Laura Elizabeth Layton, Teresa Davison, Kate O'Neill.

Esh Winning, Barry Shaw, Billy Hughes, Jack Richardson, Norman Turner, Martin Gannon, Bridget Wilson, Mart Vizard, Kathleen Thompson, Austin Simpson, Joyce Fairless, Joseph Anderson.

Esh & Langley Park: John Oliver, Kevin Taylor, Elizabeth Heels, Caherine Stockdale, Anne Isles, Margaret McCabe, Arthur Thompson, Sr M Carmel, Agnes Coates, Robert Coates, Jenny Turnbull, James Bygroves, Liz Goundry.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £ 198.82 Esh: £274.10 Esh Winning: Attendance: 73 Collection: £115.81

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	<u>Geraldine Barnes</u> Uma Nicholson Siobhan McMahon-Walsh	<u>Veronica Chapman</u> Emma Peverall Lynn Dumighan	Cecilia Wharton Beryl Shoulder
Readers	John Thornton	Stuart Cox Ann Rush	Kathleen Flatley David Low
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Noreen Gardner	
Children's Liturgy		Christmas Holidays	
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside Angela Jones		Jacqueline Ball Anne Sewell



Christmas Fayre at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church:

Raised £1,141.00 Thank you to all who supported this event.



The hopes of Isaiah: Last week I mentioned how the bible is a sort of 'time machine' that carries us back to different stages of Jewish history so that we discover what people were trying to contend with and, importantly, how they sought God in these situations. Today the bible again carries us back to the world of Isaiah (about 700 BC) when Isaiah is very conscious of illness and disability around him. He sees people who are deaf, blind, lame and he looks to the coming of God who will surely heal such disabilities. Much later, John the Baptist wonders if Jesus is the one come from God. Jesus says: '*the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. Happy the one who does not lose faith in me*'. Jesus, then, is presented as 'God among us'. In Jesus, the hopes of Isaiah are fulfilled. In what ways are we blind, or deaf, or lame? David Coxon

Gift Aid: Gift Aid declaration forms need to be changed because of our becoming one parish. There may be 'standing order' and 'declaration forms' available in envelopes today for you to complete and return to church ASAP. The changes will be effective from 4 January 2020. Someone will speak about this at mass today.

Food bank An amazing quantity of food bank donations for December: **462kg!!** Thankfully no vehicles were harmed in the transportation of all this booty...! The total donations for 2019 is **2293.23kg**, which translates to **2867 meals**.

'Northern Catholic Calendar 2020: This is the directory for our diocese for 2020. Available at church for £3-00

Advent Alms : During Advent, donations are invited to be left in the box at the back of church to support the work of St Cuthbert's care.

St Joseph's Christmas raffle: Raffle tickets are now on sale. All proceeds to parish funds. Thank you for your support.

Carols: The Ushaw Moor village Carol Service will be at St Luke' church at 6.30pm this Monday (December 16th). The Esh village service will be at St Michael's and all Angels church this Tuesday (December 17th) at 7.00pm. This Wednesday (December 18th) people are invited to join a group who will sing carols in Esh Winning. You are invited to meet outside the Stag's Head at 6.15pm then, at 7.30pm, there will be some refreshments for tired voices. All welcome to all events.

'The God who Speaks' During the course of the next year we are invited to get to know the bible a little more. At the back of the church are some leaflets with reflections of this week's Scripture readings. Please feel free to take a copy. In the meantime, here's a little quiz to discover how well we know the timeline in the bible. List the following in what you think to be the correct chronological order: 1. Moses; 2. St Paul; 3. The Exodus; 4. Jesus; 5. Abraham; 6. Gospel of Matthew; 7. King David. No prizes here, but answers next week!

Advent: Part two: On Tuesday we begin the second phase of Advent. This marks a novena of prayer ['nine days'] leading into Christmas. During these nine days each day has specific Scripture readings for each day.

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the office from December 24th – January 2nd.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve 5.00pm : St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor
 Christmas Eve 7.30pm : OLQM, Newhouse
 Christmas Day 10.00am : St Michael's, Esh

'Blue Christmas' Not everyone looks forward to Christmas. If a relationship has broken down, if there has been a family disagreement during the year, if there has been serious illness or bereavement, or if there is genuine fear about debt then some people dread Christmas. 'Blue Christmas' acknowledges this. We'd like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to attend an informal little service at St Joseph's Church, Hedley Terrace, Langley Park at 10.30am next Saturday, December 21st. There are fliers at the back of church. You may wish to take one or two to offer to people you know. We hope to have refreshments afterwards so, if you would like to help in any way please contact us at the Parish Office (373 0219)

Looking head a bit Staff at Ushaw College are wondering if we might like to have our Holy Week services at the college again next year. They are also trying to organize some choirs to sing some 'sacred music' that week. Some of this could be incorporated into our services though, of course, we wouldn't want our liturgies to become a mere 'add-on' to what is essentially a choral concert. This needs to be thought through. The question to consider, though: what are your thoughts about services at the college next Holy Week? Or would you prefer to have them in our parish?

Christmas at Ushaw College

- * Carols at Ushaw : Thursday (19th) at 12.30pm and at 7.30pm;
- * Christmas poems: Thursday (19th) at 2.00pm. Cost: £9.-95 (incl. an Ushaw Tea);
- * Jazzy Christmas: Friday (20th), 7.30pm. Cost: £14.

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