



**St John Boste Parish, West Durham**  
**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 25 January</b> <i>The Conversation of St Paul, Apostle</i>	6.00 pm Mass Carole Hart & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 26 January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>		9.00 am Mass Joan & Oswin Towns Snr & People of the Parish	10.30 am Mass Olive & Joseph McKenna Snr and Joseph McKenna Jnr, Joan Davies & People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 27 January</b>				
<b>Tuesday 28 January</b>				
<b>Wed 29 January</b>		11.30 am Funeral Mass Joan Brennan	9.15am Mass Private intention	
<b>Thursday 30 January</b>			9.15 am Mass Priest's Intention	
<b>Friday 31 January</b>		10.30 am Funeral Mass Winnie Lyons		
<b>Saturday 1 February</b>	6.00 pm Mass Sheila Kelly & People of the Parish			
<b>Sunday 2 February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>		9.00 am Mass Special Intention (T.D.A.H.) & People of Parish	10.30 am Mass Tony Quinn & 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:** **Joan Brennan** (Langley Park). Funeral Mass on Wednesday 29 January at 11.30 am at St Michael's;  
**Winnie Lyons** (Langley Park), Funeral Mass on Friday 31 January at 10.30 am at St Michael's.  
**Eileen Nelson** (Ushaw Moor)

**Anniversaries: Ushaw Moor:** George Gallagher, Carole Hart, Cynthia Rowland, Agnes Franey, John Webster, Mary Ann Hughes, Tommy Mahan, Arthur Rowland, Joseph O'Brien, Ann Taylor, Rose Jean Dawson, Martha Jennings, Mary Killian, John Martin, Winifred Harrington,

**Esh Winning :** Betty Cantwell, Thomas Brown, Jack McElwee, Lawrence Matthew Close, Mary Carroll, Fr Edward Beech, Fr Francis Reed, Tony Quinn.

**Esh & Langley Park:** Jack Callan, Agnes Thompson, George Smith, Marie Sherry, Laurence Standing, John Brennan, Margaret Mary Clitheroe, Tom Quinn, Edward Wallis, John Lyons, Joseph Armstrong, Gladys Lynn, Elizabeth Quinn, Mona Brown, Richard Ryan, Bridie Tobin, Val Barkham, Frederick Smith, Agnes and George Curtis.

**Collection Details:** Ushaw Moor: £149.80;  
 St Michael's, Esh: £233.50;  
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: £111.55. Attendance: 67

	<b>Ushaw Moor</b>	<b>Esh/Langley Park</b>	<b>Esh Winning</b>
Holy Communion Ministers	Geraldine Barnes Uma Nicholson <u>Siobhan McMahan-Walsh</u>	<u>Denise Kendall</u> Shelagh Robinson Margaret Hallam	Colleen Brown & Gerard Towns
Readers	Christine Brennan	Anne McMahan Jill Cox	Lynda Elliott & Bill McCormick
Prayers of Intercession			
Welcomer		Chris Thompson	
Children's Liturgy		Donna Hunter & Pat Ives	
Counting Team	Lesley & John Thornton		Angela White & Susan Carmedy



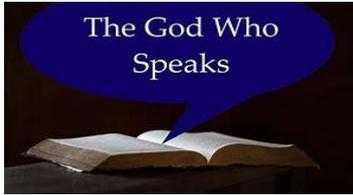
**Drawn to the Light.** The liturgy this week and next both speak about 'the light'. 'Light' and 'darkness' are powerful symbols. We speak about being '*left in the dark*' when we feel excluded or confused, and about '*seeing the light*' when we gain a sense of direction and purpose in our lives. Where are the areas of 'darkness' in your own life at present? Take heart from today's reading from the prophet Isaiah: '*The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone*'.

David Coxon

**'White Flower Appeal': £179.47.**

**Advent Alms: £42.91.**

**Peace Sunday: £83.23.**



**'The God who Speaks':** You may have heard about '*The God who Speaks*'. This 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 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! I would be very happy to offer a few sessions to give something of the background storyline of the bible. This would not be over academic, but I hope it could prove to be helpful. Perhaps we could try Thursday evenings. If you would like to come along, we will have our first session at **St Joseph's, Langley Park at 7.00pm on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.** - David Coxon

**Pastoral Council:** At our recent Pastoral Council, it was felt while we had been invited to celebrate our Holy Week services at Ushaw College this year we sensed a preference that our services take place in our own churches. We also looked at the following areas that we might focus on in our pastoral approach: welcoming and communication, young people, outreach, prayer and spirituality, buildings and maintenance. It was also suggested that photographs of Pastoral Council members be displayed at the back of each church so that parishioners could identify who those members are.

**Churches Together:** This is the regular meeting of the ecumenical group for all the Christians of our area. This next meeting will be held in the Ushaw Moor Catholic Club on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm (Refreshments) for a 7.00pm start. I hadn't realised that this meeting had been arranged for the Catholic Club on a Tuesday evening so it would seem to be better to cancel our 7.00pm mass this week to save conflicting with this meeting at the very same time. Everyone very welcome to come along to the Churches Together meeting.



**Food bank:** Everything welcome for next weekend's collection, but there is a special call for long life fruit juice and tinned spaghetti.

**A Prayer by Thomas Merton:** "My God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I *think* I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that *the desire* to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

**Holocaust Memorial Day:** In our diocese it is now become a significant occasion in the diary to celebrate Holocaust Memorial Day. This usually involves a survivor of the concentration camps giving a talk about experiences in the camps, and also about attitudes since. This year sees the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. We are invited to go along to St Michael's RC Secondary School, Beamish Road, Billingham, TS23 3DX on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 – 9.00pm. All welcome.

**Next weekend:** Next weekend we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord when, forty days after his birth, Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem. This was a regular thing for parents to give thanks to God for the birth of a child, but it was also their opportunity to present Jesus to God for whatever task God had in mind for their child. At that stage, however, could Mary and Joseph have even guessed what that might be for Jesus! The feast is also known as 'Candlemas' because Jesus is offered as 'a light to enlighten all nations'.

**'Lepra':** In two weeks' time 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 disease in our world. Even a small amount of money can go a long way in benefiting someone suffering from leprosy.

**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