

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 15th to 21st June there were 383 recorded cases, an increase of 220 from the previous week, which equates to 190 cases per 100,000 people. The average area in England had 73 cases over the same period.

13th Sunday of the Year
27th June, 2021

**We need everyone to
keep Gateshead safe**

**Coronavirus Measures
are still in place**

Dear Parishioners

We continue to be grateful to our volunteer stewards whose generosity enables us to open St. Patrick's Church for Mass on Tuesday at 10.00, when no booking will be needed, and on Sunday at 10.30 when booking is advised to guarantee a place.

There are still places available for Mass this Sunday, 27th June, offered on a first come first served basis. Please bring Test and Trace details if you haven't reserved a place. You will receive a warm and reassuring welcome.

To reserve a place for Mass next Sunday, 4th July, please telephone **07526 232124** on Friday, 2nd July between **17.00 - 19.00**.

Please note the booking facility is no longer available on Wednesdays.

This number will be unavailable outside of the above hours. 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 encouraged 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. You should only sit with members of your own household or bubble. On arrival at the church you will be welcomed by a steward and your name will be checked against the booking list.

For Mass on Tuesday, where booking is not required, you are invited to bring your Test and Trace details in an envelope and place them in the box in church

You may still be feeling a little hesitant about coming to Mass and that is perfectly understandable. The Sunday obligation is still suspended so you are under no obligation to attend Mass. **You must not come to Church if you are experiencing any signs of Covid-19 or feeling unwell in any way.**

The mandatory wearing of face coverings, sanitising your hands, 2 metre social distancing and cleaning the church after each celebration remain in place within our church and the maximum capacity for a parish Mass remains at 70. So the church is as safe as we can possibly make it for you and our volunteer stewards will continue to look after you.

Our future is in our hands

To be able to reopen St. Alban's Church and fully reopen St. Patrick's Church and parish centre once all the Covid restrictions have been removed, I need your help and support as outlined in our shared parish Roadmap which was circulated at the beginning of May.

Currently we do not have sufficient offers of help and support to be able to reopen St. Alban's Church and will be struggling to fully reopen St. Patrick's Church and parish centre when the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Please read the update attached to this Newsletter and consider if you can commit yourself to help in either church. You are not being asked to take up the role of volunteering **until all the Covid Restrictions have been removed for churches** (whenever that may be). However it is important for us to have a bank of volunteers in place to enable us to determine what we are able to do when the time comes.

Please contact me as soon as possible

1. If you have helped in either church before the pandemic **and no longer feel able to continue in your previous role.**
2. If you **wish to continue helping as you have done in the past**
3. If you would like to help in any of the ways outlined in our shared parish Roadmap.

In the meantime, may God bless you all and keep us safe from harm. Fr. Patterson.

Mass to view on line

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

Alternatively, you may like to follow Mass from the [Holy Name, Jesmond](#) celebrated live at 10.00 on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These Masses may also be viewed later from the same website.

Mass Intentions

With the exception of Sunday and Tuesday, Fr. Patterson will celebrate Mass privately during the week remembering the following Intentions

Monday: Rosemary Kane

Wednesday: Patsy Rafferty

Friday: Private Funeral Service

Tuesday 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church William Goodacre Snr

Thursday: 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 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

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- and all those near and dear to us whose memories we cherish at this time especially Rosemary Kane



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.

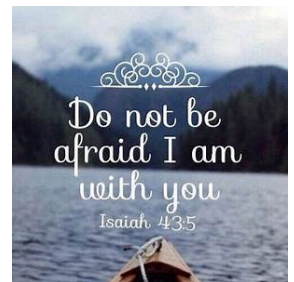
A prayer for those who are afraid

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of Covid-19, fear for loved ones, fear of what the future holds.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. Amen.



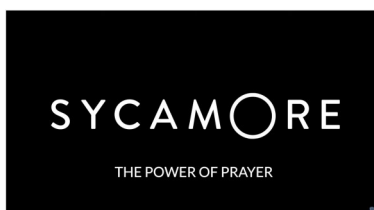
As of Friday 25th June
128,066 people have
died of the coronavirus
in our country

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.

The Power of Prayer



We continue the series of short videos by Fr. Stephen Wang.

This week Fr. Wang explores "the Power of Prayer." Click [here](#) to view.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Covid restrictions and limited human resources to enable us to comply with these restrictions, prevent us being able to open St. Patrick's Church for anything other than Mass on a Sunday and Tuesday and for funerals at present.

We are still unable to reopen the parish centre which prevents us offering the necessary baptismal preparation for parents who are considering presenting their child to the Church for Baptism.

As such, we are still unable to offer the Sacrament of Baptism in St. Patrick's Church.

Thank You

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone for supporting their recent Appeal in aid of St Joseph's Home, Newcastle. "We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers." *Mother Deirdre and the Community.*

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Community Counselling Service

Bheith Ann is a brand-new Community Counselling Service available to all residents of Felling and the wider Gateshead area and is taking referrals for those individuals with issues such as Bereavement and Grief, Loneliness, Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Relationship Problems, Post-Trauma Experiences and Bullying.

This is a free confidential service. It is delivered by a team of dedicated, trained counsellors and strictly in line with national, professional Codes of Ethical Practice.

All referrals are treated with the utmost respect, confidentiality, compassion and care. To make a referral, please ring the Bheith Ann Referral Helpline on 07425 768 957. If you simply want more information about the Service and how it works, please ring Neil Campbell (Service Co-Ordinator) on 07903 239 983.

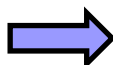
The Universe is closing after 160 years

After a century and a half, The Catholic Universe has had to cease publication along with the Catholic Times. They have been casualties of Covid. Eighteen months ago, the vast majority of these newspapers were sold in churches. When the churches had to close the implications were catastrophic. Despite building direct to the letterbox subscriptions and digital subscriptions these efforts have not been fast enough and the owners of the newspapers could not run the risk of trading whilst insolvent.

Your ongoing financial support is welcomed and needed

Fr. Patterson continues to be grateful for your offerings during these difficult times and is especially grateful to those parishioners who regularly contribute to parish funds by standing order helping us meet the regular financial commitments of our churches.

The details for standing orders and cheques are



You may bring your envelopes to Mass on Tuesdays or Sundays or drop them 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

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](#)

St. Augustine's, Leam Lane.

Please note the new telephone number for St. Augustine's Church:- 0191 438 4585

A new Priest for the Diocese

Please pray for Deacon Luke Wilkinson who is due to be ordained a priest for our Diocese on Tuesday, 29th June at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Owing to the current restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to ticket holders only. The Mass will be livestreamed on the [Cathedral's website](#) at 18.00

St Vincent's Centre - Blackfriars

St Vincent's Centre is located next to St Dominic's Church in Newcastle and provides help and support to anyone finding themselves in a time of need. The Centre supports people with food parcels, clothing, toiletries and essential children/baby items. It is open Monday - Friday 9.00 - 16.00. Donations of food, clothing, shoes and toiletries are always very welcome and can be dropped off at the centre.

If you or anyone you know are in need of support or you would simply like more information about the services offered or find out how you could help, please drop an email to Emma at emmab@svp.org.uk or contact 0191 261 6027.

Roadmap Step 3 (from 17 May)

[You will find the changes here](#) that came into effect on 17th May.

This information accompanies the changes. Whilst social distancing with close family and friends is now a matter of personal judgement, we are asked to remain cautious around close contact, like hugging. Remember too that you should always make space for other people to keep their distance if they want to.

We are not permitted to interact with anyone outside of our group of six (or two households) indoors, or outside of our group of 30 outdoors, unless an exemption applies.

In some settings, there will be specific guidance that we will need to follow even when we are with friends and family. This is important to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 to other people such as staff and other members of the public. You should always follow guidance associated with the setting you are in (for example in a place of worship).

Covid-secure rules, including social distancing requirements, continue to apply in the workplace, and in businesses and public venues including places of worship. This guidance does not affect a site owner's responsibility to calculate the number of people that can be accommodated with social distancing in place.

Holiday hot spots in the UK and new Covid symptoms

Professor Tim Spector, the lead scientist on the ZOE COVID Study and Professor of Genetic Epidemiology at King's College London, offers his comments on the rise in Covid cases in holiday areas like Cornwall. He advises caution if visiting popular tourist spots in our country. Click [here](#) to watch his video.

He also discusses how the classic Covid symptoms now include headache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, persistent cough. Click [here](#) to find out more about the symptoms.

Regional update

You may find this data from our region of interest. Figures are as of 25th June, 2021

	New cases in the last 7 days	People who have died in the last 7 days	Percentage of adults having had 1st job	Percentage of adults having had 2nd job
Gateshead	483	1	78%	58%
Newcastle	1,145	2	64%	43%
South Tyneside	323	0	77%	59%
North Tyneside	704	0	84%	62%