



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 8 February <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i>	6.00 pm Mass Joan Brennan Rec Dec'd, Patricia Edwards & People of the Parish			
Sunday 9 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i>		9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond, James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, James Patrick Sherry. Dec'd Members of the Sherry Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Matty & Rachel Suddes, Dowdall Family, Teresa Rochford & People of the Parish	
Monday 10 February				
Tuesday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10.15 am Funeral Mass Eileen Mary Nelson			
Wed 12 February		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention	9.15am Mass Priest's Intention	
Thursday 13 February			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
Friday 14 February				9.15 am Mass John, Gladys & Terry Lynn
Saturday 15 February <i>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</i>	6.00 pm Mass Suzanna Murphy, Rec Dec'd & People of the Parish			
Sunday 16 February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Joan Brennan, Winnie Lyons & People of Parish	10.30 am Mass Joseph & Hilda Nicholson, Keith Wardman, Willie McGrath & People of the Parish	

Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor: Tommy Donnelly, Mary McMahan, Jack O'connor, Agnes Finnigan, Margaret Davies, Teresa Corrigan, Olive Barr

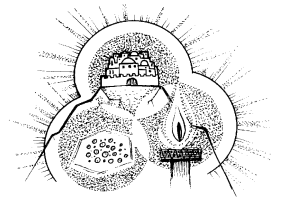
Esh Winning : Bernadette Watkin, Duncan McCallum, Katie Wood, William Cantwell, Robert Bastain, Philomenia Traynor, Peter Shaw, Ethel Duggan, Dick Garr, Celia Walton, Paul Wightman, Jimmy Doyle, Thomas Turner, Henry Bradley, Veronica Hale, Roseann Slevin, Richard Rayner, Henry Turner, Harry Oliver.

Esh & Langley Park: Harry Stockdale, Colin Carey, Vincent Wrangham, Laurie Gray, James Patrick Sherry, James Redmond, Tom Dixon, Mary Johnston, Jane Turnbull, Kenneth Tague, William Parker.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £159.82, St Michael's, Esh: 26 January: £232.50 2 February: £209.70
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £123.31 Attendance: 49

	Ushaw Moor	Esh/Langley Park	Esh Winning
Holy Communion Ministers	Christine Brennan <u>Billy Donnelly</u>	<u>Karen Thompson</u> Veronica Chapman Emma Peverall	Cecilia Wharton & Gerard Towns
Readers	Peter Murray	Ann Rush Elizabeth Hidson	Kathleen Flatley & Anne Lawlor
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Murray		
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy		School Holidays	
Counting Team	Julie Kitching Siobhan McMahan-Walsh		Colleen & Lynda
Coffee Morning			

Newhouse Coffee Morning Reminder: After Mass TODAY. All welcome.



Let your light shine! If you have a bedside lamp, don't put it under the bed. It will be really difficult to read. If you buy a new super-duper torch, don't switch it on then put it into a drawer; you won't find the torchlight to be very helpful. Obvious stuff! But Jesus uses similar examples: 'No-one lights a lamp to put it under a tub. No, they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house'. And then we come to the actual point of Jesus' examples: 'In the same way, *your* light must shine, so that people will give the praise to your Father in heaven'. And how, exactly, does your light shine? Take a look at today's first reading

David Coxon

Welcome! Today we have a guest speaker at our masses to speak about 'Lepra'. This is a charity which seeks to relieve the effects of leprosy. Although we might think that leprosy is a disease that belongs to the days of the bible it is, in fact, still very real today. Even a small amount of money can go a long way in benefiting someone suffering from leprosy. You can find more information at www.lepra.org.uk

Preparing for Sacraments: During the week we had a further meeting of children and parents who are preparing for sacraments. We were thinking about the significance of why there is an emphasis on saying 'thank you' at mass. In fact, the word '*eucharist*' comes from the Greek word for 'thank you'. We will also have a short liturgy during masses this weekend.

Food bank: Thank you very much, as ever, for all the items brought in last weekend for the food bank. Last week you donated **214.58kg.** of food stuff items. The next collection for the food bank will be Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8th.

Congratulations! Many congratulations to Teresa Kenny, from Esh Winning, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday.

'The God who Speaks' Each week at mass we hear the three passages from the bible. Sometimes we might understand something of what they are about. And sometimes we possibly don't! During this year of '*The God who Speaks*' we are seeking opportunities to take a closer look at the bible. Some events will occur in our partnership and in the diocese but, in the meantime, I am offering a *very basic introduction to the bible*. Rather than study in detail specific passages from the prophets or from the gospels this is an attempt to look at whole chunks of the bible at a time, to see how they fit together as part of a bigger picture. It is not an academic course but more of an opportunity to get something of 'the feel of the bible'. We had our first session last week; this was one where we took a jog through the entire bible in about an hour or so. If you would like to come along to our second session, we will meet at St Joseph's church hall, Hedley Terrace, Langley Park [DH7 9TA] at 7.00pm next Thursday, February 13th. - David Coxon

Thinking about baptism: We have had very few baptisms over the past year but, last Sunday, we had a baptism at Newhouse. There have been a couple of other enquiries about baptism so we hope to have a Baptism Information session on Saturday, February 29th. 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).

Advance notice: Ash Wednesday : February 26th;
Easter Sunday: April 12th.

Bible study: The ecumenical Bible study group will be meeting again at St Andrew's church, Brandon this Monday, 10th February at 3.30 – 4.45pm. The gospel texts to be looked at are: Mt 5:21-37; Mt 17:1-9; Mt 4:1-11; Jn 3:1-17. Everyone welcome.

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

Faith and Science: The Bible and the natural world: On Tuesday 18th February 2020, during the February Half Term, the Finchale Partnership will be hosting a 'Rock Day'. It's a great opportunity for anyone over the age of 16 who has an interest in science, debating and faith - in particular our Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils who are studying A Level RE or Science – **ALTHOUGH ALL ARE WELCOME**. We'll be exploring ideas of faith and science, talking about geology, evolution and creation, and the day will include a walk round the geology of the Durham riverbanks, and a debate with experts from the fields of Geology and Theology. The cost for the day is £5 to cover food and resources. For more information contact Katie on youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk or telephone 0191 3341656.

Finchale Partnership Property & Community Review: In October 2019, we started a Property & Community Review, part of a Diocesan programme. Many people volunteered their time, efforts and ideas to carry out the Property Audit, a Community Audit and a 10-year financial forecast. The Diocese has now decided to pause the review and we are not preparing a report for the Diocese. However, the Partnership Development Group agreed that we don't want to lose the excellent work done so far, particularly on the Community Audit. It's not too late to contribute ideas about the needs of the community and how we may be able to help. Parish Pastoral Councils will discuss the work done so far and the Partnership will consider anything we can work together on. Thank you to all those who volunteered - your work is very much appreciated.

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