



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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) : 25 October 2020

Relationships and Religion: People speak a lot about how much they have missed family and friends these past seven months. Phone calls, emails, Whatsapp, Facetime etc have been a salvation but they cannot substitute for a real hug. We have missed our grandchildren, our sometimes quite elderly parents, and missed meeting up with friends. People have longed for 'communion' in that broader meaning of companionship and togetherness. This 'communion' and connectedness is part of what it means to be human, and many of us have missed it and feel the poorer for it. Today's scripture readings remind us that a life of faith is not only about our relationship with God; it's also about how we relate with one another. '*You must not be harsh with one another*', the Lord tells Moses. And, when Jesus is asked which is the greatest of the commandments he says '*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind*'. But Jesus then follows this with '*... and you must love your neighbour as yourself*'. Perhaps 'communion' and 'holy communion' are more closely linked than we thought. -David Coxon

	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse	St Joseph's Langley Park
Saturday 24 October	6.00 pm Mass For everyone in our parish; Veronica Halpin; Ann Skelton			
Sunday 25 October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>		9.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish; Winnie Lyons; Joan Brennan; Marion Redmond; James & Anne Redmond; Maggie Rowntree	10.30 am Mass For everyone in our parish; Noreen Fodden; Joan Emmerson.	
Friday 30 October				10.30am Mass Oswin Towns (Snr)
Saturday 31 October <i>Feast of All Saints</i>	6.00 pm Mass For everyone in our parish; Alice & Patrick Glennon; Gannon family			
Sunday 1 November <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.	

Recently deceased: John James Lowes (father of Natalie Maughan)

Anniversaries:

St Joseph's: Maureen Thompson, Karen David, Beatrice Keenan, Ann-Marie Kirkup, Annie Briggs, Frank Kelly, Henry Kirkup, Veronica Thompson.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: Joseph Lyons, Billy Kemp, Frances Fairless, Catherine Duffy, Patrick Dumighan, John Barrigan, Bessie Hogarth, Rose Bastain.

St Michael's: John Tallentire, Catherine Duffy, John Tobin, Mary Wrangham, Joan & Wes Dunnhill, Peter Dodds.

British Summer Time: Clocks go *back* one hour this Saturday night (24 October)

Hospital visits: If you know of a patient who wants a visit from the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, please inform Fr Paul Tully on 01388 818544 or frpaultully@outlook.com

Forty Martyrs: It is 50 years this Sunday since the canonisation of our Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, including St John Boste, our parish patron.

World Missions: An item we forgot to include last week about the red mission boxes..... Donations can be accepted in ordinary envelopes by Marion McLoughlin, Madeline McLoughlin or Geraldine Barnes. Sadly, they can't accept coins.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 odd situation whereby we 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 the **Parish Office** this coming **WEDNESDAY** on **373 0219** between **10.00am – 2.00pm**, or phone **Bill Donnelly** on **THURSDAY** on **07896- 782529** or **373 4284** between **5.00 – 6.00pm**. Once people have booked in for mass a number of practical things need to be followed through so can it 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. Remember too that it is now obligatory to wear a face covering in all enclosed public spaces, including all of our churches. And, as ever, with all our churches now open it would be good to have additional help with stewarding and cleaning. 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 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'.

'Northern Cross': This is the newspaper which gives news, comment and chat from parishes, partnerships and schools all over our diocese. 'Northern Cross' 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. The November edition will be out next weekend. If you want more information, please phone **01429-274408** or email editor.norcross@btconnect.com

Is there anything which has 'kept you going' these past few months? Maybe a particular book, a poem, a memory, a person, a piece of music, a view.... What?



Mary's meals: Mary's Meals is a **global movement** which sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger

prevent children from gaining an education. To discover more in a very practical way you may like to watch a video message about Mary's Meals. This video contains includes a message from Sister Medhin, working in Ethiopia. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3sM_UQvIQ&t=13s

Feast of Douai Martyrs: Ushaw College was built in 1808. In earlier days, in the 1500's and 1600's it was illegal under pain of death to be caught as a Catholic priest in this country. People then went abroad to train as priests and one such college was Douai in what is now Northern France. John Boste is one priest who trained there before arriving in Hartlepool to begin his ministry in our area. We will keep the feast of Douai Martyrs on Friday.

The Spirituality of the Dominicans: Our Finchale Partnership is holding a series of events on the Spirituality of the religious orders. The events are taking place on Zoom. The second event in our series is: *The Spirituality of the Dominicans*. Speaker: Fr. Benjamin Earl OP who was parish priest at St. Cuthbert's and University Chaplain, from 2012 to 2016. Date: Thursday 29th October at 7.00pm Details of how to join the session are available in the parish Facebook group or by contacting margaretdoyle1066@sky.com

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

Readings **next weekend (All Saints)** : Revelation [or 'Apocalypse'] 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12



Operation Christmas Child: the annual appeal for shoe box gifts brings Good News and great joy to children around the world - something needed more than ever in 2020. If anyone feels able to pack a shoe box, please contact the Parish Office

or Karen Thompson (01914475308 or karen.thompson71@talktalk.net) to arrange safe supply of your empty box & leaflet and safe pick up of your filled box. The last date for collection is Sunday 8th November. Alternatively, you can pack a shoe box/donate online: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

National Rosary Rally: Saturday 31 October 9.00am – 9.00pm. Further information from www.walsingham.org.uk

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