



**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 4 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass James McLoughlin & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 5 January</b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		9.00 am Mass Vincent Robinson & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Douglas & Bella Linsley & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 6 January</b>				
<b>Tuesday 7 January</b>	7.00 pm Mass Priest's Intention (confessions at 6.15pm)			
<b>Wed 8 January</b>		9.15am (School chapel) Private intention	9.15am Private intention	
<b>Thursday 9 January</b>			9.15am Private intention	
<b>Friday 10 January</b>				9.15am Private intention
<b>Saturday 11 January</b>	6.00 pm Mass Sammy McEwan, Bill Gardiner & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 12 January</b> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		9.00 am Mass Karl Stonebank, deceased Sherry family & People of Parish	10.30 am Mass Dorothy Rochford & People of the Parish	

**Recently dead:** Joan Davies (wife of Colin Davies, Esh Winning)

**Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor:** Bernard Sheen, Joseph Finnigan, Isabelle Corner, Jean Morgan, Norman Platten, Patrick Thompson

**Esh Winning :** Lynda Davies, Charles Zadziuk, Harry Young, Annie Morris, Moira Walsh, Douglas Tate, Mary Pickering, Joseph Kenny, Dorothy Rochford.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Walter Beavis, Mary Isabelle Lyons, Gertrude Quinn, Ellen Gilchrist, Jim Foy, James Rayner, Marie Crawford, Ethel Goundry, Mary Collins, Ellen Sands, Patrick Brennan.

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers		<u>Margaret Hallam</u> Emma Peverall Susan Clark	Cecilia Wharton & Beryl Shoulder
Readers		Pat Ives Joanne Sands	JS and David Low
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy		Gerri Yates, Noreen Gardner	
Counting Team			

- We still have a few copies of the 2020 Northern Catholic Calendar at the back of church. This has current information about churches, schools, convents and clergy across the diocese. £3.00
- Any families or groups of friends want to help with Offertory Processions at weekend masses? This doesn't yet seem to happen at Ushaw Moor. Good way to participate without having to speak!

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**‘Epiphany’** We don’t often use the word ‘epiphany’ in everyday language but it means a ‘revelation’ or a ‘discovery’. If you suddenly realise that there is a huge gold mine under your back garden then your realisation is an epiphany, a manifestation of something that has been revealed to you. When St Matthew writes his account about Jesus’ birth, he deliberately writes characters into his storyline so as to make clear what he has now come to believe about Jesus. Matthew wants us to realise that Jesus has not come into our world for any particular exclusive small group - whether Jews, or Catholics, or white middle-aged males. Matthew writes into his story the arrival of ‘wise men from the east’. Not Jewish people at all, but people who are genuinely searching in their lives. These wise men represent *us*. They represent everyone who is searching for meaning in their lives. They (‘we’) too are given the opportunity to find Jesus. - David Coxon

**‘White Flower Appeal’: today.** 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. ***This weekend*** we will have a retiring collection to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**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. **Changes will be effective from this weekend, 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 next weekend, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**‘The God who Speaks’ :** *‘The God who Speaks’* is a national venture to encourage us to engage more with God’s word in the bible. Over the next few months we hope to advertise attractive projects within the diocese and also in our own partnership. For example, each weekend we have readings from the bible at mass and it could be that many of us feel a bit lost in understanding those readings. 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 and then, perhaps, something about the significance of Abraham, Moses, the prophets etc. This would not be over academic, but I hope it could prove to be helpful. - David Coxon

**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’ :** Many thanks to all who helped and attended our ‘Blue Christmas’ celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup>. It was good too that *everyone* seemed to want to stay behind for refreshments and a chat.

**Diocesan Academy Policy for our schools:** Please see important notice on Church notice board about academies.

**Pastoral Council :** This Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have the first formal meeting of our new Pastoral Council for the parish of St John Boste. We will meet at St Joseph’s, Langley Park at 7.00pm.

**Thank you!** Thank you very much to all who gave me cards and gifts at Christmas. I do appreciate your kindness, thank you. One query, though: I obviously told someone I have read almost all the ‘Jack Reacher’ books by Lee Child and so I received a copy of his latest book, ‘Blue Moon’. However, there was no card with the book to indicate who had sent it. Do let me know so that I can thank you!

**Preparing for Sacraments :** Our next meeting for children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be at the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

## **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