

# The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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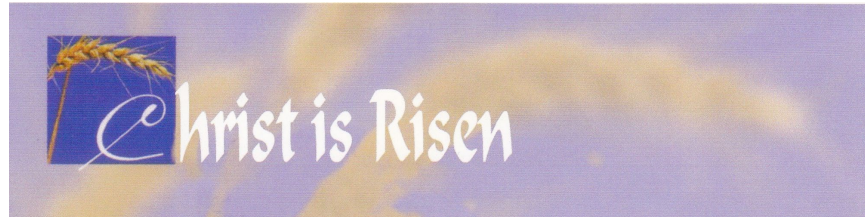
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7th Sunday of Easter  
21st May, 2023

We need everyone to  
keep Gateshead safe



## World Communications Day

The theme for this year's World Communications Day, chosen by Pope Francis, is *'Speaking with the Heart'*.

The Pope says in his World Communications Day message, "It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating."

The Holy Father stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which also, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

"The call to speak with the heart," he says, "radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth."

We are charged with the responsibility of genuinely encountering one another so that our love for each other may become stronger.

The full text of the Pope's message may be found [here](#)

*O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Amen.*

Fr. Patterson is making very slow progress from post Covid symptoms and continues to be advised to rest as much as possible. This considerably restricts what he is able to do. He remains grateful to you for your prayers, understanding and patience

There may still be time to join the Parish Walk this Saturday, 20th May. Meet at Monkseaton Metro at 10.30 for a 6 mile walk or at Cullercoats Metro at 11.30 for a 3 mile walk.



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday, we will welcome the young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who have expressed an interest to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. They will be enrolled into the preparation programme during Mass in St. Patrick's Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during the time leading up to their Confirmation which will take place on the Feast of Christ the King, 26th November, 2023.

## Afternoon Tea Party.

Join us next Saturday, 27th May for a "Forget Me Not" Afternoon Tea Party  
from 14.00 -16.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre

This event is open to everyone from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's, along with friends and neighbours.

## Mass Intentions

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

**Saturday:** (20th May) **18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church:** Peter, Dominic and Andrew Sloan

**Sunday:** (21st May) **10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church:** The Intentions of all our parishioners

Monday: No Mass

**Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's parish centre:** Pat Donald

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

**Saturday:** (27th May) **18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church:** The Intentions of all our parishioners

**Sunday:** (28th May) **10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church:** Jim and Michael McErlane

## Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from our Cathedral on a Sunday. Visit the [Cathedral website](#).

Alternatively, you may like to follow Mass from [the Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.

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.*

## Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- and all those whose memories we cherish at this time

## Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons

Each week Bishop Barron offers a Sunday sermon which may be accessed [here](#)

## World Communications Sunday

This Sunday, 21st May, is World Communications Day, when we are reminded to respond to the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. If you wish to support their work in this field you may place a donation in the boxes at the church doors. Please mark your envelope "World Communications." If you have a set of envelopes, you should find an envelope in your box.

## News from our School

Following the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost with the children in school. They have all been learning the story and taking part in activities in class. We plan to have a Pentecost party in school with a red theme to close our half term

## Thank you

Fr. Patterson expresses his gratitude to the mourners attending the Funeral Mass for Susan Gilmore who donated £37.40 to St. Patrick's parish funds and for a donation of £85.00 donated in memory of deceased loved ones.

## No collection taken

Although we do not take a collection at Mass by passing round a basket, we do hope you will feel able to make an offering towards the upkeep and running costs of our churches in one of the boxes you will find at the entrances to our churches. Your offerings are our sole source of income. Alternatively you may consider making your offering by Standing Order the details of which are above.

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