

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 |
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| 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 | |
| Monday 9 December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | | | | |
| Tuesday 10 December | | | | |
| Wed 11 December | | 9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Thursday 12 December | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Friday 13 December | | | | 9.15 am Mass Pat Brown |
| 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 | |

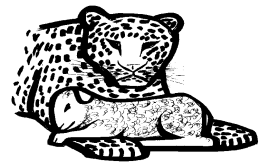
Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor. Eric Barnes, Beatrice Towns, Brian Kelly, Joe Halpin, Vincent Keelty, John Gallagher, Ellen Maughan, Harry Law.

Esh Winning Thomas Rowan, Mary Hughes, Mary Elizabeth Shoulder, Patricia Kervin, Kevin Slevin, Eileen Mallen, George Peel, Barry Shaw.

Esh & Langley Park. Mary Woodhouse, Joseph Dumighan, Catherine Bygroves, Michael Powell, Oswin Maynard Towns, Mary O'Connor, Jenny Wilson, Frank Armstrong, Bert Goundry, Thomas Finley, Ken Mashel, Joe Halpin, Barrie Charlton, Margaret Davidson.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £ 157.11 Esh: £255.90 Esh Winning: Attendance: 60 Collection: £92.81

| | Ushaw Moor | Esh/Langley Park | Esh Winning |
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| Holy Communion Ministers | <u>Janet Dawson</u> Kath Gardiner Pam Stoddart | <u>Denise Kendall</u> Jonathan Yates Karen Thompson | Gerard Towns & Anne Sewell |
| Readers | David McDonough | Jill Cox Jean Ruddock | Anne Lawlor & Bill McCormick |
| Prayers of Intercession | Peter Murray | | |
| Welcomer | | Chris Thompson | |
| Children's Liturgy | | Emma Peverall Pat Ives | |
| Counting Team | Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin | | Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott |



Longing for Peace: Long before the time of Jesus, the man called Isaiah dreamed of peace in the world. He used an interesting image: 'The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them'. I suppose we all dream of world peace. Yet, in the gospel, John the Baptist puts a different slant on this. Peace come from within us, John suggests. And how do you seek this peace? 'Repent, change your priorities, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Advent is a time for new beginnings.

David Coxon

Today we have a short liturgy with children and parents about *listening to God's message*.

Christmassy things: Christmas raffle tickets are now available at Ushaw Moor and, *this Sunday*, we will have our Fayre in the Parish Centre after mass at Newhouse. All welcome.

Advent Alms: The box at the back of church invites donations to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

'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.

Church cleaning: Ushaw Moor, Thursday, December 12th, 10.00am, Could you help?

A Journey in Faith: A 'Journey in Faith' is primarily for people who are not Catholic who want to discover something about what Catholics believe. In practice, a few people who are Catholic also come along and contribute greatly to our discussions. Anyone else interested? Please let me know. Recently we have looked at the story of the bible, the significance of sacraments, ways of praying and the profession of faith we make each week in the Creed.
- David Coxon

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 the schools. Phone numbers on page 2 of newsletter.

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. To hire our Parish centre at Newhouse please phone 373 4278 and, to use our church hall at Langley Park, please phone 373 1594.

'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 this Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm. Several priests will be available for confessions. No mass here on Tuesday.

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.

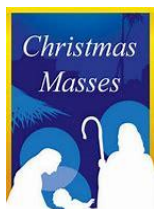
Gift Aid: Gift Aid declaration forms need to be changed because of our becoming one parish. There will be standing order and declaration forms available in envelopes next weekend for you to complete and return to church ASAP. The changes will be effective from 4 January 2020. Someone will speak about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

Christmas at Ushaw College

- 'The Snowman' with a live orchestra: this Sunday at 2pm, 3.30pm: £7, children £3.
- Dr Anna Rowlands' lecture: Tuesday, December 10th, 6pm: 'Pope Pius XII's Christmas Messages: A Dialogue in Mid-Century Catholic Social Thought'
- Christmas poems: Thursday, December 12/19th, 2pm: £9-95 (incl. refreshments).
- Organ recital: Saturday, December 14th, 2pm

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



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