



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

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



	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 21 March				
Sunday 22 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>				
Monday 23 March				
Tuesday 24 March				
Wednesday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord				
Thursday 26 March				
Friday 27 March				
Saturday 28 March				
Sunday 29 March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>				

Recently deceased: Tom Charlton (husband of Rita Charlton). May he rest in peace.
Tom's funeral service will be at Durham crematorium on Thursday, 2nd April, 11.30am.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Winnie Alderton, Isabella Dodds, John Joyce, Rose Keelty, Shirley Web Elley, Mary Joyce, Patricia Jennings, Kathleen Robinson, Kathleen Murray, William Cairns, Jimmy Connolly, Frank Kelly, Alice Pattinson.
Esh Winning : Mona Lawlor, Mary Dodds, Agnes Connolly, John McKenna, Joseph Nicholson, Peter Gannon, Anthony Corrigan, Kathy Hall, Andrew Donnelly, James William McKenna, Edward Hanton, Anne Mickle, Agnes Newton, James Michael Kelly.
Esh & Langley Park: Sarah Kavanagh, Mary Todd, Francis Harold Coates, Mary Annie Quinn, Thomas Sherry, Frank Soulsby, Katherine Towns, Doris Cooper, Irene Bailey, Henry Fitzsimmons, Paul Standing, James Hayden, Teresa Adcock.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £179.80
 St Michael's, Esh: £
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £ Attendance:

Planned Giving Envelopes: Some people have very kindly completed Gift Aid declarations for our new parish of 'St John Boste', and have asked for Planned Giving Envelopes. These were to have been distributed at masses this weekend but, with no public masses, they will need to be passed on to people by some other means.....

The '200 Club': St Joseph's church at Ushaw Moor has had its '200 Club' for a long time. Unfortunately, because of the Corona virus, this has been suspended for the present. Many thanks, though, to all who have supported it over the years.

St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor Easter Raffle: The raffle will be postponed for the time being. Hang on to your raffle tickets this will be drawn at a later date.

Our schools: On Wednesday it was announced that our schools will close from Friday evening.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Covid-19 : Corona virus

In response to the Corona virus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we express our faith. Following official advice and, in order to keep each other safe, we are advised not to gather for public acts of worship. This will begin from Friday, 20th March 2020 until further notice. This means that there will be no masses celebrated on Saturdays/ Sundays or weekdays. For as long as this situation lasts, the obligation to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. I invite you to have some quiet prayer time at home each day and, perhaps especially, at the time of your usual weekend mass. St Joseph's church in Durham Road, Ushaw Moor will be open for visits for quiet prayer on Sunday, 22nd March from 10.00 – 11.00am. It is so very important that we support one another with our prayer and by our keeping in touch with one another, by whatever means we can at this difficult time. Thank you very much. With every blessing and good wish to you all.

David Coxon

Changes The 'Covid-19 corona virus' has become far and away the biggest item in the news and, quite suddenly, in our everyday lives. The updates from the Prime Minister, from Professor Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer) and from Sir Patrick Vallance (Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government) have been very sobering and have created considerable anxiety for many. The daily lives of everyone have been changed by this news and it is very important that we seek to follow the advice and instructions that have been given to us. In our parish life this has considerable implications for all of us. First, until further notice we are no longer able to have any services in church. This means no masses, including weekends and so, for the duration, the expectation that Catholics attend Saturday/Sunday mass is suspended. It also means that we cannot have funeral services or baptisms. This may mean just a simple graveside service for those who have died. All of our regular and recently advertised meetings have been cancelled. Some of these cancellations are listed below. All of this will mean a *physical* distancing of ourselves from others to protect them and also ourselves, but it is vitally important that we keep more in touch than ever. Human beings need human contact. Do, please, keep in touch with others by phone, email, Facebook, Facetime or whatever means available. And try to keep in touch with those who live alone, even if they are not related to you.

Cancelled meetings:-

Preparation for Sacraments: Our meeting for children and parents on Wednesday will not now take place in the Catholic Club.

No Morning Prayer on Saturday mornings. *But* you may like to join in prayer at 9.30am on Saturday from your own armchair...

No Stations of the Cross on Sunday/ Wednesdays.

'The God who Speaks'

We had hoped to have someone from the university lead an 'Introduction to the Bible' next Thursday evening at Langley Park. However, like so many other events at present, this session has now been postponed until later in the year.

... But it is still 'Mother's Day'!

This is a day which has its roots in the feast of the Annunciation, when the angel announced to God that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the 'Messiah' or 'Christ'. Mother's Day tends to be the Sunday closest to March 25th, exactly twelve months before Jesus was born. A happy day to all you who are mams!

Going into hospital? Fr Paul Tully is the Catholic chaplain for our local hospitals. Do let him know if anyone close to you should be admitted. Fr Paul's number (01388 - 818544) can always be found on page 2 of our newsletter.

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

How can we support each other when larger gatherings of people might be potentially dangerous? What can we do as a church (parish)? We can encourage each other by phone, texting, emailing on a regular basis. We can pray together – not in the same room, but each in our own homes at a prescribed time. Perhaps at what would be our normal mass times. We might also plan something as community, or at least as individuals, to seek shopping for anyone who is self-isolating.

Remember: if we are not at church to pick up newsletters, we can still check our parish website:

wdrcp.org