

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 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	6.00 pm Mass Veda, Irene & Jonathan Ramm, Marie Smith & People of the Parish			
Sunday 29 December <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH</i>		9.00 am Mass Mary and Joseph Tobin & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Nancy & Harry Adams, Tony Quinn & The Quinn Family & People of the Parish	
Monday 30 December				
Tuesday 31 December				
Wed 1 January MARY, MOTHER OF GOD				10.00 am Mass Priest's Intention
Thursday 2 January				
Friday 3 January <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>				
Saturday 4 January	6.00 pm Mass James McLoughlin & People of the Parish			
Sunday 5 January <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>		9.00 am Mass Vincent Robinson & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Douglas & Bella Linsley & People of the Parish	

Sick: Ann Waugh, Faith Wilthew, Caitlin Minnis from Ushaw Moor.
 Connor Robinson, John Fairbrass Jnr from Esh Winning. Nichol Moralee, Winnie Lyons from Langley Park.

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Mary Jane Gallagher, James Keelty, Winifride Naisbitt, Edward Tomlinson, Veda Ramm, Jean Grayson, Jim McLoughlin, Henry Brady, Joyce Taskas, Arthur William Elley, Tizzy Brockbanks, Rose Ellen Fishwick, John Kennick, Thomas McEleavey, Eddie Scanlon.

Esh Winning: Joseph Kenny, Bernard Corrigan, John Comerford, Mary Stebbings, Ann Dinsdale, Mary Murphy, Agnes Chapman, Teresa Lamont.

Esh & Langley Park: Mary Tobin, Sarah Layton, John Callan, Mary Waller, Winifred Robinson, Catherine Glover, Margaret Tiplady, Fr Tony Battle.

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers		<u>Lynn Dmighan</u> Veronica Chapman Denise Kendall	Gerard Towns & Anne Sewell
Readers		Elizabeth Hidson Eileen Tallentire	Kathleen Flatley & Anne Lawlor
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Karen Thompson	
Children's Liturgy		Christmas Holidays	
Counting Team	Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell		Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Families: Today's readings mention fathers, mothers, wives, husbands, parents and children. The readings mention love, compassion, respect, frustration, patience, gentleness and resentment. The readings mention 'advising each other'. The first reading mentions 'setting your mother at ease' and 'supporting your father in his old age'. 'Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy - and do not despise him in your own health and strength'. We can probably all see ourselves somewhere in this wide array of family connections. Yet, our families are not perfect. We ourselves are not perfect. We do get frustrated at times. That's normal. But today we are invited to reflect on the image of *the holy family* made up of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Think about the relationships within that family, and see if we can try to work on one or two of these within our own families. In the meantime, pray a while today for each member of your own family. David Coxon

Letter from the bishop: Today, on the feast of the Holy Family, we have a letter from our bishop, Robert Byrne.

New Year's Day: On Wednesday, New Year's Day, we will celebrate the feast of 'Mary, the Mother of God'. In terms of our hopes and intentions for the coming year - both personal and communal - it can be helpful and uplifting for us to come together that day to celebrate our mass. This might be especially true now that we are one parish, under our patron, the local martyr St John Boste. Our mass on New Year's Day will be at St Joseph's, Langley Park at 10.00am.

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.

Readers : At Newhouse the psalm at Sunday mass is usually sung. When, at Ushaw Moor and Esh, we say the psalm together then there is no need for the reader to refer to "*the responsorial psalm*" since we only say it responsorially if, as a congregation, we are repeating the response after each verse said by the reader. On a weekday the reader can simply say: "The response to the psalm is"

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 today for you to complete and return to church ASAP. The changes will be effective from 4 January 2020.

Advent Alms: St Cuthbert's Care' offers an incredible service in our diocese. It offers care for the elderly (including some of our priests), residential care for children, fostering services and specialist provision for people with profound disabilities. The 'Advent Alms' box at the back of church invites donations to support the great work of St Cuthbert's Care. The box will remain in place until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11/ 12th)

Parish Office: Lisa will not be in the Parish Office from now until January 2nd.

'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. The book is available at church for £3-00.

'The God who Speaks' Some of us may know the bible quite well. Many of us possibly don't. But don't worry. It's good for all of us to deepen our understanding a little more. During the course of the coming year we are invited to get to know the bible better. At the back of the church there are again some leaflets with reflections of this week's Scripture readings. They seem to be very popular. Please feel free to take a copy.

'White Flower Appeal' Human life is precious. People who believe in God would go so far as to say that human life is 'sacred'. It is for this reason that we seek to protect all human life, from conception until death. Yet, for all that, women can sometimes feel trapped when they discover they are pregnant. It might be their health which causes them to be anxious about pregnancy. It may be their financial situation. It may be because of their age, whether very young or not so young. Whatever the situation, pregnancy can sometimes bring anxiety and fear rather than joy. People can feel trapped and so turn to an abortion. The 'White Flower' appeal seek to offer some support at various levels so as to protect children, and parents too. Next weekend we will have a retiring collection to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

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 6 December 2019		
£50.00	192	U Nicholson	2 nd	£30.00	168	B M Richardson
£10.00	153	M Smith	4 th	£ 5.00	36	P Webster
£ 5.00	119	J Keelty	Next Draw: 3 January 2020			