



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

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	<b>St Joseph's Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>St Michael's Esh Laude</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse</b>	<b>St Joseph's Langley Park</b>
<b>Saturday 11 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass Sammy McEwan, Bill Gardiner & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 12 January</b> <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>		9.00 am Mass Karl Stonebank, deceased Sherry Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Dorothy Rochford & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 13 January</b>				
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b>	7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention (Confessions at 6.15pm)			
<b>Wed 15 January</b>		9.15am Mass (School Chapel) Private intention	9.15am Mass Private intention	
<b>Thursday 16 January</b>			-No Mass -	
<b>Friday 17 January</b>				9.15am Mass Joan & Oswin Towns
<b>Saturday 18 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass Jimmy McQuillan and Family & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 19 January</b> <i>Day of Special Prayer for Peace</i>		9.00 am Mass Private Intention, Veronica and Billy Merrigan, All Members of the Merrigan Family & People of Parish	10.30 am Mass Dermot Slevin & People of the Parish	

**Recently dead:** Allan Smith (Langley Park); Funeral Service at St Michael's, Esh on Thursday 23 January at 11.30 am.

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Joseph Finnigan, Katherine Wilkinson, Ann Jennings, Ronnie Marsh, Hilda Chatterton, Sarah Jane Blackmore, Alan Jefferson, James Borner, Margaret Ann Loughlin, Robert William Brown, Robert Gardiner, Jane Laidman, Peter Webster.

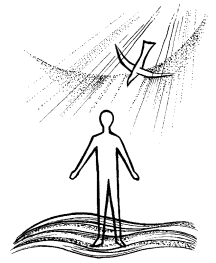
**Esh Winning :** Mary Pickering, Joseph Kenny, Mary Wallace, Sarah Blackburn, Agnes Gannon, Mary Daley, William Quigley, Pat Doyle, Leo Barrigan, Elizabeth McKenna, Derek Duggan, James Thomas O'Neill, Dermot Slevin.

**Esh & Langley Park:** John Lyons, Sarah Jane Blackburn, Peter Coates, Monica Hennessy, Edward Hughes, John Cooper, Derek Duggan, Norah Lyons, Aileen Cook, Hilda Dumighan, Frank James, Henxie Johnson, Sadie Hayton.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: 22 Dec: £253.85, Christmas Eve: £543.77, 29 Dec: £153.91 and 5 Jan: £191.84  
 Esh Winning: 5 Jan: £106.76. Attendance: 55  
 Esh: 22 Dec: £261.15; Christmas Day: £145.35, 29 Dec: £234.00 and 5 Jan: £234.90.

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae Jo Smith	Pat Ives Veronica Chapman Jonathan Yates	Anne Sewell & Judy Quinn
Readers	John Thornton	Shelagh Robinson Geraldine Granath	Bill McCormick & Lynda Elliott
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy		First Communion Liturgy	
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Angela White & Susan Carmedy

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**The Baptism of the Lord:** The scripture readings for today's feast don't sound very 'Christmassy', yet they do bring us to the official end of the Christmas season since, once again, Jesus is 'revealed' for who he really is. (Interesting to note, though, that some traditions have 'Christmas' go on until the feast of Candlemas on February 2nd). The Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry when, at the age of about 30, Jesus entered into the public domain and, through his words and deeds, started to get himself noticed - for good or for ill. Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan marked the start of his entire mission so, today, we are each invited to think about the significance of our own baptism. What does it mean for us to be 'Christians' today? Is it only about attending mass each week? Is it restricted to the fact that some years ago we had our First Communion? Is it just a label we have in hospital when asked 'What religion?' Is being a Christian really only something passive? Could it be more about actively working with others, as a community, in seeking to allow the message of Jesus to touch people's lives? Today gives to each of us an opportunity to think about it actually means to be 'a Christian' in a sense that is real and active.

David Coxon

**Advent Alms:** 'St Cuthbert's Care' offers a variety of amazing care within our diocese. It offers fostering services and also residential care for children, specialist provision for people with profound disabilities, and also care for the elderly. The 'Advent Alms' box at the back of church has been there to support the great work of St Cuthbert's Care. The box will be emptied this week after today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Northern Catholic Calendar 2020:** This is the directory for our diocese for 2020. It offers information about parishes, schools, convents, mass times, address of clergy etc. There are a few copies left at the back of the church for £3-00.

**Peace Sunday 19 January 2019:** The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is a world where people can live in peace, without fear or violence in all its forms. If you would like to support the work of Pax Christi please take an envelope today and return it next weekend.

**Gift Aid :** Gift Aid declaration forms need to be changed because of our becoming one parish, the parish of 'St John Boste'. There are 'standing order forms' and 'declaration forms' available in envelopes for you to complete and return to church ASAP. **Changes have now been effective since last weekend, 4 January 2020.**

**Preparing for Sacraments:** Our next meeting for children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be at the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club this Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. We will be thinking about the significance of why we use bread and wine at mass. We will also have a short liturgy during masses next weekend.

**Food Bank:** Thank you for 124.84 kg last weekend.

**Pastoral Council:** Last Wednesday we had the first formal meeting of our new Pastoral Council for the parish of St John Boste. Joanne Sands was elected chair, and Angela McKenna Vice Chair. Suggestions from the Church "suggestion boxes" were also assigned to groups of Council members.

**Thursday morning:** Because of an important meeting at school on Thursday morning we will not be able to have a 9.15am mass at Newhouse, I'm afraid.

**'The God who Speaks':** Over the past few weeks we have probably heard about 'The God who Speaks'. A lot of us feel a bit flummoxed and confused when we hear readings from the bible. This can tempt us to 'switch off' at mass and simply wait for Holy Communion. 'The God who Speaks' is a national venture to encourage us to get to know the bible a little more. Over the next few months we hope to advertise attractive projects within the diocese and also in our own partnership. One thing we are planning for our partnership is a very basic introduction to the bible. I did wonder if, in advance of that, there might be any interest in a *very basic introduction* to that introduction! I would be very happy to offer a few sessions to give something of the background storyline of the bible. This would not be over academic, but I hope it could prove to be helpful. Let me know if you might be interested and, if so, we can arrange something.  
- David Coxon

**Looking at Scriptures:** Our Churches Together group will have its monthly meeting this Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 3.30 - 4.45pm to look at the weekend readings. The meeting will be at St Andrew's church Brandon. Texts for study are: Jn 1:29-42, Mt 4:12-23, Mt 5:1-12, Mt 5:13-20, All very welcome.

**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 January 2020			
1 <sup>st</sup>	£50.00	134	A Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30.00	10	J Kitching
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.00	84	M Laws	4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	9	A Sewell
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5.00	24	L Riddles	Next Draw: 7 February 2020			

Living Faith: January to March 2020 available at the back of Church, priced £1