



# 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.*



## Feast of All Saints (Year A) : 1 November 2020



**Saints** : Those people who are recognised to be 'saints' were not perfect. They could be irritable, short tempered and grumpy. That is somehow important because when on those occasions we ourselves may feel grumpy then we may think that 'sanctity' is not for us. And yet we are all of us called to be saints. Not that one day we might expect our statue to be on a plinth in a church in West Durham! No, to be 'holy' is having the courage to be different. Rather than just go with the flow and accept the priorities, ethos and values of the world around us, we who believe in God are called to stand up for those things which are more lasting, those things that are of God. There are so many messages out there which are telling

you that you are not up to scratch, that you are not as good as others, that you are not hitting your targets, that *you* have good reason to be anxious, and that others are of more value than you. After a while you can begin to absorb this message and start to feel that you have missed out in life and should officially consider yourself 'second rate'. Don't go there!! We have a God whose message is 'Do not be afraid!', 'You are precious in my sight', and 'I will be with you always'. It can be hard to take this message to heart when your life seems to be running against the tide, but just pause to think about it... Which message allows you to grow? To be considered a loser or to be told you are precious in God's sight? 'The saint' opts for the second message, seeks to believe it, and then builds her/his life on living out the significance of that.

— David Coxon

	<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 31 October</b> <i>Feast of All Saints</i>	6.00 pm Mass For everyone in our parish; Alice & Patrick Glennon; Gannon family			
<b>Sunday 1 November</b> <i>Feast of All Saints</i>		9.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish; Martyn Anthony Hallam, Norah May Gowland, Norman Gowland, Malcolm Gowland.	10.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish;	
<b>Friday 6 November</b>				10.30am Mass Joan and Oswin Towns
<b>Saturday 7 November</b> <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Year A</i>	6.00 pm Mass For everyone in our parish; Lesley Pugh; Stan Harper; Ron Jackson.			
<b>Sunday 8 November</b> <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Year A</i>		9.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish; John Tallentire. Tony Gibbons.	10.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish; Douglas and Bella Linsley	

**Recently deceased:** Aileen Dixon (Langley Park). Her funeral will be on 6 November. May she rest in peace.

### Anniversaries:

**St Joseph's:** Mary Campion, Vincent Kirkup, Hazel Freeman, Peggy Raine, John Pattinson (snr), Harry Kelly, Edward Kelly, James Kelly, William Conroy, Alice Malley, Pauline Lewney, Jozef Godoj.

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:** John Hughes, Jean Coates, Ann Moran, Kevin Sands, Cuthbert McGinn, Fr Redmond Gibbons (1978), Catherine Mallon, Ray May, Raymond Askew, Stella Anderson.

**St Michael's:** Margaret Marley, Elizabeth Hall, Evelyn Seymour, Joan Towns, Oswin Towns snr., Josephine Foley, Mary Brennan, Thomas Hennessy, Brenda Moralee, William Hall, Mary Richardson, Mary Sherry.

### Church cleaning this coming week: **NOTE CHANGES!** 'Team 2' for all churches

**St Joseph's:** Esther Martin, Kyle Oman, Melanie Lee, Bill Donnelly.

**OLQM:** (Saturday 11.00am): Angela McKenna, Catherine McKeown, Colleen Brown, Geraldine Barnes.

**St Michael's:** (Saturday 11.00am): Jill Cox, John Flynn, Karen Thompson, Anne McMahon.

**Ushaw Moor Catholic Club:** Open Friday and Sunday evenings and also Saturday from 6.30 pm.

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

**Open for mass:** All of our churches are now open for weekend masses. Mass at Ushaw Moor on Saturdays at 6.00pm, at Esh on Sundays at 9.30am, at Newhouse on Sundays at 10.30am and at Langley Park on Fridays at 10.30am. However, because of restrictions on numbers attending, we cannot simply 'turn up'. It is currently a very strange situation but we do need to phone in and book a place in the church that we want to attend. It is so easy to forget the 'booking day' if we are working or busy doing other things, yet everyone wanting to come to mass next weekend is asked to phone in. Phone when and where?

- > On **WEDNESDAY**, between 10.00am – 2.00pm, you can phone **01740-469532**,
- > or on **THURSDAY** between 5.00 – 6.00pm you can phone **0191- 366 9465**.

Once people have booked in for mass a number of practical things need to be followed through so it can become complicated if you phone or leave a voicemail later than Thursday evening. When you phone in, please say whether you are coming to mass as an individual, as a couple, or as a household group, and leave us a contact phone number. Those people who have been to mass a few times recently may like to wait until later in the day to try to book a place, to allow the opportunity first for those people who haven't yet been able to come to mass. Please don't come to church if you have a cold or symptoms of flu. And, as the weather gets cooler, it could be an idea to wear warm clothing too since we need to leave doors open. And, as ever, with all our churches now open it would be good to have additional help with stewarding and cleaning. To complete cleaning teams it would be good to have at least four additional volunteers for Newhouse, two at Esh and one at Ushaw Moor. If **you** would like to volunteer to help with cleaning or with stewarding, please contact the Parish Office: you can email: [stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com](mailto:stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com) or phone the office on 0191-373 0219.



**'Test and Trace':** If you have a smart phone with the NHS app you can now click on to the NHS icon as you enter any of our churches. If there should be a local outbreak of covid-19 this can help with the 'Track and Trace'.

**Food Bank:** It's 8 months since our last collection of food items, and the busy local depot would still be very grateful for monetary donations. This allows them to target buy the things they most need. If you feel able and willing to give, please go to the website ([durham.foodbank.org.uk](http://durham.foodbank.org.uk)) and click on the 'Donate Now' button, or send a cheque (made out to Durham Foodbank) to their Head Office: Mile House, Bridge End, Chester Le Street DH3 3RA.

**Blessing of Graves:** In normal times we would be having our Blessing of Graves service next weekend, the first full weekend of November. However, with present restrictions, it does not seem appropriate to be arranging an occasion where people are gathering together to 'mingle' in a graveyard. I suggest we wait until next year to be able to celebrate this properly. In the meantime, though, households or social bubbles might like to go together to visit their family graves and perhaps take a candle and water to bless the grave and say a prayer. In many ways, the present situation invites creativity which, as we possibly found during Holy week, can be refreshing. Be creative! While we won't have an All Souls' Day mass this week, we will build it into our mass for All Saints this weekend.



**Are you willing to listen?** The 'Enhanced Listening Skills' course for November is now fully booked. There will be a further course in the new year.

**Unlocking the mystery of the bible':** A free eight-week on-line bible study on Mondays 7.30 – 8.30pm beginning 2 November. Further details from [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)



**World Missions:** Those red mission boxes you may have at home.....

Donations can be accepted in ordinary envelopes by Marion McLoughlin, Madeline McLoughlin

or Geraldine Barnes. Sadly, they can't accept coins.

**'Northern Cross':** The newspaper which gives news, comment and chat from parishes, partnerships and schools all over our diocese. 'Northern Cross' is struggling financially and is hoping to attract more people to subscribe to this monthly newspaper, either for an online edition or for a real paper copy. The annual cost is £36 for a paper edition through the post or £20 for an online version. Perhaps you might think about this. The November edition is out now. If you want more information, please phone **01429-274408** or email [editor.norcross@btconnect.com](mailto:editor.norcross@btconnect.com)

**Long, long ago .....** Margaret Coonan was selling tickets for an Easter raffle. And then it all stopped abruptly because of lock-down. However, Margaret has recently sorted out tickets and prizes and so - if you still have tickets - here are the winning numbers: (1) Blue ticket 261; (2) Green 131; (3) Blue 253; (4) Blue 174; (5) Green 61; (6) Blue 293; (7) Blue 227; (8) Blue 28; (9) Green 56; (10) Green 103; (11) Green 69; (12) Blue 127; (13) Green 92; (14) Blue 260; (15) Blue 132; (16) Blue 107; (17) Green 146; (18) Blue 295; (19) Blue 96; (20) Green 34; (21) Blue 219; (22) Blue 199; (23) Blue 302. Winners can ring **07340-085673** to claim prizes.

**Hospital visits:** If you know of a patient wanting a visit in hospital, please inform Fr Paul Tully on 01388-818544 .

**'Team 2' Stewards for masses next weekend:**  
**UM:** Elsie Vasey, John Alderton, Esther Martin, Lynn Dumighan.  
**Esh:** Stuart Cox, John Flynn, Anne McMahon, Karen Thompson.  
**Newhouse:** Colleen Brown, Angela McKenna, Kevin Quigley, Bill Donnelly.