

The Newsletter of the parishes of



St. Alban at Pelaw



St. Patrick at Felling



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24th Sunday of the Year
17th September, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (16 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (17 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's: Denis Lenehan & Margaret Lenehan

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Lily Brown

Thursday: 10.00 Service of the Word with Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church

Saturday: (23 Sep) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday: (24 Sep) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Brian Quigley

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 Margaret Lenehan and Sheila Robinson

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. It is a time when we are called to be joyous in proclaiming our faith.

This year we are invited to respond to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year to be held in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*.

The Pope has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee during the next two years through:-

Reflecting on four Constitutions of the 2nd Vatican Council, namely the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and its role in the modern world and deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions and a range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer (2024) which include a course on the Lord's Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church.

Pope Francis calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. He says: "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."

Financial support

There is an opportunity this weekend, for those of you who wish to make a donation to support the Mission Directorate. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Mission Sunday" 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. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

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, 19th 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.

RAAC

St. Alban's Church and presbytery are to be surveyed by the Diocese this coming week to establish whether or not they contain RAAC as they were built during the period this concrete was being widely used. Until such time as the survey has been completed, we have been advised by the Diocese to continue using the church.

Could you lend a hand to clean St. Alban's Church please?

If you can, please come along on Friday, 29th September, 2023 from 10.00.

News from our School from Mrs Robinson

Our Head Girl and Head Boy were elected by the children last week. They would like to say:

'We are very grateful and feel honoured to be our school's Head Boy and Head Girl and are keen to take on this responsibility. We will help our school family follow our vision to 'Live Life to the Full', help everyone feel welcome in our school and help us all achieve our best. We will be calm, kind, loyal and trustworthy as we develop our skills as leaders in the school. We aim to be good listeners and will endeavour to be there for the pupils.'

Please pray for our Head Boy and Head Girl as they take on these important roles in our school.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to our new Headteacher, Mrs Robinson, who will be introducing herself to us at both Masses this weekend.

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>

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 two 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 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.

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.

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