



St John Boste Parish, West Durham

Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor

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Second Sunday of the Season of Lent (Year B) : 28 February 2021

Transfigured: The gospels were never intended simply to tell Jesus' life story. They were written to convey something of what those early Christians had come to believe about Jesus so that these beliefs could be passed on to the next generation of Christians. What the gospel writers do, then, is to search the Hebrew bible (or Old Testament) for the ways in which earlier generations described God, and they now use this imagery to describe Jesus. They looked at how people responded and reacted in the presence of God, and then present people as having similar responses in the presence of Jesus. So, traditionally, the place where people experienced God was up a high mountain where everything was silent. God was often portrayed as being hidden within a cloud to indicate God's mystery. And just as Moses, after meeting God, had come down from the mountain with the two tablets of stone (the Ten Commandments) and his face was so bright that his fellow Jews shielded their faces, so now we have Jesus presented as taking his disciples up a high mountain where his clothes became dazzlingly white and a voice comes from the cloud saying 'This is my Son; listen to him'. This is what the gospel writers wanted to convey to future generations about what they now believed about Jesus. "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse
Saturday 27 February <i>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	6.00pm mass For everyone in our parish Ron Jackson		
Sunday 28 February <i>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</i>			10.30am mass For everyone in our parish Christine Potts
Saturday 6 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	6.00pm mass For everyone in our parish Tommy and Ruby Stoddart		
Sunday 7 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>			10.30am mass For everyone in our parish Anne and Harry Adams; Alice McKenna

Anniversaries: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: Kathleen McKenna, Kathleen Brown, Rosina Keeling, Annie Lyons, Nora Knox, Anne Adams, Josephine Murphy, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary McGinn.

St Joseph's: Felix Mooney, John Burke, Norah Boyd, Patrick Everett, Francis Doran, Edmund Burke, John Joyce, Keenan family, Thomas G. Stoddart, Robert Ward.

St Michael's: Rose Grieve, Alan Lamb, Lesley Dunhill, Anthony Marley, Thomas Foy, Joyce Beavis, Bishop Kevin Dunn (2008).

Church cleaners during this week (1-6 March) (Team 1) - if needed.

St Joseph's:	St Michael's:	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:
Elsie Vasey, Margaret Coonan, Claire Oman, Janet Dawson.	Jill Cox, Stuart Cox, Eileen Tallentire, Shelagh Robinson.	Angela McKenna, Catherine McKeown, Cecilia Wharton, Kevin Quigley.

Stewards next weekend (6/7 March) (Team 2) - if needed

St Joseph's:	St Michael's:	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:
Elsie Vasey, John Alderton, Esther Martin, Lynn Dumighan.	Stuart Cox, John Flynn.	Colleen Brown, Angela McKenna, Kevin Quigley, Catherine McKeown.

Saturday 6.00pm mass at St Joseph's (27 February).... This mass is now being recorded most weeks for the 'St John Boste YouTube' channel and should usually be available from Sunday.

Lenten reflections: The 'Lenten Reflections' with a thought for every day are available on our diocesan website (rcdhn.org.uk) and can also be requested by daily email from the diocese. If you would like a *paper copy* of these reflections during Lent then please let us know at the Parish Office and a copy can be printed off for you (Tel. 373 0219 or email stjosephs.ushawmoor@btopenworld.com)

Art and Prayer for each day: See www.Christian.Art Well worth a look!

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT (Year B)

Masses: While more and more people have now had a vaccine, we still need to be vigilant at all times. The vaccine on its own, brilliant though it is, only goes so far. We are still asked to stay at home as far as possible. When we do go out it remains important that each of us continues to maintain proper social distancing, wearing a face covering which covers both mouth and nose, and regular washing of hands with soap and water or a suitable hand sanitiser. Try not to rely on only one precaution. Even when wearing a face covering it is still advisable to stand at least 2 metres apart. A further precaution we take is the cleaning of all our churches with water & disinfectant in advance of every opening - weekend masses, funerals, Holy Days and, eventually, First Communion masses.... If you would like to offer help with this 30-minute clean as part of a team, please contact the Parish Office (3730219). We are currently having ...

6.00pm mass on Saturday 6 March at St Joseph's and then a
10.30am on Sunday 7 March at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Since we still need to keep distance in church then it remains important to phone in to book a place for mass. Please note the days and the times when, this week, you can book a place for these masses:-

- > **01740-469532 between 10.00am – 2.00pm on Wednesday,**
- or > **0191- 366 9465 between 5.00 – 6.00pm on Thursday.**



Virtual Parish Coffee Morning: For the past few months, we have been holding a regular Parish Coffee Morning on Thursdays, to help us all to keep in touch during lockdown. Of course,

many people are at work, and aren't able to join on Thursdays, so for the next few weeks, our coffee morning will move to Saturdays at 10.30am; the next one will be on 6th March. The Zoom details are published in our Facebook group, or are available from christine.brennan61@gmail.com

First Holy Communion:

Children and parents preparing for confession and First Communion might like to get into the way of coming along to share in our weekend masses. Each week this newsletter offers the phone numbers and the times for booking places at mass.



Lenten Lectio Divina: During Lent, we are invited to reflect each day on the Gospel reading for the coming weekend, using Lectio Divina, a prayerful reading of the Gospel text. Each week we supply a prayer sheet, which is on our website, to help you to do this in preparation for the following Sunday. On Monday evenings during Lent, you can also join us at 7.30pm on Zoom to reflect on the Gospel passage together. The Zoom details are published in our Facebook group, or are available from christine.brennan61@gmail.com If those without on-line access would like a paper copy of this, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Anchors: At the beginning of Lent, we published an information leaflet about Parish Anchors, parishioners who are able to make a commitment to pray each day for our parish, our partnership and our diocese. We suggested a special intention for their prayers for each week of Lent. Unfortunately, last week's newsletter didn't include the prayer intention. The Prayer Intention for this week is: *"For the people of St John Boste Parish, that this season of Lent may be a time of deeper conversion for our parish."*

Holy Week and Easter: Holy Week and Easter 2020 will forever stand out in our memories since all places of worship were closed during that first lock-down and, during a period of lovely sunshine, we were all invited to be creative and to celebrate the feast as well as we could. How will Holy Week be this year?? How will we be able to celebrate? At present, we don't know. However, our Pastoral Council is to have a Zoom meeting this Thursday, 4 March, to share a few ideas and possibilities - just to be prepared.

Foodbank: Next weekend will be the first in March, the time when we would normally have invited donations of food for the Food Bank. As you are aware, this cannot happen at present but the depot is as busy as ever, providing a lifeline to people in crisis: people who never expected to apply for benefits or need a foodbank. They are grateful for our continued generosity, by prayer and monetary donations (allowing them to target buy the things they most need). To get or to give help, please go to their website: durham.foodbank.org.uk, or telephone 0191 303 7559

Lent masses: prayer initiative; Each of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has been asked to have a dedicated Mass for those who have suffered in any way, and especially for those who have died, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The designated date for England and Wales is Tuesday, 2 March 2021. Cardinal Nichols, as President of our Bishops' Conference, will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral which will be live-streamed on the Westminster Cathedral Website. Bishop Robert will celebrate this Mass in our Cathedral on that day at 12.05.

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'.

Readings for next weekend (Third Sunday of Lent): Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25; Gospel of John 2: 13-25

- What are the Ten Commandments all about?
- And is it acceptable for Jesus to get 'angry'??