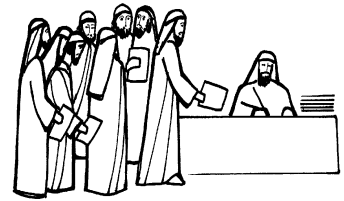




**West Durham Catholic Parishes:
Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park and Ushaw Moor**

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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 |
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| Saturday 21 September <i>St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist</i> | 6.00 pm Mass Ron Jackson & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 22 September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Norman Gowland, Peter White & People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass Joyce Towns & People of the Parish | |
| Monday 23 September | | | | |
| Tuesday 24 September | 9.15 am Welcome Mass (with School) <i>No Confessions</i> | | | |
| Wed 25 September | | 9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention | | |
| Thursday 26 Sept | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Friday 27 September | | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention |
| Saturday 28 September <i>St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist</i> | 6.00 pm Mass Monica Mitten & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 29 September <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond, James and Anne Redmond Maggie Rowntree & People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass John Lawlor & People of the Parish | |

Sick: Ann Waugh, Faith Wilthew, Caitlin Minnis from Ushaw Moor.
 Connor Robinson, John Fairbrass Jnr from Esh Winning. Nichol Moralee from Esh.

Recently Dead: Alan Christopher Wright (Esh Winning), Service at Durham Crematorium this Thursday at 1.00 pm.
 Brian Elley (Bearpark); Funeral Mass at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor on Tuesday 1st October at 11.00 am.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: John Dodds, Ellen McQuillan, Brenda McQuillan, Gladys Lowery, Tom Nicholson, Hugh Keenan, Veronica Scales, Barbara Pattinson

Esh Winning: Jill Oliver, Sarah Raynor, Anne Tomlinson, Noreen Harrison, Joyce Towns, Charlie Pickersgill, Rose Ann Morris, Terence Sullivan, John Wood, Elizabeth Makepeace, Katy Mullen.

Esh & Langley Park: Mary Bailey, William McTear, Peter White, Ellie Lavelle, John Coulson, Agnes Cairns, Jack Penny, Anne Redmond, Michael Hennessy, Michael Mullaney.

Collection Details:
 Ushaw Moor: £147.49
 Esh: £307.10
 Esh Winning: Attendance: 62 Collection: £102.44

| | Ushaw Moor | Esh/Langley Park | Esh Winning |
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| Holy Communion Ministers | <u>Peter Murray</u> Cath Rae Jo Smith | <u>Emma Peverall</u> Karen Thompson Jo Bresnen | Colin Davies & Kenneth Kitching |
| Readers | Christine Brennan | Sheila Robinson Geraldine Granath | Kathleen Flatley & Anne Lawlor |
| Prayers of Intercession | | | |
| Welcomer | | Chris Thompson | |
| Children's Liturgy | | Gerri Yates Noreen Gardner | |
| Counting Team | Billy Donnelly & Sean Cantwell | | Colleen Brown & Lynda Elliott |

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Money. In Jewish tradition, if you were wealthy, then it was a sign of being blest by God. If you were poor then it was seen to be a sign of God's displeasure with you. It can still be seen that way by some. Yet, Jewish people had a responsibility *because of their faith* to support the poor. Not to use one's wealth to benefit others was then seen to be wrong and unjust. In fact, it was viewed as a greater sin than anything the poor people themselves might have done. This perception can be useful background to understanding today's scripture readings. In the first reading Amos notices the priests of the temple at 'their day job', serving people at stalls in the local market - and looking out for ways to swindle the customers. The man in Jesus' parable story is about to be sacked and so decides to secure his future by letting people off from what they owe his employer. The underlying message seems to be that it is good to have money, so long as we use it wisely and justly in a way that benefits other people. David Coxon

Parish Pastoral Councils:

- St Joseph's, Tuesday, September 24th, 7.30pm in the Parish Office;
- OLQM, Thursday, September 26th, 7.00pm in our Parish Centre;

If you wish to raise any agenda item for a meeting, please contact the Parish Office.

Finance meeting (St Michael's). Meeting this Tuesday (24th), 1.30pm at Margaret Sands' house.

Parish Pastoral Council: We hope to form a new Parish Pastoral Council for when our three parishes come together into the new parish of 'St John Boste'. Newhouse and Ushaw Moor didn't need elections because of having just enough nominations to the Pastoral Council. St Michael's, however, needed two elected representatives and the second place was a tie. We had a further run-off election last weekend with the following result: Sue Wicks: **48** votes. Jonathan Yates: **22** votes. Sue is therefore elected to the Pastoral Council. Thank you to everyone who participated in this. The members of the new Pastoral Council will be: Geraldine Barnes, Christine Brennan, Colleen Brown, Bill Donnelly, Angela McKenna, Anne McMahon, Phil Mackie, Peter Murray, Joanne Sands, Jim Shoulder, Karen Thompson and Sue Wicks. Kevin Quigley is to be an ex-officio member as treasurer.

An invitation: Recently there have been some building alterations to All Saints Anglican Church in Langley Park. During the time this work has been going on Rev Michael Peers and his congregation were using our church at St Joseph's, Langley Park. The vicar has sent a warm letter of thanks and says there is to be a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints this Sunday (September 22nd) at 5.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments and music. If anyone would like to go along to that service to see what the church now looks like then everyone will be most welcome.

Weekday masses: Please check times of masses this week!

Shoe Box Appeal: Judith Hemmingfield said recently that, for health reasons, she no longer feels able to help with the 'Shoe Box Appeal' at Ushaw Moor. Sadly, since this was mentioned, another great 'Shoe Box' helper,

Brian Elley, died suddenly. If anyone would like to help with this popular charity then please contact the Parish Office (373 0219).



Annual Mass count : Today, and the next three weekends.

Last Night of the Proms: There is to be a special 'Last Night of the Proms' at Ushaw College on Saturday, October 12th, 7.30pm. This will be with Easington Colliery Band and the Ushaw Chapel Choir. Tickets: £10 (under 18's: £2) from Tel. 0191-373 8500 or www.ushawboxoffice.com

Partnership: Last weekend we had a statement read out at mass about church properties in our Partnership area. The statement pointed out that, between 1985 and 2017, mass attendance in our diocese fell by 64%. This means that, across the diocese, we now have many buildings that are under-used. This situation places an increasing burden on parish volunteers to manage the properties, and to maintain them. Our Partnership is being asked to look ahead to 2030 (*just over ten years from now*) to identify our priorities in relation to the buildings that we have. Each parish is being asked to conduct a Community Audit to look at our own buildings. Perhaps you would like to assist with this.... If you are interested then have a word with the people who read out that message (Bill Donnelly, Ushaw Moor; Jill Cox, Esh; Angela McKenna, Newhouse), or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Children and prayer: 'The Tablet' is a weekly newspaper which looks at world news, national news and church news from the perspective of faith. There was a interesting article recently about children and prayer, and how children very naturally take to meditative prayer. The article is entitled '*Born contemplative*' and offers practical suggestions to help parents embed meditative prayer into their family life. There are a few copies on [blue](#) paper at the back of church if you should like to pick one up.

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