



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.



| | 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 1 February <i>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</i> | 6.00 pm Mass Sheila Kelly & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Special Intention (T.D.A.H.) & People of the Parish | 10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn & People of the Parish | |
| Monday 3 February | | | | |
| Tuesday 4 February | 7.00 pm Mass (Confessions at 6.15pm) | | | |
| Wednesday 5 February | | 9.15 am Mass School Chapel Priest's Intention | 9.15am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Thursday 6 February | | | 9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention | |
| Friday 7 February | | | | |
| Saturday 8 February <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i> | 6.00 pm Mass Joan Brennan Rec Dec'd & People of the Parish | | | |
| Sunday 9 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i> | | 9.00 am Mass Marion Redmond, James & Anne Redmond, Maggie Rowntree, James Patrick Sherry. Dec'd Members of the Sherry Family & People of Parish | 10.30 am Mass Matty & Rachel Suddes, Dowdall Family & 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 Langley Park.

Recently dead: Eileen Nelson (Ushaw Moor), Funeral Mass at St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor on Tuesday 11 February at 10.15 am.

Anniversaries:

Ushaw Moor: Henry Brady, Margaret Kelly, Margaret McQuillan, Aidan Keenan, Jean McCarron, Clifton Ward, Agnes Joyce, Joseph Boyes.

Esh Winning : Nora Jones, Clive Hogarth, Leo Traynor, Thomas Conroy, Teresa Rochford, Ann Teresa McManus, Vincent Barrigan, Bernadette Watkin.

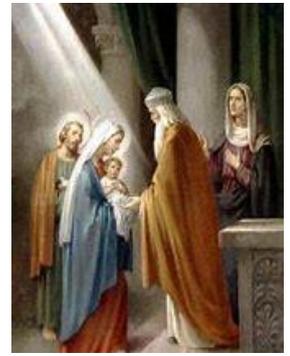
Esh & Langley Park: Frederick Smith, Val Barkham, Agnes & George Curtis, Robert Wilkinson, Angela Tobin, Rev. John McHugh, Margaret Caygill, Olga Johnson, Anne Marie Johnston, William Mullaney, Clare Crawford, John Marley.

Collection Details: Ushaw Moor: £198.10;
 St Michael's, Esh: £
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £111.97 Attendance: 61

| | Ushaw Moor | Esh/Langley Park | Esh Winning |
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| Holy Communion Ministers | <u>Lisa Cummings</u> Lauren Blakey Christina Parker | <u>Shelagh Robinson</u> Jonathan Yates Lynn Dumighan | Beryl Shoulder & Lynda Elliott |
| Readers | David McDonough | Jean Ruddock Stuart Cox | David Low & J.S. |
| Prayers of Intercession | | | |
| Welcomer | | Noreen Gardner | |
| Children's Liturgy | | First Communion Liturgy | |
| Counting Team | Billy Donnelly Sean Cantwell | | Phil & Paula Mackie |
| Coffee Morning | | | Angela & Susan |

Living Faith: January to March 2020 available at the back of Church, priced £1

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Spread the light! Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord when, forty days after his birth, Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God. This was a regular occurrence so that parents could give thanks to God for the birth of a child. As Mary and Joseph approach the Temple, they are met by an old man called Simeon, 'an upright and devout man, one on whom the Holy Spirit rested'. Simeon took the child Jesus into his arms and gave praise to God saying: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see. He is a light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus is described as a light to enlighten others. We, his Church, are called upon to work together to discover how best we might bring a bit of light into the lives of others. Not in a condescending way, but by way of serving others. At the end of mass today we will be invited to take a candle home with us. Light your candle, perhaps, when you pray. Light it as you pray for others. Use it as a reminder of your calling to lighten people's lives. Look for little ways in which you can 'spread the light'.

David Coxon

The Presentation of the Lord: There seem to be several 'conclusions' to the season of Christmas. One is that after 'the twelve days of Christmas' we end the season on the feast of the Epiphany. Generally, within the Church, we continue until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Yet there is also an ancient tradition that the season of Christmas ends on February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord - otherwise known as Candlemas. Today's feast falls forty days after December 25th.

Food bank: Thank you very much, as ever, for all the items brought in today for the food bank. We will let you know the total amount next week. The next collection for the food bank will be March 7/8th.

Preparing for Sacraments: Our next meeting for children and parents preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be at the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club this Wednesday, February 5th at 6.30pm. We will be thinking about the significance of why there is an emphasis on saying 'thank you' at mass. We will also have a short liturgy during masses next weekend.

Advance notice: Ash Wednesday : February 26th;
Easter Sunday: April 12th.

Newhouse Coffee Morning Reminder: After Mass next Sunday. All welcome.

'The God who Speaks' 'The God who Speaks' is a national venture to encourage us to engage more with God's word in the bible. Over the next few months we hope to advertise a number of events within the diocese and also in our own partnership. I know that a lot of Catholics don't feel very confident with the bible. And then we can be embarrassed to admit it! For example, each weekend we have readings from the bible at mass and it could be that many of us feel a bit lost in understanding those readings. One thing we are planning in our partnership is a very basic introduction to the bible. I did wonder if, in advance of that, there might be any interest in a *very basic introduction* to that introduction! This would not be over academic, but I hope it could prove to be helpful. Perhaps we could try Thursday evenings. Like to come along? We will have our first session at St Joseph's, Langley Park at 7.00 -8.30pm on Thursday, February 6th. On that occasion we might take a gentle look at the storyline of the entire bible. In about an hour! Come and have a cup of tea before the meeting and we will try to get started at 7.00pm. When the partnership sessions are ready to roll then we will advertise these.

'Lepra': Next weekend we will have guest speaker coming to our masses to speak about 'Lepra'. This is a charity which seeks to relieve the effects of leprosy which is still a very real disease in our world. Even a small amount of money can go a long way in benefiting someone suffering from leprosy. Further information available at www.lepra.org.uk

Thank you: Many thanks to all who buy cards etc from the repository stall at St Joseph's church. Thanks too for the dedication with which Ruth Outterside and Angela Jones look after the shop. Ruth and Angela recently gave £250 to the parish.

Friday mass: Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our regular mass at Langley Park on Friday. This is because the bishop is wanting to have an important meeting with clergy about the gathering of our Catholic schools into academies. There will be another day of in-service training for clergy on Friday, February 28th.

Those who are sick: If ever you, or some relative or friend, may be sick then please don't hesitate to ask me as your priest to call to see them at home. And also, if someone close to you should be admitted to our local hospital, then please leave a message on the voicemail of Fr Paul Tully, our Catholic chaplain for Durham, Shotley Bridge and Chester le Street. Fr Paul's number (01388 - 818544) can always be found on page 2 of our newsletter. If those who are sick are comfortable with having their name on the sick list in the newsletter then please let us know (373 0219). But please ask their permission before giving in their name to be printed!

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