

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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A Prayer for Carers, Nurses and Doctors

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with doctors, nurses and carers, as they act as agents of your healing touch.

In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving; and when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears.

Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter, 26th April, 2020



Dear Parishioner

Here is our parish Newsletter for the coming week.

I do hope you continue to keep well and are in good spirits. Social distancing and lockdown can be challenging for us all especially during this spell of sunny weather, but we are assured it is having a positive effect on curbing the spread of the coronavirus, so I continue to encourage you to follow our Government's instructions to Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives. Please encourage others to do the same.

I do hope some of you who have access to the internet, were able to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols in prayer during the Mass from Westminster Cathedral last Thursday which he offered for the sick and all frontline workers in the NHS and social care. This will be a weekly celebration.

As you are aware a large number of our parishioners do not have access to the internet so please share the information in this Newsletter with them if you can. Perhaps you could give them a ring.

This Newsletter is also on our parish website at: www.stpatricks-felling.co.uk/

Please take care of yourselves and try to pray each day. Strive to read your bible, where you will find comfort and solace in God's Word. Pray for each other and please pray for me.

Keep an eye out for one another in keeping with Government advice, remembering that some parishioners are self isolating.

May the Risen Lord bless you all

Fr. Patterson

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from our Cathedral on a Sunday at 11.30 and on weekdays at 12.00. These services may be viewed live or anytime later at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw

Bishop Robert Barron or Fr. Steve Grunow from Word on Fire, continue to celebrate daily Mass from the bishop's private chapel which is available from 15.15 UK time and which you can view using this link <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

More information and support may be found on our Diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php>

Mass Intentions

I continue to celebrate Mass privately every day and as I suspect it will be quite some time before we are able to reopen our churches I propose to fulfil during this coming week the following Mass Intentions which remained unsaid when we had to close our doors:

Monday: Terry McDonough Tuesday: Brian Quigley
Wednesday: Billy Knowles; Thursday: The sick, NHS & Care Workers
Friday: Flo Rouse Saturday: Fr "P's" Intentions
Sunday: For the intentions of all our parishioners

As you are unable to celebrate Mass with me, you may wish to make this act of spiritual communion:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- all those near and dear to us whose memories we cherish at this time
- and Kathleen Mullen who has died. "Receive Lord into tranquillity and peace the soul of your servant whom you have called from this life. May she be taken up into glory with your Son in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Amen." A private Funeral Service for Kathleen took place last week.

Your weekly offering is our sole source of income

Our churches have to remain closed for what, I suspect, will be quite some time. *I would ask those of you who may feel able, in what I am aware may be difficult times for us all financially, to consider contributing your weekly offering by bank transfer directly into the parish account. It will help us meet our ongoing financial commitments. I am very grateful to those of you who have already chosen to do so.*

Alternatively you might put aside your envelopes each week and bring them along to church once we can reopen and celebrate Mass and socialise together.

The details for bank transfers are as follows:-

For St. Alban's HSBC Bank

Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban

Sort code: 40-34-18

Account No: 92010984

For St. Patrick's HSBC Bank

Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick

Sort code: 40-34-18

Account No: 52010453

A Prayer for this Current Time

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus across the world. We pray for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to our policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to those in distress and calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Asylum Seekers Food Donations Update

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project has had to temporarily close its doors and can no longer accept food donations. They have established a mechanism for sending out monthly 'digital vouchers' to the mobile phones of the most destitute asylum seekers which allow them to purchase goods to the value of £30.00 in nominated supermarkets.

This way of operating is expensive, so if you can support this scheme you may make a donation by Bank transfer to HSBC DHN Destitute Asylum Fund; Sort code: 40-34-18; Account number: 52854058

Other Liturgical Restrictions.

Not only is the celebration of Mass in Church suspended at this time, but the celebration of all other Sacraments and sacramentals is suspended until such time as we are allowed to reopen our churches.

Funeral Masses and Funeral Services are not permitted in our churches. A simple funeral service may be celebrated at the graveside or at the crematorium where numbers attending are limited to 10 people. These Local Authority restrictions are made in the light of the latest guidance from the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities, the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and central Government. The funeral director will guide you in this regard.

Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

Every Thursday one of our Bishops will be celebrating a special evening Mass for the sick, their families, NHS staff, and those working in Social Care.

Acknowledging the community solidarity behind the 'Clap for our Carers' initiative that has seen millions applauding NHS staff and health workers from their doors and windows for the past four weeks, Cardinal Nichols said: "...what we want to do, is add to that public applause, the practice of public prayer, encouraging Catholics to follow Mass and pray before the 8pm applause." "We applaud, but we pray and we pray fervently for them. May God bless them all," he concludes.

Mass this coming Thursday, 30th April will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth from Arundel Cathedral at 19.00 and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO0IzmerQ>

An ear to hear

As part of the pastoral care the Diocese offers during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation.

These can be contacted through St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.