

## The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



Our School

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22nd Sunday of the Year  
3rd September, 2023

### The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (2 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (3 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Maurice Brown

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Michael Chambers

Thursday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Gerard and Joan McCabe

Saturday: (9 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (10 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Sheila Robinson

### Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed 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 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
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time, especially Maureen Johnson, Denis Lenehan, Gerard McCabe, Margaret Lenehan and Sheila Robinson
- and Terence Barker who has died. May he rest in peace.

### Think Tank

If you would like to become part of our parish "Think Tank" to explore how we might move forward as we continue to emerge from the effects of the pandemic, you would be welcome to a gathering in St. Patrick's parish centre on Friday, 8th September at 18.30. So far, we have engaged in a variety of social events and parish walks, all of which have been appreciated by those who have taken part. So do come along and bring your ideas and perhaps a friend!

### The Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday, 19th November, 2023

Bishop Stephen will come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Sunday, 19th November at 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support our young parishioners who are currently preparing to receive this special Sacrament.

The final three sessions for our young people from St. Alban's and St. Patrick's who have expressed an interest to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation take place on:-

**Monday 11th September; Monday 9th October and Monday 6th November**

in St. Patrick's parish centre at 18.30. Parents and sponsors are also welcome. In order to proceed to Confirmation, it is necessary for prospective candidates to attend all three of these sessions.

### Great North Run

Please remember that the Great North Run takes place next Sunday, 10th September. You may need to allow more time to get to Mass due to the road closures.

### Parking in our church car parks

Please be aware that the Trustees of the Diocese cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to third party property, vehicles and their contents whilst left in the church car parks.

## All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebration of Mass in St. Patrick's and St. Alban's churches. It is a joy to welcome people of other faiths or none who come to join us in worship. Currently, only baptised Catholic people are able to receive Holy Communion and we ask that when you approach the altar you extend your hands towards the minister who will place the sacred host in your hand which you should then consume immediately before returning to your place. If you are not a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing, indicating your desire by folding an arm across your chest.

## Thank you

Fr. Patterson is very grateful for donations totalling £121.00 contributed by mourners who attended the Funeral Service of the late Margaret Flynn last Thursday. May she rest in peace and may her family find comfort in the promise of the new life of the Resurrection.

## Your offerings are our sole source of income

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. Alternatively you may consider making your offering by Standing Order the details of which are below.

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

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

## What do Catholics believe and why?

If you would like to know more about what Catholics believe, perhaps with a view to considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church, you may be interested in a series of talks which will take place over the coming months in St. Patrick's parish centre on Tuesday evenings.

An information evening will take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00 in St. Patrick's parish centre, Felling. Please feel free to come along on the night for a short introduction to the programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have.

## Catholic Education Sunday

Next weekend is a time of prayer for all those involved in Catholic Education in our country. There will be an opportunity for those of you who wish to contribute towards the work of the National Catholic Education Service. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Catholic Education" and place it in one of the boxes at the doors of our churches. Those of you with boxes of envelopes should have an envelope in your box.

## Our Lady of Fatima

The visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin statue of our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will take place in St. Anne's Church, Harlow Green on Saturday, 16th September, 2023. The details of the afternoon which begins at 13.30 are posted on the church noticeboards.

## The Season of Creation

The Diocesan Environment Group invites you to attend an online event to mark the Season of Creation which will take place via Zoom from 10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday, 30th September, 2023. It will provide the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the Season of Creation and to reflect on the progress made over the last few months by the Group with updates from parishes and schools working towards the Live Simply Award. Places can be booked by clicking this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasons-of-creation-webinar-tickets-682122455627?aff=oddtcreator>

## Returning your call

If you telephone the presbytery and there is no-one available to take your call, you may choose to leave a message. We will do all we can to return your call. However we are only able to do so if you leave your telephone number!!

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to return anonymous calls, so please leave both your name and number for your call to be returned. For security reasons, the presbytery number is sometimes withheld for outgoing calls, so please bear this in mind if you are expecting us to return your call.