

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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In Gateshead in the week 22nd to 28th March there were 83 recorded cases, an decrease of 31 compared with the previous week, which equates to 41 cases per 100,000 people. The average area in England had 39 cases over the same period.



Easter Sunday
4th April, 2021

**We need everyone to
keep Gateshead safe**

**Coronavirus Measures
are still in place**

Dear Parishioners

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

With the slight easing of restrictions last Monday, I hope you will be able to enjoy a little time with others in keeping with the present restrictions of the rule of six or two households and observing social distancing. It is still so important whether we have been vaccinated or not.

It was uplifting to see so many of you who felt able to come along to St. Patrick's Church to celebrate Maundy Thursday and Good Friday together. I am also grateful for your comments as to how safe you feel inside the Church and for your appreciation of the welcome and assistance you receive from our volunteer stewards. As you are aware, we are keeping to the 2 metre social distancing requirement as laid down in the Government guidelines.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our volunteer stewards for their support and for making it possible to open our Church for some parish Masses and Funerals and to our "telephone operator" for taking your calls ensuring our booking system runs smoothly. Thank you.

Following the removal of the restriction to "Stay at Home" on 29th March, and thanks to the generosity of our volunteers, we will now be able to open St. Patrick's Church for Mass on Tuesdays at 10.00 (no booking will be needed) as well as on a Sunday, at 10.30 when booking will be required. The Tuesday Mass will commence on 13th April due to private funeral services in the Church this coming week.

To reserve a place for Sunday, 11th April please telephone

07526 232124

on Wednesday, 7th April between 10.00 - 12.00

or on Friday, 9th April between 17.30 - 19.00

I am afraid Mass on Easter Sunday is fully booked.

This number will be unavailable outside of the above booking times. Bookings cannot be made via the presbytery telephone number nor by email and can only be made for the approaching Sunday and not for any other dates. **Text messages cannot be accepted as a method of booking.**

You will be asked to provide your name and telephone number to comply with the NHS Test and Trace system and also the number in your family if you are attending as a household. Under the current restrictions you must only sit with members of your own household or bubble and not mix with people from other households.

On arrival at the church you will be welcomed by a steward and your name will be checked against the booking list.

Please remember you are under no obligation to attend Mass. The Sunday obligation is still suspended. You should not come to Church if you are experiencing any signs of Covid-19 or feeling unwell in any way.

In the weeks and months ahead it is still important to look after one another and to pray that the Lord will continue to watch over us and keep us safe.

Lord God, keep us under the shadow of your protection during this time of pandemic. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low so that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord.

God bless you all

Fr. Patterson.

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 especially Pat Donald and Elizabeth Knock
- and Kevin Crinnion who has died. "Receive Lord into tranquillity and peace the soul of your servant whom you have called from this life. May he be taken up into glory with your Son in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Amen."

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from our Cathedral on Sunday at 11.30 and on weekdays at 12.05 and may be found on the [Cathedral website](#)

Mass Intentions

With the exception of Sunday, I will celebrate Mass privately during the week remembering the following Intentions

Monday: Pat Donald

Tuesday: Private Memorial Mass

Wednesday: Knock, Hughes and Kelly Families

Thursday: Private Funeral Mass

Friday: The sick, their families, NHS staff & Care Workers

Saturday: Fr "P's" intentions

Sunday, 10.30 in St. Patrick's Church—booking is necessary : For the intentions of all our parishioners

When you are unable to celebrate Mass with me in Church, 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.

In case you are not aware, a parish priest is obliged to celebrate Mass for the "Intentions of the Parishioners" every Sunday or Holyday, which prevents him from fulfilling personal intentions on those occasions

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.



As of Friday 19th March
126,816 people have
died of the coronavirus
in our country

May they
Rest in Peace

Let us pray

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died from the coronavirus, surround us and all who mourn with your compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope. We make this prayer in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2021

It will not come as a surprise to learn that the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic and the restrictions of travel

What do you believe? An Evening with Fr. Stephen Wang

Fr. Stephen Wang is the author of Sycamore, a programme that has grown into a resource being used throughout the world.

In the bible, Jesus comes to the town of Jericho. A man called Zacchaeus is so curious about Jesus that he climbs a Sycamore tree to get a better view. When he finally meets him, they begin a conversation, and his life is changed forever. The Sycamore tree seemed to be the perfect image of something that helps others to get a wider perspective on life and faith.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission are pleased to welcome Fr. Stephen Wang to our Diocese on Wednesday, 21st April from 19.00 – 20.00 for a virtual conversation about how we can make genuine human connections, share our Catholic faith and reach out for a real sense of community with a spirit of friendship. Booking is essential; please [register online](#)

Roadmap Step 1b:

These are the changes that came into effect on 29th March.

On 31st March, Public Health England medical director Dr Yvonne Doyle has warned in terms of the pandemic "we're not quite out of the woods yet".

"It is encouraging that the death rate is falling, but there are still as many people in hospital now as there were at the start of the second wave, and tens of thousands of us are getting infected every week and could become seriously ill," she says.

"As restrictions lift and the weather improves, we cannot drop our guard. We're not out of the woods quite yet.

"Until all of us are protected it remains essential to follow the steps we know stop the virus from spreading. Kill it by washing your hands, block it by wearing your mask, and maintain a safe social distance in the open air.

"Case numbers are still high in certain places and looking forward they are certainly not predictable. So your actions are still saving lives.



Stay local as much as possible - continue to work from home if you can and keep journeys to a minimum



Six people or two households can meet up outside, including in private gardens



Outdoor sports facilities and open-air swimming pools are allowed to reopen



Non-essential shops, gyms and entertainment venues closed



Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted



Holidays abroad still banned

Parish News by Email

If you are aware of parishioners who would like to receive the Newsletter and other news from the parish by email, please ask them to email Fr. Patterson at felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk and they will be added to our contact list. The Newsletter may also be found on [our parish website](#)

New Offertory Envelopes

The new boxed sets of Offertory envelopes, beginning Sunday, 4th April, 2021, are now available and may be collected from St. Patrick's Church after Mass on Sundays.

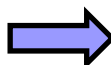
Thanks to an offer of help, new Gift Aid envelopes will shortly be delivered to those parishioners who have been returning their envelopes during the pandemic and live in the Bill Quay, Wardley and Pelaw areas of our parish.

During the course of the pandemic several parishioners have chosen to contribute by Bank Transfer or Standing Order and it is hoped they will continue to do so in the long term rather than use envelopes. This facilitates the financial administration of the parish. Please consider contributing by Standing Order. The details needed are provided below.

Your ongoing financial support is welcomed and needed

Fr. Patterson renews his thanks to you for your offerings during these difficult times especially to those parishioners who regularly contribute to parish funds by bank transfer helping to meet the regular financial commitments of our churches.

The details for standing orders and cheques are



Should you wish, you may drop your envelopes through the presbytery letterbox. **For security reason, envelopes should not be put through the letterbox of St. Alban's Presbytery.**

For St. Patrick's HSBC Bank
Account name: DHN Felling St Patrick
Sort code: 40-34-18
Account No: 52010453

For St. Alban's HSBC Bank
Account name: DHN Pelaw St Alban
Sort code: 40-34-18
Account No: 92010984