



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

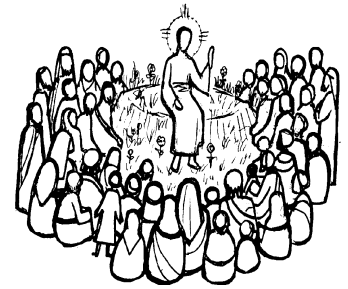
**St John Boste Pastoral Office, Durham Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham. DH7 7LF**

Priest: Father David Coxon Tel: (0191) 373 0219  
 Secretary: Lisa Hatton Tel: (0191) 373 0219  
 Office Hours: Tues – Thurs from 9.30am–2.30pm  
 E-mail: ushawmoor.stjohnboste@rcd.org.uk  
 (stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com)

Website: wdrpc.org

Primary Schools: St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor: Tel. (0191) 373 0355  
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning: Tel. (0191) 373 4343  
 St Michael's Esh Laude: Tel. (0191) 373 1205

Hospital R C Chaplain Father Paul Tully Tel. (01388) 818544



*Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.*

	<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 15 February</b> <i>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</i>	6.00 pm Mass Suzanna Murphy, Rec Dec'd & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 16 February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Joan Brennan, Winnie Lyons & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Joseph & Hilda Nicholson, Keith Wardman, Willie McGrath & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 17 February</b>				
<b>Tuesday 18 February</b>				
<b>Wed 19 February</b>			9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Thursday 20 February</b>				
<b>Friday 21 February</b>				
<b>Saturday 22 February</b> <i>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</i>	6.00 pm Mass Sheila Steel & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 23 February</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Joan Brennan & People of Parish	10.30 am Mass Doris & Jimmy Wilson, Syd Duggan & People of the Parish	

**Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor:** Alison Davidson, Ann Olive Brown, Rose Campion, Maureen McEleavey, Jane Boyle, Michael John Boyle, Jane Ward, Steven Riddles, Gladys Conroy, Olive Pattinson, Catherine Purdom, Jane Wilson, Joseph Craggs.  
**Esh Winning :** Agnes Thompson, Violet Atkinson, Norah Stiff, Maria Brennan, Thomas Marley, William Hughes, Mary Ann Shaw, Jane Quigley, Olive Emmerson.  
**Esh & Langley Park:** Joseph Hennessy, Elizabeth Maria Rostron, Ellen Knox, Irene Fenwick.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £187.54  
 St Michael's, Esh: £222.85  
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £121.50 Attendance: 59

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Peter Murray Cath Rae <u>Jo Smith</u>	<u>Jonathan Yates</u> Denise Kendall Margaret Hallam	Anne Sewell & Judy Quinn
Readers	John Thornton	Joanne Sands Pat Ives	Chris Hogan & David Low
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Eileen Tallentire	
Children's Liturgy		School Holidays	
Counting Team	Pam Stoddart Madeleine McLoughlin		Phil & Paula Mackie
Coffee Morning			

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Keeping the rules.** To live a life of faith, or to be 'religious', is often thought to be 'keeping the rules'. You keep all the rules, tick all the boxes, don't drink, don't smoke, don't swear, do what the Church tells you and, hey presto, you are virtually a saint! If only! I may never have killed anyone. But perhaps my comments and gossip have made your lives a misery. I may never have committed adultery, yet lust after everyone I see. I may be so virtuous with others, yet be awful with my own family. If I 'keep the rules' I can be tempted to think that this will be sufficient for God. Yet 'a life of faith' is far more positive, more open ended, more constructive than just *keeping the rules*. Deepening our faith is about growing in our desire to trust God in the everyday things of our lives. It is about considering, each day, what God wants me to do, and how God want me to handle difficult situations and difficult personalities. Ultimately, God's 'laws' and 'commandments' are not really 'laws' at all. They are launch pads to enable us to grow, to develop our trust in God and to be understanding of others in their struggles.

David Coxon

**Day of Reflection:** There is to be a Lenten Reflection day at Ushaw College on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am–3.30pm. This will be led by Sr Rosarie Spence and will provide an opportunity to experience different ways of praying at this time of Lent and on the feasts of the Annunciation. The cost is £10 per person, to include refreshments at the beginning and end of the day. Please book: (a) online at [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org); (b) by phone 0191-334 5119; or (c) at Ushaw's reception desk. See poster at back of church.

**Fr Robert Riedling:** For the past three years or so, while doing a doctorate at Durham University, Fr Robert Riedling has been priest in charge at St Patrick's, Langley Moor. Now Fr Robert is to leave St Patrick's and, in due course, will return to his diocese in Australia. In the meantime, Bishop Robert Byrne has appointed Fr Paul Hopper to look after St Patrick's as a member of our Finchale partnership. Fr Hopper is a Holy Ghost Father and I'm sure we will meet him at some point. Fr Robert has been a very friendly and helpful member of our partnership and local area.

**A big birthday!** Many of us may know Lesley Thornton at Ushaw Moor. Lesley's mam has a big birthday this weekend. A very big birthday! Dorothy Coutts celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to Dorothy!

**A Quiz night:** We are to have a quiz night to which we are all invited. This will be at St Andrew's church hall, Brandon, 7.00pm this Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Stations of the Cross:** We are again hoping to have the Stations of the Cross in each of our churches on the Sundays of Lent and, in addition, on Wednesday mornings at St Michael's. Perhaps you might like to offer to lead one of these: either alone, or with others. This can save it from falling to the same people each year.

**Those who are sick:** If ever you, or some relative or friend, may be sick then please don't hesitate to ask me as your priest to call to see them at home. And also, if someone close to you should be admitted to our local hospital, then please leave a message on the voicemail of Fr Paul Tully, our Catholic chaplain for Durham, Shotley Bridge and Chester le Street. Fr Paul's number (01388 - 818544) can always be found on page 2 of our newsletter. If those who are sick are comfortable with having their name on the sick list in the newsletter then please let us know (373 0219). But please ask their permission before giving in their name to be printed!

**Welcome!** Last weekend a Jill Richardson spoke at our masses about 'Lepra'. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send £443.69 to Lepra. You can find more information at [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk)

**'The God who Speaks'** For the past couple of weeks, a group of us have been meeting in St Joseph's church hall in Langley Park to have a basic introduction to the bible. This is to give a feel for the storyline of the bible and to discover how, even when people lived so long ago, their understanding of life may have parallels with our own. As someone who tried to deepen his faith in God, how did Abraham *feel* about trusting God? How did Moses cope with his role of leadership? When Saul was promoted to being king, why could he not resist cronyism and lining his own pocket? During this year of 'The God who Speaks', might we discover afresh how God '*speaks*' to us through his word in the bible? If you would like to come along to our third session, we will meet at St Joseph's church hall, Hedley Terrace, Langley Park [DH7 9TA] at 7.00pm next Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. D Coxon

**Thinking about baptism:** We have had a couple of enquiries about baptism so we hope to have a Baptism Information session on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be at 10.30am at St Joseph's church, Ushaw Moor. If any parents are interested in coming along then perhaps you could let us know at the Parish Office (373 0219).

**Prayer Meeting:** The monthly prayer meeting will be in the Parish Room at St Patrick's, Langley Moor, 9.30 – 10.15am on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Again, all welcome.

**Gift Aid declarations:** For our new parish of 'St John Boste' may we remind people to return their declarations to Margaret Sands, Kevin Quigley, Peter Murray or to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### **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

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