



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

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	<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 5 October</b>	6.00 pm Mass Gannon and Glennon Families, Pat Loftus (Keelty) & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 6 October</b> <i>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass John Coulson, Dec'd Members of the Foy Family & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Peter Rochford & Dec'd of Rochford & Brennan Families & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>				
<b>Tuesday 8 October</b>	6.15 pm Confessions 7.00 pm Mass NBF			
<b>Wednesday 9 October</b>		9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention		
<b>Thursday 10 October</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 11 October</b>				9.15 am Mass Mass of Thanksgiving (VC)
<b>Saturday 12 October</b>	6.00 pm Mass Monica Mitten & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 13 October</b> <i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Karl Stonebank, Kenneth Robson & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Doris & Jimmy Wilson & 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. Frank Coates from Langley Park.

**Anniversaries:**

**Ushaw Moor:** Bernard Martin, Mary Keelty, Fred Witty, Ian Brown, Joe Halliday, Gertrude McQuillan, Brian Sowerby, Cuthbert Dixon, Maureen Whitfield, Eleanor Howard, Anne Flatley.

**Esh Winning:** Patrick Mullen, Doris Wilson, Isabella Young, Robert Collinson, Dick Wilson, Douglas McElwee, Elizabeth Cole, John Peel, Bill Sands, Mary Quigley, Sheila McElween.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Jack Hayton, Minnie Heels, June Calvert, Mary O'Connor, Bro. Denis Casey CMF, Kenneth Robinson, Catherine Sherlock, Mary Ellen Dixon, Elizabeth Fawcett.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £191.50  
 Esh: £197.40  
 Esh Winning: Attendance: 50 Collection: £124.13

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes <u>Uma Nicholson</u> Siobhan McMahan-Walsh	<u>Karen Thompson</u> Veronica Chapman Emma Peverall	Cecilia Wharton & Colleen Brown
Readers	John Thornton	Ann Rush Elizabeth Hidson	Bill McCormick & David Lowe
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Jean Ruddock	
Children's Liturgy		Gerri Yates Anne McMahan	
Counting Team	Ruth Outterside Angela Jones		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



**Outrage, violence, discord .....** We are hearing of a world that is pulling itself apart. There are factions, opposing sides, extreme language and opinions being expressed. The people are feeling deeply unsettled by all of this. In today's first reading the prophet Habakkuk is as unsettled as anyone else. But he is also troubled by the fact that God seems not to be listening to his prayer as all this chaos is going on. Habakkuk asks why God seems only to look on 'while there is injustice and tyranny'. At last, the Lord speaks to Habakkuk's heart: "*See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights. But the upright person will live by his faithfulness*". Today's readings encourage us to deepen our faith and trust in God. Perhaps we can start this journey with a small step. Take only a few moments; ask God to help you trust him and to have confidence in God during today.

David Coxon

**Food bank:** items welcome today. Thank you.

**'Northern Cross':** news from across our diocese available today.

**Partnership:** Recently we had a statement at mass about church properties in our area. The statement pointed out that, between 1985 and 2017, mass attendance in our diocese fell by 64% (100,000 to 31,000). 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. It would be good to have some people from our parishes assist with this. There will be a couple of workshops to guide us with this. Perhaps you would like to help ....

**Last Night of the Proms:** There is to be a special 'Last Night of the Proms' at Ushaw College on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.ushawboxoffice.com)



**Fast day:** On Friday we had the opportunity to share in a voluntary 'fast day'. This was to give us the experience of feeling what it is like to feel hungry. It was also a

chance to donate the cost of a meal to people in our world who are hungry *every day* of the year. If you have forgotten to return your donation envelope then just bring it along next weekend. Thank you.

**MacMillan Coffee Day:** Melanie and Judy thank everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Day, which raised £2,622.80.

**John Henry Newman:** Newman was an Anglican clergyman born in 1801. He was both a scholar and a man of deep faith who felt increasingly drawn to the Catholic church. He was eventually welcomed into the Church as a Catholic in 1845. His views on the significance of each individual's conscience, and his understanding of how church doctrine is not 'static' but must always 'develop', contributed greatly to the Church's rediscovery of its identity and mission at the Second Vatican Council over a hundred years later (1962-64). John Henry Newman is to be formally recognised to be a saint by Pope Francis in Rome next Sunday.

**Preparing for sacraments:** On Wednesday evening we had a preliminary meeting for parents to introduce our approach to preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion over the next few months. This is for children in Year 4 or above who have already been baptised Catholic and our programme is designed to support children and their parents to deepen their faith in God and to feel more a part of our faith-community. If parents feel that they and their children are ready to share in this 'journey of faith' then perhaps they could let me have their completed yellow sheets by this Monday evening. You can either drop them off at the Parish Office at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor or leave at the office of your child's primary school. Once we know how many families are wanting to participate in this preparation we will contact you with further information.

**From the bishop's letter .....** In his letter two weeks ago Bishop Robert said that the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is being taken to every Catholic cathedral, in England, and would be in St Mary's cathedral, Newcastle from October 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome to go along to our cathedral. To help us prepare for this, and to assist generally with our own prayer lives, a selection of prayers is available at the back of church on 'salmon coloured' paper. Please take a copy.

**Partnership Open Day:** Reminder: This Sunday (October 6<sup>th</sup>) we are invited to visit St Joseph's, Gilesgate for food, music, prayer and history. All welcome, 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

**Esh Winning Mission Boxes:** The next collection will be October 20<sup>th</sup>. Kim Jennings would be delighted if anyone could help her with the mission boxes. Contact the parish office.

**Bible Study:** On Monday 7 October our monthly DH7 ecumenical Lectionary Gospel based Bible study will take place St Andrew's Brandon, 3:30-4:45pm. Everyone welcome.

**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